

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA
Tuesday, August 18, 2015
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, 2015. The Board Members present included David Smith, Lacy Johnson, Eric Poole, Glenn Bill, Mike Morgan and Maureen Faul, Board Member Keely Gladieux was out of town on business. 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, Small Claims Court Judge Steven Poore and Steve Miller, Township Constable.

Board President Smith called the meeting to order at 6:06 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 3, 2015 meeting and the June 16, 2015 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 6-0.

The next item of business was the Trustee's presentation of the 2016 Annual Budget. Trustee Short presented the budget and gave the following information as background during his presentation. The overall budget as presented increased by less than 4%. The total budget for 2016 is \$2,356,266.00. In preparing the budget expenses were increased 3% and utilities were increased 10%. After meeting with the DLGF it was decided the Township would levy to the maximum which is \$920,000.00 which creates a tax rate of .0135%. Lastly, the total AV for the Township is \$8,026,088,000.00. The budget was created using 85% of AV which is \$6,822,175,000.00

Trustee Short reminded the Board Members that if they had any questions they could contact him or Beth Marsh, the Township Accountant. He further reminded the Board Members that the Public Hearing on the 2016 Budget will be on September 29, 2015 and the Passage of the 2016 Budget will occur at the Board Meeting on October 13, 2015.

The next matter on the agenda was the Trustee's Report. First item covered was the approval of the May & June Financials. Beth Marsh presented the financials and answered any questions. Board Member Morgan moved to approve the financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Poole. The motion passed 6-0.

Trustee Short then gave a brief presentation on the legislative redistricting which would have to be done this year. The General Assembly reduced township board districts from 7 to 5. He has been contacted by two firms and would bring a recommendation to the Board at the next meeting.

The last item in the Trustee's Report was a legislative update. Trustee Short explained SB 523 which dealt with the Marion County Small Claims Courts.

The next agenda item was the Emergency Assistance Report. Bette Bowman, Township Emergency Assistance Supervisor, gave the report and focused on two areas. First she gave a school uniform update and then she went over the TA-7 report for the first seven months of the year. The report is attached to these minutes.

Then Bette spoke about a new Energy Assistance program being provided by Citizens Energy. Lastly she mentioned a community event she was attending at Eastern Star Church on September 10th.

The next item of business was the Small Claims Court Report. Judge Poore gave the report and presented a proposed budget for the Court. He explained his reasoning for his presentation.

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

There being no further business to come before the Board, Board President Smith called for a Motion for Adjournment. The motion was moved by Board Member Johnson and seconded by Board Member Bill. Motion passed 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.



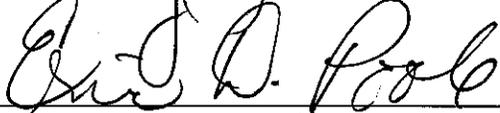
David Smith, President



Lacy Johnson, III, Secretary



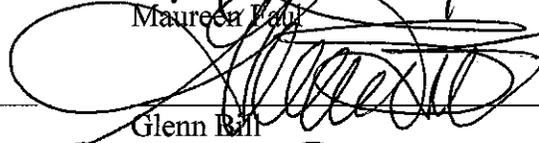
Keely Gladieux



Eric Poole



Maureen Paul

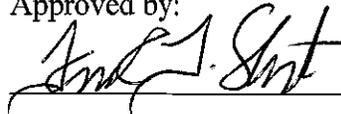


Glenn Bill



Mike Morgan

Approved by:



Frank T. Short, Trustee