

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MARION COUNTY, INDIANA

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: Washington Township Government Center
5302 N. Keystone Ave., Suite E
Indianapolis, IN 46220

Present: Emily Gurwitz, David Smith, and Melissa Fisher (via telephone)

Absent: Emily Denton and Eric Poole

Also Present: Frank T. Short, Washington Township Trustee; Beth Marsh, Township Accountant; Bette Bowman, Township Emergency Assistance Supervisor; and Kip Tew, Township Attorney.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M. by President Emily Gurwitz.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. Approval of Minutes

- **August 26, 2025 Minutes.** Motion made by Board Member Smith and seconded by Board Member Fisher to approve the minutes. Motion passed 3-0.
- **September 30, 2025 Minutes.** Motion made by Board Member Smith and seconded by Board Member Fisher to approve the minutes. Motion passed 3-0.
- **October 14, 2025 Minutes.** Motion made by Board Member Smith and seconded by Board Member Fisher to approve the minutes. Motion passed 3-0.
- **January 6, 2026 Minutes.** Motion made by Board Member Smith and seconded by Board Member Fisher to approve the minutes. Motion passed 3-0.

IV. Financial Business

December 2025 Financial Report

Township Accountant Beth Marsh presented the December 2025 financial report and reported that approximately 75% of the budget had been expended in each category.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Board Member Fisher and seconded by Board Member Smith to approve the December 2025 financial report as presented. Motion passed 3-0.

V. Trustee Business

- **2025 Annual Financial Report**

Township Accountant Beth Marsh provided a detailed, page-by-page review of the 2025 Annual Financial Report.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Board Member Fisher and seconded by Board Member Smith to approve the 2025 Annual Financial Report. Motion passed 3-0.

- **2026 Township Assistance Guidelines**

Trustee Frank T. Short presented the 2026 Township Assistance Guidelines and reported that there were no legislative changes. Updates included:

- Adjusting income guidelines to reflect 150% of the 2026 Federal Poverty Level
- Updating shelter payment amounts
- Revising the food allotment table based on SNAP guidelines.
- Updating household supplies allotments to reflect increased costs.

A motion was made by Board Member Fisher and seconded by Board Member Smith to approve the 2026 Township Assistance Guidelines as presented. Motion passed 3-0.

- **2026 Nepotism Policy for Employment and Contracting**

Trustee Frank T. Short explained the requirement to maintain a nepotism policy for employment and contracting.

A motion was made by Board Member Smith and seconded by Board Member Fisher to approve the 2026 Nepotism Policy for Employment. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Board Member Smith and seconded by Board Member Fisher to approve the 2026 Nepotism Policy for Contracting. Motion passed 3-0.

VI. Other Business

There was no additional business to come before the Board.

VII. Adjournment

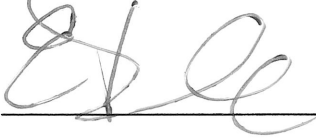
There being no further business, President Gurwitz called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Board Member Smith and seconded by Board Member Fisher.

Motion passed 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 P.M.

Emily Gurwitz, President



Eric Poole



Melissa Fisher

Emily I Denton

Emily Denton, Secretary



David Smith

Approved by:



Frank T. Short, Trustee