

Eagle Township Board
March 11, 2009 6:30 pm
Zionsville Town Hall - Fireplace Room
Zionsville, Indiana 46077

Minutes

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 6:40 by President Rob Schein.
2. **Minutes.** The February 11, 2009 minutes were presented. Board member Ralph Stacy inquired about the Fire Territory report that stated that ZFD was moving ahead with a fire station in Western Eagle Township. It was confirmed that the information is correct. Mr. Stacy noted a grammatical correction on page 5. Mr. Stacy made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected and it was seconded by Secretary Jeff Papa. Motion carried.
3. **Financial Report.** The Total Funds on Deposit for January \$521,157.22. The expenditures totaled \$3,878.51. The receipts totaled \$13,144.67. The Trustee reported that the receipt of \$13,144.67 was an Excess COIT Distribution with instructions that the funds be put into a Rainy Day Fund. Since we did not have such a fund it was advised by Counsel Steve Buschmann to present a resolution to create such a fund. Resolution 2009-1 to create a Rainy Day Fund was present for review. Mr. Schein questioned how this would reflect on our reports. Trustee Essex stated that the line item did show on this month's statement in anticipation of Board approval of Resolution 2009-1. Mr. Papa noted that a Rainy Day Fund can not have more than 10% of the Annual Budget. Eagle Township Budget 2009 is \$231,333, so we are in compliance with the fund level. Mr. Schein noted for the record that the Excess COIT Distribution can be used for the acquisition of land, construction, renovation or repair of structures or equipment, or any other expenditure related to capital costs. The money can also be used as payment of general township civil, fire or township assistance costs in the event of need. Mr. Stacy made a motion to adopt said resolution. The motion was second by Mr. Papa. Motion carried. Ms. Essex then presented a bill for approval. The purchase of an ink cartridge for \$105.93 was paid with personal funds by the Trustee and the Board approved the reimbursement. The Trustee noted that although she has never submitted mileage for payment that this year she was trying to keep track. On the expenditure to Angel Oak Tree Care, Mr. Stacy noted that that they had not totally

finished due to extreme temperature. Mr. Stacy said he would monitor the project and ensure that it was completed.

4. **Government Reorganization** Each board member gave a report of the Transition sub-committees on which they serve.

Ralph Stacy - Parks Committee [Art Harris & Jim Sanford]: The Parks Committee has met on January 26 and February 18. The next meeting will be March 16 at 8:00 am at the Town Hall. The new Parks Superintendent Matt Dickey will be in attendance. Guests at the February 18 meeting were President of the Parks & Recreation Board Jeff Glass and board member Tim East. The new Superintendent Matt Dickey was present. Mr. Dickey stated that he thought it would be in the best interest of the Parks Board in the last quarter of the year to have the new Eagle and Union representatives begin attending the meetings to acquaint themselves with the process. The make-up of the new Parks Board was discussed.

Ralph Stacy - Budget Committee [Matt Price & Jim Sanford] The Budget committee met January 31 to organize. The next two meetings February 16 and March 10 were with Paige Gregory from Umbaugh. A timeline schedule was presented for preparing the 2010 budget. Eagle and Union Townships had presented their 2009 budget for review. Umbaugh presented a mock budget to give everyone an idea of how the 2010 budget might look. The group is looking at the various funds that generate income for the town such as the income from the Planning User fees, 911 funds, etc. The next meeting will be March 27 at Town Hall

Jeff Papa - Public Safety [Art Harris & Dan Montgomery] The Committee met January 29 and February 10 and have talked with Zionsville Police Chief Dowden, Sheriff Ken Campbell and his second in command Major Mike Nelson and Zionsville Fire Chief Jamie VanGorder. All of these issues seem to be taken care of except for the formality of a Memorandum of Understanding [MOU]. The Sheriff agreed that he will continue to take care of the rural area. The Fire Chief had provided the committee with sample MOUs used by his department. Their next meeting is March 4.

Jeff Papa - Infrastructure [Tim Haak & Dan Montgomery] The Committee met on January 26 with Lance Lantz and he will be contacting with the County Highway Department and Surveyor. Lance feels that an MOU would be appropriate with the highway department. The next meeting is March 12.

Rob Schein - Land Use [Matt Price & Mike Deiss] The Committee has met on February 4 and February 25 and will meet tonight after the Township meeting. Ed Mitro and Terry Jones have been very helpful and determining how the area should look. There are discussions going on regarding the area outside 'old town' Zionsville and the proposed Comprehensive Plan. There is a debate about keeping the status quo of the existing 1996 Comprehensive Plan and building on that or using the new proposed plan. At the time of the vote on the Referendum the 1996 Comprehensive Plan was in place. The county has spent \$100,000 on a new Comprehensive Plan and there was citizen input through out the county. There has been some question at the county level on how to address Eagle and Union Township outside the town of Zionsville. The Commissioner's discussion debated whether to carve Eagle/Union/Zionsville out or include us in. There was some concern on the Land Use Committee about the new changes with the proposed plan. Terry and Ed are taking on the task of the zoning for the new Town of Zionsville.

Rob Schein - Governance [Tim Haak & Mike Deiss] This committee has met on January 26 and February 11. There has been discussions regarding the re-districting and there has been some correspondence with the county. Ed has volunteered his time in helping with the re-districting. There has been discussion on the make-up of the various boards. The next meeting will be March 16.

5. **Other Business** Trustee Essex has been contacted by Mark Smith, Director of Fundraising for the Humane Society for Boone County regarding the Dog Fund. Union and Worth Township Trustees have donated the money from their Dog Fund to the Humane Society and Mr. Smith was inquiring whether Eagle Township would consider doing the same. The Dog Fund was abolished by the General Assembly in 2006. The township transferred

the money to the *General Fund* in June 2007. The Board decided that we needed to check with Counsel Steve Buschmann before making a donation.

The Trustee informed the Board of a request from Lance Lantz regarding an appointment of an Eagle Township person to serve on the Storm Water Utility study committee. The person from Royal Run that works for the Indianapolis Water Company decided that he did not have the time to serve. Input from the board was requested for suggestions. Mr. Stacy recommended Eric Hand; he has served on the Watershed Committee and Clay Waste. Ms. Essex stated that an Eagle Township presence was needed on this board because of the potential of a fee being levied. Mr. Mitro confirmed that this would be the case, because it would be a town-wide fee. It was determined that Mr. Hand lived within the town limits.

Ms. Essex then presented the State Board of Accounts audit that she has received for review. There were some deficiencies reported by the SBOA, such as filing reports with the county. Ms Essex reported that she has corrected the filings with the county.

President Schein mentioned proceeding on the acquisition of the property at the trail head. Mr. Schein thought that the property was being sold on contract. The decision was made for the Ms. Essex to contact the property owner and Mr. Schein will talk with the Homeowners Association regarding their participation in the acquisition of this property.

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next meeting will be April 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Rob Schein, President ___x___

Jeff Papa, Secretary ___x___

Ralph Stacy, Bd. Member ___x___

Judith Essex, Trustee ___x___

Guest: Terry Jones