

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA
JUNE 23, 2009
HEARING 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, June 23, 2009. The Board Members present included Joe Simpson, David Smith, Jack Werner, Don Barr, Maureen Faul and Bart Herriman. Also in attendance was Frank T. Short the Township Trustee and Brian Crist the Township Attorney, Various members of the public were also in attendance as evidenced by the attached sign in sheet from the meeting.

At 6:05 p.m. Board President Simpson called the meeting to order and then led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Simpson stated the only item of business at this hearing would be a discussion of the recent auction held by the Township on May 16, 2009. The auction was related to the former Emergency Assistance Office located 5117 Michigan Rd. Board Member Barr questioned whether the procedures had been followed correctly in terms of the auction and this hearing. There was a question as to whether this was a public meeting and if the Board could in fact take action. After some discussion it was decided by Board President Simpson that there would just be discussion tonight and no Board action would be taken. Board President Simpson then instructed Legal Counsel to give a response to questions from Board Member Barr and other members of the public.

Mr. David Lurvey of Auctionet Inc. then gave a report on the auction that took place. He noted that four bidders were signed up to bid and only two bid on the property. The winning bidder was a Dr. John Schneider who lives immediately south of the property. Dr. Schneider's highest bid was fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000).

Board President Simpson then asked for any questions or input from members of the public. Greg Ulrich who is the President of the Highland Kessler Civic League said that their group met and had no opposition to the auction. However, if someone were to buy the property they would be against what they considered inappropriate zoning for their area. There were also questions from members of the public who were there regarding the property and possible options such as dividing the property, renting the property, selling it or just keeping the property.

Finally Brian Crist, Township Attorney, after doing some research concluded that the publication requirements and procedures were followed in this instance and that this would be a legal meeting.

There being no other information the hearing was adjourned by Board President Simpson at 6:57 p.m.

Joe Simpson, President

David Smith, Secretary

Jack Werner

Maureen Faul

Bart Herriman

Don Barr

Approved by: _____
Frank T. Short, Trustee