

Eagle Township Board
September 10, 2008
Old National Bank
Zionsville, Indiana 46077

September Minutes

1. **Call to Order.** President Rob Schein was unable to attend so the meeting was called to order by Trustee Judith Essex.
2. **Minutes.** The August 21st minutes were presented. Ralph Stacy made the motion to approve and the motion was seconded by Jeff Papa. All voted in favor.
3. **Financial Report.** The Total Funds August balance is \$481,229.07. The expenditures totaled \$9,420.91. The receipts totaled \$8,372.82.
4. **Presentation of the 2009 Budget.** Trustee Essex presented the 2009 Budget for consideration. There was some discussion about the advertised tax rate and the decision was made to keep the rate the same as 2008. It was felt to advertise a slightly higher rate that could be adjusted down if necessary. The funds to be raised for 2009 is \$22,389 and the tax rate will be adjusted according to the final net assessed valuation. Ralph Stacy made the motion to approve the Budget and the motion was seconded by Jeff Papa. All voted in favor. The Trustee will now file the 2009 Budget with the Auditor's office.
5. **Fire Department.** The Executive Board for the Fire Territory did not meet this month. However, the ZFD August Monthly Report was available for review.
6. **Cemetery Update.** Ralph Stacy reported that he had met with Mark Davis of Stonesavers at Cox Cemetery and that 8 headstones have been restored there. In the process Mr. Davis discovered two graves that were not on the roster. The stones are for Tom Purdin [1868] and John Purdin [1865]. This makes a total of 38 graves at Cox Cemetery. Mr. Stacy would like to see this cemetery deeded to Eagle Township and take it off the tax rolls. He has proposed that we have our attorney draft a letter to the Holliday family that owns the property with this proposal. Because this cemetery is on private property, tax dollars cannot be used for restoration. There is currently \$800 from private donors and the Rotary Club at Boone County Community Foundation to be used for the restoration work.

The Eagle Creek Baptist Cemetery located west of Michigan Road has 71 stones for restoration and Stonesavers will finish this project by 2009 year end. Work could begin as early as this fall. Mr. Stacy noted that Anson is planning to widen a road that might disturb

the Scholer Cemetery. Scholer Cemetery has three children graves. He feels we need to contact Jeanie Reagen-Dinius of the Department of Natural Resources that oversees the moving of graves. The graves could possibly be moved to the Jones Cemetery across the road. Clarkston Cemetery along side State Road 421 could also be in jeopardy with the widening of that road. INDOT was contacted and a site visit was made, but there has not been any recent communication on the issue.

7. **Government Reorganization.** Trustee Essex informed the Board that the Government Reorganization did have an entry in the Fall Festival Parade and a manned booth at the park on both Saturday and Sunday. Over 2,000 handouts were distributed. Ms. Essex has taken the handout to several offices along West Oak Street and the Library, with plans to distribute to other businesses in town. There are discussions on promoting further public awareness with bill boards and yard signs.

There being no further business the board adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting will be October 15, 2008 at 6:30 at Old National Bank.

Rob Schein, President _____

Ralph Stacy, Secretary ___x___

Jeff Papa, Bd. Member ___x___

Judith Essex, Trustee ___x___

Guests: Eric Smith, Zionsville Times Sentinel