

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA
JANUARY 6, 2009
MEETING MINUTES

The Township Board of Washington Township, Marion County, Indiana met at the new Washington Township Government Center located at 5302 N. Keystone Ave Indianapolis, Indiana on Tuesday, January 6, 2009. The Board Members present included Ray Baker, Joe Simpson, Mary Orea, David Smith, Jack Werner, Don Barr and Maureen Faul. Also in attendance were Frank T. Short the Township Trustee, Brian Crist the Township Attorney, Lori McQueary the Chief of Staff, new Small Claims Judge Steve Poore and Constable John O'Hara. There were no members of the public in attendance.

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

The next item of business was the introduction of the new Small Claims Court Judge. Board President Baker introduced Stephen G. Poore who was elected by the Democratic Precinct Committeemen in a caucus held on December 22, 2008. Judge Poore got up and introduced himself and gave a brief background of his biography and history in Washington Township. Judge Poore was officially welcomed by all the members of the Board.

The next item of business was the election of the Board Chairperson. It was moved by Board Member Smith that Board Member Simpson be elected Chairperson of the Board. The motion was seconded by Board Member O'Rea. There was a second motion by Board Member Barr that Board Member Smith be nominated for Board Chairperson. That motion was seconded by Board Member Werner. Board Member Smith declined that nomination so Board Member Barr rescinded his motion. Board Member Werner moved that the nominations be closed and was seconded by Board Member O'Rea. The vote was taken and Board Member Simpson was elected by a vote of 7-0. At this point in the meeting, current Board President Baker passed the gavel to the new Board President Simpson who presided over the remainder of the meeting.

The next item of business was the election of the Board Secretary. Board Member Baker nominated Board Member Smith and the motion was seconded by Board Member Werner. Seeing no other nominations, President Simpson asked for the motion to close nominations. Board Member Baker moved to close and Board Member Werner seconded that motion. A vote was then taken and Board Member Smith was elected Board Secretary by a vote of 7-0.

The next item was the appointment of a Finance Committee. Board President Simpson appointed the following people: Ray Baker will serve as Chair of the Finance Committee, and the other two members will be Mary O'Rea and Don Barr.

Before adjournment, Board Member Barr asked if there could be a section of the agenda for other business which would allow for various comments by Board Members. Board President Simpson said that he would include such section on future agendas. Also Board Member Barr asked if we could update the contact list for Board Members and Trustee Short informed him that would be done in the next two weeks.

There being no further business, Board President Simpson adjourned the meeting at 6:25pm.

Joe Simpson, President

David Smith, Secretary

Mary Orea

Ray Baker

Jack Werner

Don Barr

Maureen Faul

Approved by: _____
Frank T. Short, Trustee