

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA**  
**March 16, 2010**  
**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, March 16, 2010. The Board Members present included Joe Simpson, Jack Werner, Don Barr, Maureen Faul and David Smith. Also in attendance was Frank T. Short the Washington Township Trustee, Beth Reynolds the Township Accountant, Lori McQueary the Township Chief of Staff and Bette Bowman Township Emergency Assistance Supervisor. There were also various members of the Public in attendance as evidenced by the sign in sheet.

Board President Joe Simpson called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. He then led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Board President Simpson also made an announcement that Board Member Herriman would be unable to attend the meeting tonight due to a family commitment which came up earlier in the day.

The first item of business was the approval of the minutes from the January 19, 2010 meeting. After everyone had a chance to review the minutes, there were no questions and the motion was made by Board Member Werner and seconded by Board Member Smith to approve the minutes. Motion passed 5-0.

The next item on the agenda was an investment update from Kevin D. Hampton, Vice President and Senior Portfolio Manager of Diamond Capital Management. Diamond Capital Management is the firm that manages the Township's investment in the Rainy Day Fund. It is affiliated with National Bank of Indianapolis, the Township's primary bank. Kevin went through the attached report and brought everyone up to speed on the investments. Board Member Werner commented that based on this economy and times we are living in, he felt that Mr. Hampton's firm had done a terrific job on our behalf. Board Member Barr asked a question dealing with the discount on the bonds which Mr. Hampton answered. (During this presentation, Board Member O'Rea arrived at approximately 6:20 p.m.) There being no further questions from the Board, the report was accepted. The Trustee also reminded the Board that there was a motion made last year to continue utilizing the services of Diamond Capital Management and National Bank of Indianapolis through the end of 2010.

The next item of business was the Trustee's report. Trustee Short started his report detailing some various uses of the Community Room. He mentioned that there will be a meeting of the Indianapolis Food Resource Network at our building this coming Friday from 9:30 to 11:00 am. Also, on Tuesday April 6, 2010, the Marion County Election Board would be using the room for Election Board Training. Lastly, on Tuesday, March 27, 2010, Senator Jean Breaux will be hosting a Town Hall meeting at the Washington Township Government Center.

The Trustee then reported on the rental of the property at 5117 Michigan Road. The property has been rented by the contractor who is doing the sewer and road rebuilding for the City of Indianapolis. As is the case, any contractor who is doing a major project for the City, must provide space for the City Inspectors. Therefore, when they first inquired about renting our lot to put some trailers on, the discussion turned into renting our building. The building is rented for a period of eighteen (18) months at \$1200.00 per month. It was also noted by the Trustee that the building was rented "as is". Therefore, the contractor using the space will make any repairs, pay all utilities and make any improvements to the building. There is an Occupancy Agreement that was agreed to by the Township's legal team and is in place for the balance of this lease.

Next, the Trustee also explained that starting next week for one month, the U.S. Census Bureau will be using our Community Room on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00a.m. until 2:00 p.m. as a training site for the 2010 census.

The next item the Trustee spoke about was the Legislative Update. The Trustee informed everyone that of the various bills dealing with the Township issues, none of them were able to pass both Chambers of the Indiana General Assembly. Board Member Barr mentioned House Bill 1086. House Bill 1086 is a 196 page bill which dealt with a myriad of issues throughout the Indiana Code. Board Member Barr believed that there was an item in HB 1086 that would correct the deficiencies of Senate Bill 1 passed in 2005 which would allow the Township to lessen its levy but be able to regain it at a later date. Trustee agreed to look into the specific language in the Bill and get back to the Board. Board Member Simpson also expressed the idea that was still on the table about the possibility of using surplus funds to build a new fire station at the 84<sup>th</sup> and Ditch location.

The next item on the Trustee's report was the Financials year to date. The report on the Financials was given by Beth Reynolds, Township Accountant, and Board Member Barr had some questions on the January and February Financials which Ms. Reynolds was able to answer.

Finally Board Member Barr asked to get an update on the ongoing legal case which originated from the Emergency Assistance Department and the Trustee agreed to get a memo out that would have the information about the case so that the Board could be fully informed on this.

The next item on the agenda was a Special Appropriation for the Re-advertised 2010 Budget per the DLGF. The Trustee proceeded with the presentation and explanation of the revote for the approval of the 2010 Re-advertising Budget. The DLGF wanted this done because when the dates were changed last year, we did not advertise the new date of the meeting allowing everyone to know. This problem should not occur again this year as the County seems to be back on schedule in terms of property tax bills getting out and the Budget calendar being put into place will remain unchanged. Trustee Short again explained that this was not any additional money being appropriated. It was simply a revote of the Budget that was passed last year. After a few questions, Board Member Werner motioned for approval and that was seconded by Board Member Smith. The motion passed 6-0.

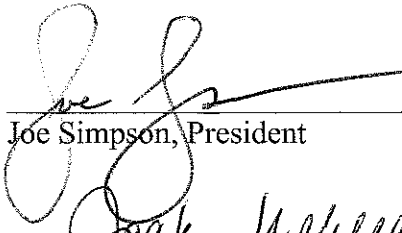
The next item was a discussion of the State Board of Accounts Audits for the Township Trustee's office and the Small Claims Court. Trustee Short presented the two audits which the Board had seen previously. There were no major topics brought up in the audit and Judge Poore and the Trustee answered any particular questions that came up. Trustee Short also informed the public that the reports would be on the website within the next day or so.

While he was up, Judge Poore proceeded to give the Small Claims Report as the next item of business. It appears that the courts are on track to have a 50% increase in caseload this year, a total of about 9000 cases this year versus 6000 cases last year. Judge Poore also explained his policy for using pro-tem judges and other court matters. Judge also raised the idea of getting a picture of former Small Claims Court Judge Linda Hupert and possibly a ceremony thanking her for her many years of service in the courtroom.

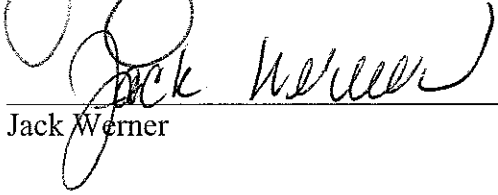
The next item of business was the Emergency Assistance Report. Bette Bowman talked about a couple of issues. First, was the recent meeting held with the Indianapolis Food Resource Network. We are going to have further meetings with them to see how the Township could help coordinate services within Washington Township. Bette also discussed the monthly TA7 reports for January and February and lastly reported that the Utility Moratorium has ended. At the end of the report, Board President Simpson expressed his appreciation of Bette's service to the Township.

Under the old business, there was a question from the public as to whether the County Assessor would be moving into the Washington Township Government Center. Trustee Short explained that there is currently a lease being worked out with City Legal to see if that is a possibility. There was also a question regarding a new fire station and it was explained that the ball is in the hands of the City of Indianapolis.

There was a brief discussion regarding the next meeting date and it was agreed that it would be Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. There was no further business therefore Board President Simpson asked for adjournment. Board Member Faul made the motion and Board Member O'Rea seconded. By a vote of 6-0, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.



Joe Simpson, President



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Mary Orea

David Smith, Secretary

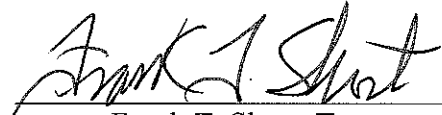


Maureen Faul



Don Barr

Approved by:



Frank T. Short, Trustee