Meeting Date: Thursday June 16, 2022
Called to Order: 5:00 P.M.
MEMBERS PRESENT: Fred Freeman, Dino Batalis, Sharon Anderson, Jesse Dotson
Others Present: Trustee Steve Talley, Judge Kim Bacon, Eugene West, Becky Lightle

Meeting Called to Order:

Mr. Freeman called the Lawrence Township Board meeting to order on Thursday June 16, 2022, at 5:00 P.M. and asked Board Member Dino Batalis to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Approval of minutes from the March 10, 2022 and April 21, 2022 meetings of the Lawrence Township Advisory Board.**

The Township Board indicated they had reviewed the meeting minutes from the March 10, 2022 and April 21, 2022 meetings. Mr. Freeman requested a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Dotson made the motion, and Ms. Anderson seconded the motion. All voted in favor of adopting the minutes.

2. **Public Hearing on Additional Appropriation for Township General.**

Mr. Freeman opened the meeting for public comment. No comments were made. Mr. Freeman requested a motion to close the public comment. Mr. Dotson made the motion, and Ms. Anderson seconded the motion. All voted in favor and public comment was closed.

3. **Resolution 2022-09: Additional Appropriation from Township General Fund for Indy Rent Coordinator.**

Mr. Freeman introduced the resolution. Chief Financial Officer Becky Lightle gave a brief summary of the purpose and use of the appropriation. A short discussion regarding the source of the funds for the appropriation and whether it makes sense to hire an Indy Rents coordinator as a full-time staff member of the Trustee’s office. Further discussion was held to ensure rent assistance program is meeting the needs of the Township residents.

Mr. Freeman called for a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Dotson made the motion, and Mr. Batalis seconded the motion. All voted in favor to approve the resolution.

4. **Resolution 2022-10: Additional Appropriation for Small Claims Court.**
Mr. Freeman introduced the resolution. Judge Bacon gave a brief presentation regarding
the purpose, source and use of the re-appropriation to the Court’s budget of a grant
received from the Indiana Supreme Court and received in general fund. A short
discussion regarding the source of the funds for the appropriation was held. Further
discussion was held regarding additional grants awarded to the Court that will be
received in the future.

Mr. Freeman called for a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Batalis made the motion,
and Ms. Anderson seconded the motion. All voted in favor to approve the resolution.

5. **Resolution 2022-11: Judge Salary and Additional Clerk.**

Mr. Freeman introduced the resolution. Judge Bacon gave a brief presentation regarding
a merit increase to the Judge’s salary by the Indiana Supreme Court. A short discussion
regarding the source of the funds for the appropriation was held. Judge Bacon gave a
further presentation regarding moving current part-time clerk to a full-time position.
Funds are already included in current budget. Discussion was held regarding benefits to
be paid to full-time clerk. Further discussion was held regarding the navigator position
that will be paid through grant funds and the process for accounting for those funds.

Mr. Freeman called for a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Batalis made the motion,
and Ms. Anderson seconded the motion. All voted in favor to approve the resolution.

6. **Resolution 2022-12: Changes to 2022 Township Assistance Guidelines.**

Mr. Freeman introduced the resolution. Mr. West gave a short presentation regarding the
changes to the Guidelines including an increase in shelter and rental assistance. A short
discussion was held regarding the amount of the increase, how the amount was
determined, and other potential sources of information to determine if the increase is
sufficient.

Mr. Freeman called for a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Dotson made the motion,
and Ms. Anderson seconded the motion. All voted in favor to approve the resolution.


Mr. Freeman introduced the resolution and gave a brief presentation regarding the change
to include Juneteenth in the Township holiday schedule. A short discussion was held.

Mr. Freeman called for a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Batalis made the motion,
and Mr. Dotson seconded the motion. All voted in favor to approve the resolution.

8. **Comments from Trustee and the Small Claims Court.**
The Trustee provided an update regarding the resignation of the Indy Rents Coordinator. A discussion regarding how Indy Rents will be coordinated until a replacement is found and whether the replacement will be a Township employee or state contractor was held.

The Court made no further comments.

9. **Discussion of Future Meeting Dates.**

The next meeting date was established for August 11, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

10. **Adjournment**

Mr. Freeman Adjourned the meeting at 5:59 pm

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are accurate and true to the best of my knowledge and have been approved by a majority of the Lawrence Township Board.

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Jesse Dotson, Board Secretary

These minutes are not intended to be verbatim. They are a summary of discussions held, with the exception of the motions. An audiotape is made which provides a detailed record.