

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA**  
**Tuesday, August 18, 2020**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

The Township Board of Washington Township, Marion County, Indiana met at the Washington Township Government Center located at 5302 N. Keystone Avenue, Suite E, Indianapolis, Indiana on Tuesday, August 18, 2020. The Board Members present included Lacy Johnson, David Smith, Eric Poole, Emily Denton and John Adams. Also in attendance were Frank T. Short, Washington Township Trustee; Lori McQueary, Township Chief of Staff; Bette Bowman, Township Emergency Assistance Supervisor; Beth Marsh, Township Accountant; Brian Crist, Township Attorney; & Steve Poore, Small Claims Court Judge.

Board President Denton called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and then led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item of business was the approval of the minutes from the February 11, 2020 Board Meeting. After the Board Members reviewed the minutes, it was moved by Board Member Poole and seconded by Board Member Johnson to approve the minutes. The motion passed 5-0.

The second item of business was the approval of the minutes from the March 21, 2020 Board Meeting. A motion was made by Board Member Johnson and seconded by Board Member Smith to approve the minutes. The motion passed 5-0.

The next item of business was the approval of the January thru June 2020 Financials. Trustee Short and Township Accountant Marsh presented the Financials. There was a motion made by Board Member Johnson and seconded by Board Member Adams to approve the January thru June 2020 Financials as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

The next item on the agenda was the Trustee's Presentation of the 2021 Township Annual Budget. Trustee Short explained the budget and presented the following information. Expenses are increased 3%, Utilities are increased 10%, Salaries are increased 2% in a pool situation, Health Insurance was budgeted for a 15% increase. Trustee Short also reminded the Board Members that the Township pays 90% of our employee's health insurance costs. Also, we did levy to the allowable maximum this year. That levy is split 75% for Township General and 25% for Township Assistance. The assessed valuation for all of Washington Township is \$8,982,667,664. The total 2020 Budget is increased by 4.36%. Lastly, Trustee Short reminded everyone that if they had any questions they could contact him or Beth Marsh.

The next agenda item was the Emergency Assistance Report. Bette Bowman, Township Emergency Assistance Supervisor, gave the report and focused on the TA-7 Report which is attached to these minutes. She also gave an update on the Township COVID-19 Procedures in place. Those procedures are also attached to these minutes.

There was a Small Claims Court report given by Judge Poore. He covered the Small Claims Court COVID-19 Procedures in place. His report is attached to these minutes.

The next item of business was a discussion regarding the future of the Township's Cell Towers. Trustee Short & Attorney Crist explained that the Township is going to do an analysis of the current and future value of the towers. Trustee Short requested that the Board hire outside counsel and a consultant to assist the Township in this process. Board Member Adams asked about the rates charged by the attorney and the consultant. Trustee Short stated that the rate for the attorney is \$250 per hour. The consultant works

on a contingency rate of 10% of the incremental increase received from the vendors. Following that discussion there was a motion made by Board Member Adams and seconded by Board Member Poole to approve the two contracts requested. The motion passed 5-0.

There was no Old Business or New Business to come before the Board.

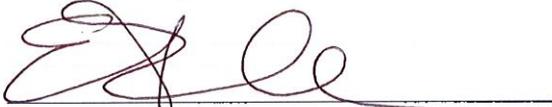
Next, Trustee Short reminded everyone present that the Public Hearing on the 2021 Township Budget would be on September 1, 2020 and that the vote to adopt the 2021 Township Budget would be on September 29, 2020.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Board President Denton called for a Motion for Adjournment. The motion was moved by Board Member Adams and seconded by Board Member Poole. Motion passed 5-0.

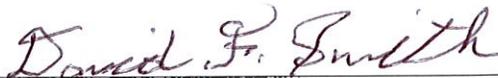
Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.



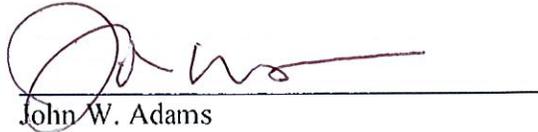
Emily Denton, President



Eric Poole, Secretary



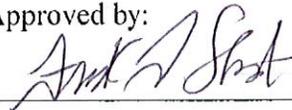
David Smith



John W. Adams

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Lacy Johnson, III

Approved by:



Frank T. Short, Trustee