

Eagle Township Board
Wednesday, June 14, 2006 6:30 p.m.
Old National Bank
385 South Main Street
Zionsville, Indiana 46077

Members in Attendance: Tom Yeo, Chairman ___x___
Rob Schein, Secretary ___x___
Ralph Stacy, Bd. Member ___x___
Judith Essex, Trustee ___x___
Guest: Jeff Papa

MINUTES

Call to Order. Chairman Tom Yeo called the meeting to order.

Minutes. May minutes read and approved.

Financial Report. The Trustee distributed copies of the May Financial Report.

Expenditures in May were \$87,462. A large portion of the monthly expenses were for the Semi-annual lease payment to US Bank for the fire station, the quarterly payment for the Fire Contract and to Stone Savers for cemetery restoration at Marsh-Pitzer Cemetery. There was discussion regarding a rent check written to a landlord. The Trustee explained that assistance was needed for a client who was displaced from her apartment following a fire and the client was also unemployed at the time.

Rob Schein will report to the Board next month in regards to the balance of the fire station debt. The question remains whether to pay off the debt before the Fire Territory begins in January 2007. Rob plans to discuss the matter with the Town of Zionsville Attorney Andy Buroker.

On June 8th the Trustee re-invested \$443,233.13 into another certificate of deposit that had matured on April 28, 2006. These funds come from the General, Special COIT, Fire Fighting, Fire Station Debt and the Cumulative Funds. The Board suggested that the Trustee invest an additional \$40,000 to \$50,000 from the General Fund for a period of five months. All interest is deposited into the

General Fund. The Township has money in National City Bank and Old National Bank. All township expenses are written from NCB account. The bulk of the money at ONB is in a CD with a small portion in a checking account.

A letter was received from Paige Gregory of Umbaugh Inc. in regards to the type of service the Township will need for the upcoming budget preparation. The Trustee reported she has an appointment July 28th with the Department of Local Government Finance field representative to receive assistance drafting the 2007 budget. It was discussed that once the budget draft is reviewed by the Board to maybe have Paige do a review. A motion was made and seconded that the Trustee have Paige review the budget.

Boone County Community Clinic sent a letter to the Trustee asking for a contribution. With the exception of Boone County Senior Services, the Township does not have money appropriated for donations of this type. Tom Yeo suggested that any extra money should go into the restoration of the cemeteries. Rob Schein suggested the Board address the issue of donations during the next budget cycle. The Trustee agreed and will include that in the budget review agenda. The Trustee was invited to speak to the Boone County Senior Service Staff meeting on June 8th and presented BCSS with their 2006 check.

Fire Department. The Trustee distributed the monthly activity report that was prepared by Chief Van Gorder. President Tom Yeo suggested that Chief Van Gorder itemize the Rescue/Emergency Medical Service Incident for the report next year, thinking that the category needed more detail.

Township Assistance-Federal Guidelines. The Trustee presented the Board with a 2006 Poverty Income Guidelines chart which shows the maximum monthly and annual gross income levels at 100%, 125%, and 150%. Currently the township is using Guidelines for 2003 and the guidelines have increased substantially since that time. The Trustee would like the Township guidelines to be at the 125% level of the 2006 guidelines.

This past winter the Governor upped the level for energy assistance to 150% of the 2006 guidelines. While on a tour of the Boone County Child Development Academy, the Trustee inquired what guidelines they used for child care payments. The child care vouchers used at the academy are at the 150% level. The free lunch program for public schools uses the 180% level.

It was felt by the Trustee that the Township Guidelines should at least reflect the current year Poverty Guidelines. It was suggested by the Board that the Trustee do more research with similar demographic townships in the surrounding areas and report back to the board in July. The board agreed the assistance standards and guidelines should reflect the current poverty guidelines. The question was asked, how will this affect current budget? The Trustee felt that more people might qualify, but the Township has such few requests that it should not affect the current budget.

Cemetery Report. The Marsh-Pitzer Cemetery is currently being cleared by Laverne Wing of Lebanon. Mr. Wing has done all of the clearing of trees and brush with a hand saw. He feels that more trees should be cleared so as not to damage the headstones that have been refurbished. The Trustee spoke with Mark Davis of Stone Saver about the trees and he did say that tree roots and falling limbs/trees can be a problem.

Waste Management still has not repaired Eagle Village Cemetery where their truck ran over the curb creating deep ruts in the sod. Heather Gallagher offered to follow up with Waste Management on the issue.

The Trustee will contact Boone County Community Foundation about the donation from Paul Shoopman. Mr. Shoopman made a three year commitment of \$3000 per year for the care and upkeep of Eagle Village Cemetery. The Trustee will also discuss parking with Mr. Shoopman on the property to the south of the cemetery. A new sign would be a good way to spend the money.

Other Business. Jeff Papa reported Governor Daniels is doubling the money for all Rail Trails in Indiana and there will be some grants available next year through the Department of Natural Resources. The goal is to coordinate and connect all Rail Trails throughout the state. The Rail Trail organization has purchased land from Lebanon to Colfax using Transportation Enhancement grant money. There is a break in the trail near the new Zionsville Sports Complex and Brenwick where a landowner has used the old railroad property next to his home and paved it to use as a private driveway. The property is on the township line between Eagle and Worth Townships

At 7:20 p.m., there being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The next monthly Eagle Township Board meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at Old National Bank.