

# WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MARION COUNTY, INDIANA

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## TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, August 25, 2026

Time: 6:00 P.M.

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

Present: Emily Denton, Secretary; Eric Poole; David Smith; and Melissa Fisher

Absent: Emily Gurwitz, President

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 6:00 P.M. by Secretary, Emily Denton.

Denton explained that due to internet connectivity issues affecting the livestream, the meeting was being recorded locally and would be posted for viewing.

### **II. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **III. Approval of Minutes**

The Board reviewed the minutes from February 26, 2026, Township Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Poole to approve the February 26, 2026, meeting minutes.

Motion passed 4-0.

### **IV. Approval of Financial Reports**

The Board reviewed the Township financial reports for January, February, March, April, May, and June 2026. It was noted that the financial reports are maintained on file and are available for review.

A motion was made by Poole and seconded by Smith to approve the financial reports as presented.

Motion passed 4-0.

## **V. Trustee Presentation – 2027 Annual Budget**

Township Accountant Beth Marsh presented and reviewed the proposed 2027 Washington Township annual budget.

Marsh reviewed adjustments to operating expenses, including rent and utilities. The proposed total budget for the Township was approximately \$4.66 million, representing an overall decrease of approximately 9% from the prior year.

Marsh also reviewed the Township's assessed valuation, estimated levy, allocation between the Township General and Township Assistance funds, and estimated tax rates. She noted that Township Assistance funding remains significantly higher than in prior years due to the continued level of assistance being provided to residents.

## **VI. Trustee's Report**

Trustee Frank T. Short presented the Trustee's reported that the Welcome Baby Program continues to perform well and discussed the Township's continued efforts to manage operating costs and provide assistance to Township Residents.

Short also noted the continued demand for Township Assistance and the Township's ongoing efforts to address food insecurity and other needs within the community.

## **VII. New Business**

Trustee Short provided an update regarding the Township's response to residents affected by the recent flooding. He discussed the assistance and resources being provided to residents, including help with disaster recovery applications, Indiana 211, and other state and local programs. Short noted that the State had announced assistance of up to \$5,000 for eligible residents and stated that the Township would continue assisting flood-affected residents through available Township programs and community resources.

## **VIII. Old Business**

No old business was presented

## **IX. Review of Future Meeting Dates**

The Board reviewed the following upcoming meeting dates:

- September 29, 2026, at 6:00 PM – Public Hearing on the 2027 Proposed Budget
- October 13, 2026, at 6:00 PM— Township Board Meeting for approval of the 2027 Budget.

## **X. Other Business**

No other business was presented

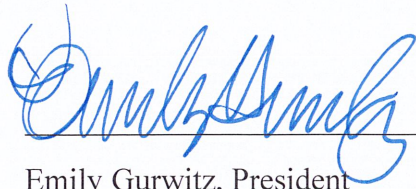
## **XI. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Secretary Denton called for a motion to adjourn.

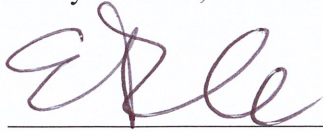
A motion made by Smith and seconded Fisher.

Motion passed 4-0.

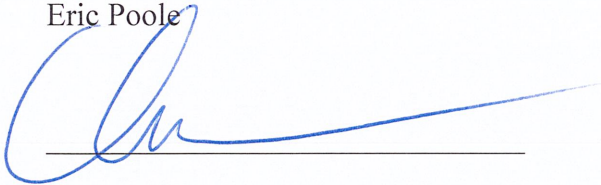
The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 P.M.



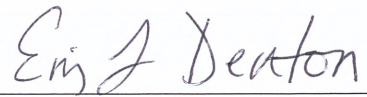
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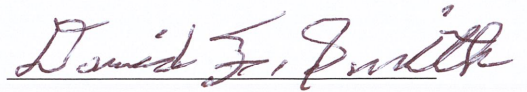
Eric Poole



Melissa Fisher



Emily Denton, Secretary



David Smith

Approved by:



Frank T. Short, Trustee