

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA
December 1, 2009
MEETING MINUTES

The Township Board of Washington Township, Marion County, Indiana met at the Washington Township Government Center located at 5302 N. Keystone Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana on Tuesday, December 1, 2009. The Board Members present included Joe Simpson, David Smith, Jack Werner, Don Barr, Maureen Faul and Bart Herriman. Also in attendance were Frank T. Short the Washington Township Trustee, Brian Crist the Township Attorney, Beth Reynolds the Township Accountant, Lori McQueary the Township Chief of Staff, and Bette Bowman the Emergency Assistance Supervisor for the Township. Various members of the public were also in attendance as evidenced by the sign in sheet from the meeting.

Board President Joe Simpson called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. He then led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item of business was a report by Small Claims Court Judge Steven Poore. The Judge handed out a countywide report of activity for all of the Small Claims Courts in Marion County. He noted that filings were down county wide. However, our Court had fared better than most. The Judge also mentioned that he purchased some file cabinets at a State of Indiana surplus sale. Lastly he commented that the work of the Court was progressing nicely but we will continue to strive to make improvements in the quality of service offered. A copy of the Judge's report is attached to these minutes.

Board Member Mary O'Rea arrived at 6:20 p.m.

President Simpson then called on Constable John O'Hara to give his report. John spoke about the rate of evictions this year versus last year. There were no questions asked of John.

The next order of business was the approval of minutes from the Board Meeting of July 21, 2009. The approval of the minutes was moved by Board Member Werner and seconded by Board Member Faul. The motion passed 7-0.

The next order of business was the approval of the minutes from the Board Meeting of August 26, 2009. There was one correction noted. Board Member Werner's name was inadvertently misspelled. With that correction the approval of the minutes was moved by Board Member Barr and seconded by Board Member O'Rea. The motion passed 7-0.

The next order of business was the approval of the minutes from the Board Meeting of October 13, 2009. The approval of the minutes was moved by Board Member Herriman and seconded by Board Member Smith. The motion passed 7-0.

The next order of business was the Trustee's Report. First, the Trustee updated everyone on the process for disposing of the two remaining buildings owned by the Township. After some discussion, it was decided to reconvene the subcommittee dealing with this issue. They will meet in the near future, consider all of the ideas discussed and bring back some ideas to the full board.

The next item the Trustee discussed was the Community Room rental agreement. After some discussion, it was decided to put this idea on hold as there were some liability issues to consider and no one has inquired about renting the room so far.

Next, the Trustee discussed the Cemetery Committee. There has been some interest from some citizens to work on a few cemetery issues. Board Member Faul has agreed to head up this effort with the public. The Trustee will get with Board Member Faul to follow up on this issue.

The Trustee then gave an update on the Township Health Insurance renewal. He reported that our overall costs would not increase this year. This was made possible by raising some deductibles and copayments.

The last item the Trustee discussed was the potential lease with the County Assessor for some office space in our building. Township Attorney Brian Crist gave an update on the relevant issues surrounding this matter. He promised to keep everyone informed as this process evolved.

The next matter to come before the Board was four various Board Resolutions. The first resolution dealt with Appropriations for the 2008 Township Budget. The Trustee stated that this resolution was requested by the State Board of Accounts to satisfy the Department of Local Government Finance's requirement. This was necessary because of the change in the date of last year's hearing. The Resolution was moved by Board Member Faul and seconded by Board Member Barr. The motion passed 6-0 with Board Member Herriman abstaining.

The second Resolution dealt with Special Appropriations from 2008. The Trustee stated that these Appropriations were approved in December 2008 by the Township Board but State Board of Accounts informed us of the publishing requirement of the Department of Local Government Finance. They requested that we publish and approve this resolution. The Resolution was moved by Board Member Barr and seconded by Board Member Werner. The motion passed 6-0 with Board Member Herriman abstaining.

The third Resolution dealt with the Township Budget for 2009. The Trustee informed everyone that this Resolution was necessary as the Indianapolis Star did not publish the correct information in our Legal Notice. The Department of Local Government Finance suggested rerunning the Legal Notice and that would satisfy the requirement for 2009. The Resolution was moved by Board Member Barr and seconded by Board Member O'Rea. The motion passed 6-0 with Board Member Herriman abstaining.

