

**Union Township Advisory Board – Monthly Business Meeting Minutes**  
**May 17, 2007 - 6:00 PM**  
**Union Elementary School**

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance – Chairman (Dan Montgomery)**

**Roll Call & Declaration of Quorum – Secretary (Jim Sanford)**

<b>Dan Montgomery</b>	<u>  X  </u>	<b>(check if present)</b>
<b>Craig Phillips</b>	<u>  X  </u>	
<b>Jim Sanford</b>	<u>  X  </u>	

**Approval of Agenda and Approval of Minutes - Dan Montgomery**

**Motion made by Jim Sanford to accept the agenda and minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Craig Phillips. Motion passed 3 – 0.**

**Treasurer’s Report – Presented by Trustee, Candace Ulmer. Current balance for the Township is approximately \$245,000. There are two \$100,000 certificates of deposit with the balance in the checking account. Candace pointed out that while we have substantial balances in different funds, you cannot transfer money between funds as the advertised tax rate and budget established the fund levels to the taxpayers. It is possible to transfer some monies temporarily to solve cash flow problems, but the money must be transferred back prior to the end of the calendar year. Copies of the current financial spreadsheet are available to the public and they are also on the township's web site. Jim Sanford made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report, seconded by Craig Phillips. Motion passed 3 – 0.**

**Trustee’s Report presented by Candace Ulmer**

**A letter formally terminating the contract with Stentz Construction has been issued in preparation for rebidding the revised fire station plans.**

**A letter requesting termination of the current firefighting/emergency services contract with Worth Township has been issued. The request is to terminate services as of June 30<sup>th</sup>. (The contract language states that the contract is to run through the end of the calendar year.) The Worth Township Trustee has contacted us and would like to meet regarding the early termination of the contract.**

## **Resolution 2007-2 Request for Emergency Firefighting Funds**

**Candace explained that the resolution is to request permission for an emergency loan of \$274,000 from the Department of Local Government and Finance to pay for firefighting/emergency services from Worth Township for the first six months of 2007 and for service for the remainder of the year. As we have a payment due to Worth Township on June 30<sup>th</sup>, it is important that we proceed as quickly as possible so that we can receive an answer at the June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the DLGF.**

**Board discussion noted that the Drees subdivision was not “built out” to the extent that was anticipated to partially support fire and emergency expenses. Candace said that she will try to get at least three loan requests so that we can chose the best interest rate. She also stated that the hourly rate for Umbaugh to put together the financial analysis and prepare documents for the DLGF hearing is \$150 per hour.**

**A motion to pass Resolution 2007-2, Request for Emergency Firefighting Funds was made by Jim Sanford and seconded by Craig Phillips. Motion passed 3 – 0.**

### **Public Input/Concerns**

**A member of the public expressed concern over two of the appointed committee members for the Government Modernization Act of 2006 study committee. Concerns were regarding Joe Turk as to whether he is a resident and Alan Townsend's law firm's representation of Whitestown in some annexation issues.**

**Candace pointed out that the statute only requires committee members to be appointed by the “executive” of the political subdivision. There are no other requirements for members of the reorganization committee defined in the statute. In striving for the most experienced and competent members for this committee, Mr . Turk as active in the township and as past chair of the Boone County Area Plan Commission seemed an obvious choice. Similarly, Mr. Townsend's previous experience with the township parks board, as well as his professional background also seemed an obvious choice. Candace reiterated that this committee is to only study and suggest reorganization choices. The committee does not enact, pass or obligate the township to anything – that is the responsibility of the Township Board and in the case of the Government Modernization Act of 2006 the final responsibility falls to the voters.**

**In no way did there seem to be the appearance of any conflict of interest with the members appointed to the study committee.**

**Adjourn - motion made by Jim Sanford, seconded by Craig Phillips. Motion passed 3 – 0.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.**

**(Note: meeting was scheduled an hour earlier and the agenda abbreviated so that interested residents could attend both the township meeting and the special Boone County Area Plan Commission meeting this evening in Lebanon.)**