

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA
MAY 12, 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, May 12, 2009. The Board Members present included Joe Simpson, Mary Orea, David Smith, Jack Werner, Don Barr, Maureen Faul and new board member Bart Herriman. 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 6:02 p.m. Board President Simpson called the meeting to order. Board President Simpson then led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item of business was the introduction of our newest Board Member Bart Herriman. Mr. Herriman was introduced by Board President Simpson and then he briefly introduced himself to the fellow Board Members and to the Public by giving a brief introduction of his involvement in Marion County and the State of Indiana and more particularly now in the Washington Township.

The next item of business was the approval of the minutes from February 10, 2009. Board Member Barr referred to the minutes and asked the name of the person who purchased the last surplus vehicle. Trustee Short informed him that the person that purchased the vehicle was David Bernard. There being no other questions regarding the minutes it was moved by Board Member Warner and seconded by Board Member Orea that the minutes be approved. The motion passed 6-0 as Board Member Herriman abstained since he was not at the February 10th meeting.

The next item of Business on the agenda was the report from the Trustee. The first item the Trustee mentioned was a brief housekeeping item. As everyone was aware the Marion County Juvenile Court has been meeting in our building. Due to the statue concerning Juvenile cases in Court only the child and their family are allowed in the Court Room during the proceeding. Therefore everyone else has to wait outside. Due to the fact that we have to put chairs outside for people to sit in it was decided that we would install chair rail the length of our building so that the chairs do not cause damage to the walls.

The next item the Trustee discussed was the Back to School Health Fair. Currently we are looking at the date of August 8th for the Back to School Health Fair. Trustee was just notifying people it's a possibility of this date and more information will be forthcoming later.

Next item was a brief discussion on setting a policy concerning the rental of the Community Room. After some discussion President Simpson appointed a Committee of Board Member Werner, Board Member Herriman and Board Member Orea to help set a policy to deal with the rental of the Community Room.

The next item the Trustee discussed was the issue of cemetery maintenance. We have some ongoing maintenance which needs to be taken care of which includes the painting of some fences and repairing a couple of other fences. The Trustee is starting to take quotes on getting these repairs done and we will report back to the Board at a later date.

Next the Trustee reported that he has continued to be in discussions with various folks concerning a sublease arrangement on the open square footage that we still have available. There have been discussions with groups as Citizens Health Clinic as well as the Marion County Assessors Office.

Next item discussed by the Trustee was the 2009 budget. The Trustee mentioned that the DLGF (Department of Local Government Finance) held a hearing concerning our budget. The City County Council was holding a nonbinding review of our budget and we should soon be receiving notice that the budget has been approved.

The Trustee then turned the meeting over to Beth Reynolds, the Township Accountant, who presented the Financial Statements which are attached to these minutes. There were several questions which Beth Reynolds answered accordingly and there were some questions where the answers need to be provided by Beth to certain Board Members. That was the end of the Trustee's Report.

The next item on the agenda was the report from Emergency Assistance. Bette Bowman the Emergency Assistance Supervisor presented the monthly TA7 Report which is attached to these minutes. Also the Trustee initiated a discussion about raising our guidelines for Emergency Assistance in Washington Township. After much discussion it was decided our guidelines for township assistance should be 100% of the Federal Poverty Level. There was a motion made by Board Member Barr and seconded by Board Member Smith that the Washington Township Emergency Assistance Guidelines be moved to 100% of the Federal Poverty Level. The vote was taken and the motion was passed 7-0.

The next item on the agenda was a report from the Small Claims Court. The report was given by Small Claims Court Judge Steven Poore. Judge Poore gave a report comparing the first quarter of 08' to the first quarter of 09' and that report is attached to these minutes. Also Judge Poore reported that all the bank statements are reconciled through March and that the filing system was changed by the staff without using any extra tax payers' money. There were several questions which Judge Steven Poore answered accordingly.

Next item on the agenda was discussion of the Finance Committee. As you know there had been some previous discussions about a Finance Committee and President Simpson appointed a Finance Committee consisting of himself, Board Member Barr and Board Member Orea. The Trustee gave a brief history of our investments to date. The Trustee stated that last year an RFP was put together to enable us to get competing bids for folks to handle our investments. At that time when that information was received the Trustee retained the services of Mr. Tony Heyworth, former Chairman of Key Bank Midwest to receive the RFP, review them and to inform Trustee of questions that needed to be asked. Five bids were received and based on the bids and the final questions presented by Mr. Heyworth we selected the National Bank of

Indianapolis for our investment needs. Our investments have been at National Bank of Indianapolis since December of 07'. Mr. Kevin Hampton from Diamond Capital Management, which is a part of National Bank of Indianapolis, was at the meeting to explain the report which is attached to these minutes. In summary for the past 15 months the township has gained 3% on its investments. Board Members stated that they were very satisfied and we will continue to look at short term investments to see if there are ways to make more money on our daily operating fund balances. With no other questions from Mr. Hampton the recommendation of the Finance Committee will be to leave our investments exactly where they are and this action we will take up at the next meeting.

Last item on the agenda under old business was a discussion of a public auction of the 5117 N. Michigan Rd., Emergency Assistance Office. Trustee has retained the services of David Lurvey of Auctionet USA to explain the details of the auction which will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2009. David Lurvey went through the process he used and stated that the building will be auctioned off as is. Once the auction is held we will be holding a meeting within 30-45 days to determine the outcome of the auction and what action the Board would like to take at that time.

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 7:50 p.m.

Joe Simpson, President

David Smith, Secretary

Mary Orea

Maureen Faul

Jack Werner

Don Barr

Bart Herriman

Approved by: _____
Frank T. Short, Trustee