Meeting Date: Thursday August 11, 2022
Called to Order: 5:00 P.M.
MEMBERS PRESENT: Fred Freeman, Dino Batalis, Sharon Anderson, Jesse Dotson, Derek Morris
Others Present: Judge Kim Bacon, Eugene West, Becky Lightle

Meeting Called to Order:

Mr. Freeman called the Lawrence Township Board meeting to order on Thursday August 11, 2022, at 5:00 P.M. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. **Approval of minutes from the June 16, 2022 meeting of the Lawrence Township Advisory Board.**

   The Township Board indicated they had reviewed the meeting minutes from the June 2022 meeting. 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. **Resolution 2022-14: Resolution Approving an Additional Appropriation for Payment to IndyRent Coordinator for Applications Approved by the IndyRent Program.**

   Mr. Freeman introduced the resolution and gave a brief description regarding the need for the resolution. A brief discussion was held.

3. **Public Hearing on Additional Appropriation.**

   Mr. Freeman opened the meeting to the public for comment on the additional appropriation. Having no comments from the public Mr. Freeman closed the public hearing.

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

4. **Comments from Trustee and the Small Claims Court.**

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1 The Trustee, Steve Talley was not present, but the Deputy Trustee and Chief Financial Officer of the Township were present for the Trustee’s office.
Judge Bacon provide information regarding end of IndyRent program and the Court’s efforts and plans to continue to provide assistance following the conclusion of IndyRent. Patrick, court facilitator, provided additional information for future services and resources. Further discussion regarding potential lease and/or rent to Trustee for the small claims court.

Additional discussion regarding township rent assistance compared to IndyRents was held. Ms. Anderson requested additional documentation of how the rent amounts are determined.

Further conversation was held regarding the amount of assistance provided and the number of denials. Mr. Freeman and Mr. Batalis requested the Trustee’s office provide information regarding the reasons for denial and how the denial rate can be decreased.

Further discussion regarding separation of powers between Trustee, Board, and Court.

Additional discussion regarding replacement of the HVAC was held related to the bid process, the units replaced, and continued issues with the system.

5. **Discussion of Future Meeting Dates.**

   A discussion regarding the next meeting for the public meeting for budget comments was held. The meeting will be September 15, 2022 at 5:00 pm. Approval of the budget will be at the October meeting tentatively set for October 6, 2022.

6. **A brief discussion regarding the Board members attending the ITA conference.** Mr. Freeman, Mr. Morris, and Ms. Anderson plan to attend.

7. **Adjournment**

   Mr. Freeman Adjourned the meeting at 5:40 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.