

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA
FEBRUARY 10, 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, February 10, 2009. The Board Members present included Joe Simpson, Mary Orea, David Smith, Jack Werner, Don Barr, and Maureen Faul. Also in attendance was Frank T. Short the Township Trustee, Brian Crist the Township Attorney, Beth Reynolds the Township Accountant, Lori McQueary the Chief of Staff, Bette Bowman the Emergency Assistance Supervisor, Small Claims Judge Steven Poore and Township Constable John O'Hara. Various members of the public were also in attendance as evidenced by the attached sign in sheet from the meeting.

At 6:07 p.m. Board President Simpson called the meeting to order. Board President Simpson then led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

For the first item of business President Simpson announced that Board Member Ray Baker had resigned his position on January 15, 2009. A new Board Member will be selected by Democratic Party at a Party Caucus on February 12, 2009. Once that person is elected President Simpson will notify everyone of who that person is.

The next item of business was the approval of the minutes from January 14, 2009. There were no questions. Board member Werner moved to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Board Member Smith. This motion passed 7-0.

First item of business on the Trustee report was a brief discussion about the Finance Committee. President Simpson noted that due to the resignation of Board Member Baker he is appointing himself to the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee will now consist of President Simpson Board Member Orea and Board Member Barr. President Simpson asked the trustee to forward dates so that he convenes the Finance Committee of the Township Board. Prior to the upcoming meeting the Trustee agreed to send preliminary information so the Board Members could look at it. Trustee also mentioned bringing in the Financial Advisor he contracted with last year to go over the current State of Township finances.

Second item the Trustee discussed was an update on the buildings. The Trustee had mentioned he had another meeting with Dr. Jim Mervelde of the Washington Township Schools concerning the building at 1595 E. 86th Street. Dr. Mervelde promised that he would get the Trustee an answer regarding their disposition as to the building as soon as possible. The other outstanding item was the building at 5117 Michigan Road. Trustee reported that a broker is working with potential buyers and will update at a later date.

The Trustee then turned over the meeting to Beth Reynolds who presented the Financial Statements which are attached to these minutes. There were a few questions which Beth Reynolds answered accordingly.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion regarding the Washington Township Government Center Open House on February 21, 2009. The Trustee informed everyone that the Open House will be from 9-12 with a ribbon cutting at 10:30 a.m. Any elected official who represents Washington Township will be invited including City County Councillors, Marion County Legislators as well as Mayor Ballard. Trustee informed the Board that he would also be inviting our emergency assistance partners as well agencies like Health & Hospital, Marion County Health Department and others.

Next item on the agenda was a report on the meeting with our Emergency Assistance Partners. The Trustee turned over that portion of the meeting to Lori McQueary, Chief of Staff and Bette Bowman, Emergency Assistance Supervisor. Lori explained how the meeting with Emergency Assistance Partners went. There were fourteen invited and there were eight represented. She also explained the furniture situation to them and they will be reviewing the furniture on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 to see if they have any interest and making arrangements to pick it up at a later date. She also explained to them any furniture they want can be taken as long as they want to pick it up. There was also a good discussion between the Board, Lori and Bette concerning the type of event that we would like to have the Township to participate in. One being a Health Fair prior to the start of the school year and possibly some sort of assistance on a toy drive for Christmas for the needy children in the Township. Those discussions with our partners are ongoing and more information will be provided at a later date. Lori also mentioned that most of our partners had been invited to display if they wanted to on a table on the Open House coming up.

Next item on the agenda was the Emergency Assistance Report. Bette Bowman presented that TA-7 Report and that report is attached to these minutes. There were questions that were asked and answered accordingly.

The Trustee reported that he was able to sell the last remaining 1994 Crown Victoria with 154,000 miles on it to someone for \$900.00. The board thought that was a good deal

Next item was a Small Claims Court Report. Township Council John O'Hara gave his annual report for the 2008 evictions and Judge Steven Poore gave his update on the Court and how he is operating since the transition. The Judge specifically mentioned that he has already, in less than one month, cleared up the entire back-log that was left to him at the Court and is currently working on new ways to improve the service and efficiency of the Court.

There was no discussion under old business or new business. There being no further business Board Member Smith moved to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Board Member Orea. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Joe Simpson, President

David Smith, Secretary

Mary Orea

Maureen Faul

Jack Werner

Don Barr

Approved by: _____
Frank T. Short, Trustee