

Eagle Township Board  
July 9, 2008 6:30 p.m.  
Zionsville Town Hall  
1100 West Oak Street  
Zionsville, Indiana 46077  
Minutes

1. **Call to Order.** All members being present, President Rob Schein called the meeting to order.
2. **Government Reorganization Public Hearing:** The Public Hearing was called to order by President Rob Schein. A history of the government reorganization and comments was given by each of the Board Members and the Trustee. Township Counsel Steve Buschmann gave the history of HB 1362-2006 and how it was designed to give local government the opportunity to design a government that meets the needs of specific communities. Mr. Buschmann went on to explain the voting process for the referendum. The meeting then was opened to comments by the public. Judy Ritter of 4010 South 975 East and resident of Eagle Township spoke in favor. Ms. Ritter says she has always enjoyed living in the country, but was appalled at what had happen with the Whitestown annexation and it was time for our community to be unified. Ed Cambra of 1005 Colony Way expressed the same concerns, but had some questions based upon the testimony of some of the town personnel at the Town Council on July 7. Ed Mitro clarified the comments of Police Chief Dowden, where the Chief stated that he would need 8 new officers. Once again the plan was reviewed how the Sheriff will be covering the rural area and that it is not necessary for the ZPD to expand. Mr. Cambra feels that everyone needs to be mindful of the financial ramifications and to be sure that there will not be a significant increase to the taxpayers. The Urban and Rural services were reviewed again, with explanations of how Boone County Sheriff and Highway department will continue to serve the areas they currently serve and the Zionsville Police and Street Department will continue to cover "old" Zionsville. The only Township responsibilities to be assumed by the 'new' Zionsville are Township Assistance and the mowing of cemeteries. Mr. Cambra felt the major benefit of the plan is having our own zoning and planning commissions that help us control our future growth. He stated that he had been told that Carmel had lobbyists at the State House looking at ways to annex across county lines. He went on to say that there are things here in Zionsville that we have come to treasure and we need to have control of what happens. Trustee Candace Ulmer took the floor to explain how with the proposed reorganization that each entity retains its own debt, whereas if an area is annexed; the new annexed area assumes all debt of the entity after the annexation. After these comments, Mr. Cambra stated that he had not heard this before and it is important that the news media understand that they have a duty to be sure that everything is reported true and accurate. At 7:15 the public hearing portion was concluded.

3. **Minutes.** The June 16<sup>th</sup> minutes were reviewed. Ralph Stacy made a motion to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Jeff Papa. The June 18<sup>th</sup> minutes were reviewed, Jeff Papa made a motion to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Ralph Stacy.
4. **Financial Report.** The Trustee distributed the June financial reports. The Receipts totaled \$8,336.50 and the Expenditures were \$7,652.60. The Ending All Funds balance is \$475,617.61.
5. **Park and Recreation:** Trustee Essex reported that the check for \$5,000 was sent to Friends of Boone County Trails. President Schein raised the issue again of the lack of access to the Rail Trail from Spring Knoll along County Road 875 East. This project will be reviewed by the Township Parks and Recreation Board. The board will discuss this further to determine the best way to proceed. A trail head and a safe route to the trail would be beneficial to the neighborhood.
6. **Other Business:** A general discussion followed about when it is allowed by statute for the Trustee to vote. According to Counselor Steve Buschmann a Trustee may only vote to break a tie.

At 7:40 pm with no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting to vote on the Government Reorganization will be July 23, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

Rob Schein, President \_\_\_x\_\_\_

Ralph Stacy, Secretary \_\_\_x\_\_\_

Jeff Papa, Bd. Member \_\_\_x\_\_\_

Judith Essex, Trustee \_\_\_x\_\_\_

Guests, Counselor Steve Buschmann, Union Trustee Candace Ulmer, John Ulmer, Judy Ritter, Ed Cambry, Ed Mitro, Michele Barrett, Matt Price. Time Sentinel reporter Eric Smith