

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA**  
**Thursday, September 7, 2023**  
**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 Thursday, September 7, 2023. The Board Members present included Lacy Johnson, Eric Poole, Emily Denton and Emily Gurwitz Board Member David Smith was excused Also in attendance were Frank T. Short, Washington Township Trustee; Bette Bowman, Township Emergency Assistance Supervisor; Beth Marsh, Township Accountant; & Steve Poore, Small Claims Court Judge.

Board President Poole called the meeting to order at 7:10 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 23, 2023 Board Meeting. After the Board Members reviewed the minutes, it was moved by Board Member Johnson and seconded by Board Member Gurwitz to approve the minutes. The motion passed 4-0.

The next item of business was the approval of the January, February, March, April, May, June and July 2023 Financials. Trustee Short and Township Accountant Marsh presented the Financials. There was a motion made by Board Member Denton and seconded by Board Member Gurwitz to approve the January, February, March, April, May, June and July 2023 Financials as presented. The motion passed 4-0.

The next item on the agenda was the Trustee's Presentation of the 2024 Township Annual Budget. Trustee Short explained the budget and presented the following information. Expenses are increased 3%, Utilities are increased 10%, Salaries are increased 3% 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. The assessed valuation for all of Washington Township is \$10,797,960,152. The total 2024 Budget is increased by 7.11%. The two biggest items increased this year were the Judge's salary, which is dictated by statute, and our Welcome Baby Project. Lastly, Trustee Short reminded everyone that if they had any questions they could contact him or Township Accountant, Beth Marsh.

The next agenda item was the Trustee's Report. Trustee Short gave an updated report on the Welcome Baby Project which kicked off in October of last year. The program is going quite well and we have had some great involvement of our various partners. In the last year we have helped more than 15 families and look to really expand the program in 2024.

Under Old Business, Bette Bowman gave an update on our TA-7 report through the first eight months of the year. She also noted that requests for school clothes are much higher this year than last year.


Judge Poore then gave a report on the updating of the Court's security system. There were no questions about his report.

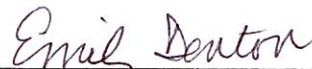
There was no New Business to come before the Board.


Next, Trustee Short reminded everyone present that the Public Hearing on the 2024 Township Budget would be on September 26, @ 6:00pm and that the vote to adopt the 2024 Township Budget would be on October 10, 2023 @ 6:00pm.

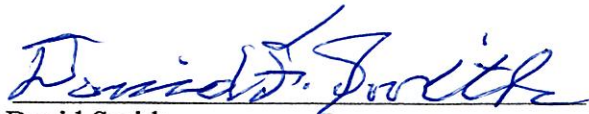
There being no further business to come before the Board, Board President Poole called for a Motion for Adjournment. The motion was moved by Board Member Gurwitz and seconded by Board Member Johnson. Motion passed 4-0.

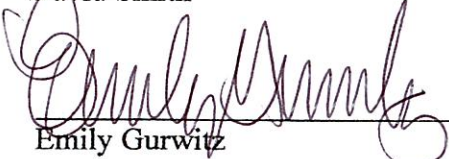
Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

  
Eric Poole, President

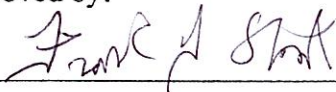
  
Emily Denton, Secretary

  
Lacy Johnson, III

  
David Smith

  
Emily Gurwitz

Approved by:

  
Frank T. Short, Trustee