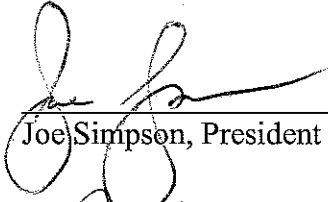
The last Resolution dealt with a Special Appropriation for 2009. The Trustee turned the discussion over Township Accountant Beth Reynolds. She explained the line items listed in the Resolution. The total amount of the special appropriation was \$475,000. Board Member Barr had a question regarding how the Constables are compensated. Accountant Reynolds answered the question. There being no other questions, the Resolution was moved by Board Member Werner and seconded by Board Member Smith. The motion passed 4-3 with Board Members Simpson, Smith, O'Rea and Herriman voting in favor of the Resolution and Board Members Barr, Faul and Werner voting against the Resolution.

An explanation sheet of all four Resolutions is attached to these minutes.

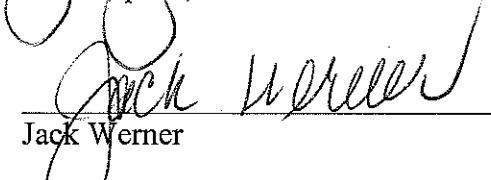
The next item of business was the Emergency Assistance Report which was given by Emergency Systems Supervisor Bette Bowman. It was noted as the year wraps up that our request for direct assistance have increased for the year and one item particularly up in volume was the request for uniforms. These requests were up 70%. There were no further questions asked of Ms. Bowman.

The Trustee then confirmed the Board Meeting Dates for January 2010. He informed everyone that the Organizational meeting would be Tuesday, January 5th and the Annual Report would be given at the meeting on January 19th.

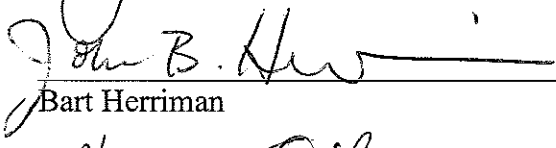
President Simpson then asked for a motion for adjournment. It was moved by Board Member Smith and seconded by Board Member O'Rea. The motion was passed 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.



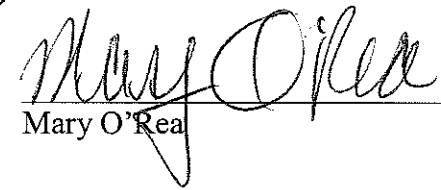
Joe Simpson, President



Jack Werner

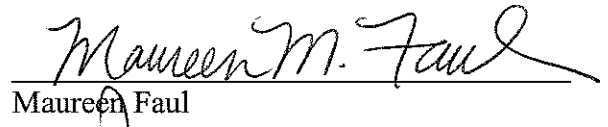


Bart Herriman

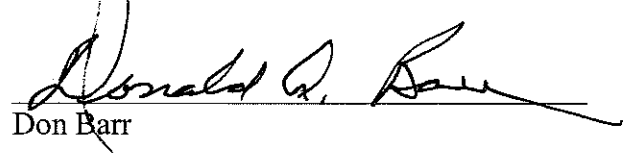


Mary O'Rea

David Smith, Secretary

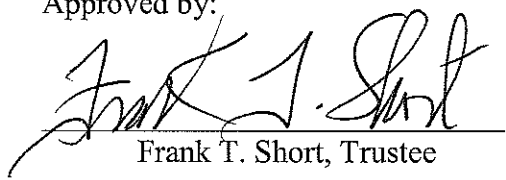


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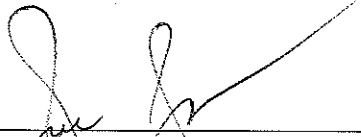


Don Barr

Approved by:



Frank T. Short, Trustee



Joe Simpson, President



Jack Werner



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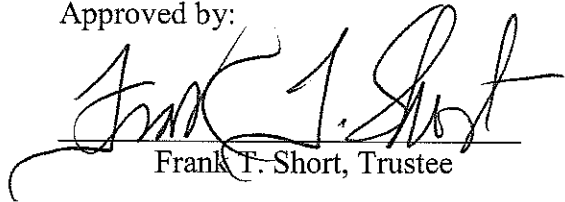


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Don Barr

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Frank T. Short, Trustee