

Union Township Minutes
July 24, 2008

Board President Dan Montgomery called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the Union Elementary School. Dan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Jim Sanford called the roll: Board members Dan Montgomery, Craig Phillips and Jim Sanford were present as was Township Trustee Candace Ulmer.

Dan asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. None appearing Dan asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2008 meeting was made by Craig Phillips and seconded by Jim Sanford. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report. Candace noted that the only significant item was the transfer of \$125,000 from the General Fund to the Firefighting Fund to make the July 1st contract payment to the Zionsville Fire Department for fire and emergency protection for the balance of 2009. She also noted that township assistance payments were still up reflecting the needs many have found themselves in due to the economy.

Jim Sanford made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Craig Phillips. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee's report. Candace noted that we had the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the fire station this morning. She noted that the groundbreaking program will be put on the web site and in addition to the Board, Chief Vangorder and Capitan Miller as well as the Medic unit that will be housed at the station were present. Former Trustee Betty Lee Cooper as well as Boone County Sheriff Ken Campbell also were present.

Dan thanked everyone for all the work done in getting the station redesigned so that it could be operationally completed within budget.

There being no committee reports Dan opened Old Business with the consideration of Resolution 2008-1, the Resolution to Reorganize Eagle, Union Townships and the Town of Zionsville. Since the public hearings, and other discussions there were some amendments to the original resolution as it was first considered. The Board had received a copy of the amended resolution prior to the meeting.

Dan requested a motion to approve the amendments to Resolution 2008-1. Jim Sanford made a motion to accept the amendments to Resolution 2008-1, seconded by Craig Phillips. Motion passed unanimously.

Dan requested a motion to approve the amended Resolution 2008-1. Craig asked if we were sure that we are procedurally correct to be able to vote on the amended motion within the statute for reorganization. Candace noted that in addition to our attorney, Ms. Sims, there were several attorneys involved in the framing of the amended resolution and that Eagle Township and the Town of Zionsville had their attorneys review the resolution and that they had passed the resolution last evening.

Jim Sanford made a motion to accept Resolution 2008-1, Craig Phillips seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business.

Candace stated that now the resolution was passed, we needed to get out and make the public aware of the advantages of reorganization. She noted that the three entities were discussing having a booth at the Zionsville Fall Festival.

Jim asked what the Board felt on making hard copies of the resolution available to the public. There was some discussion regarding the printing and mailing expense. Candace noted that the resolution will be on the web site as well as some FAQ's. Jim was still concerned about residents that don't have or aren't that comfortable with web sites. Candace said that one way would be to call the office and we would print off copies for those interested.

Judith Essex, Eagle Township Trustee, mentioned the possibility of another mailing to the residents with salient points explained.

It was also noted that the Committee Report as well as the Resolution/Ordinance may be available in the Zionsville Library. Alan Townsend, Union Township representative on the Reorganization Committee said that he would see that the plan and resolution be available here at Union Elementary School.

Public Comments:

John Ulmer thanked the Board for all that they had accomplished in a little over a year and a half. He noted that getting a new contract with a different emergency service provider, all the work done on fire station design and getting construction finally underway and now reorganization, was truly a lot of work and the Board should be commended for all they have done for the township.

Alan Townsend also thanked the Board on behalf of himself and his wife and stated that it was remarkable what the Board has done and that for a time he was unsure if they would ever have adequate fire protection.

Mike Deiss said that at a Boone County APC meeting, it had been mentioned that there was a possibility that a portion of the property in Eagle Township, just south of CR 300 South and US 421 might be donated for a fire station. His question was what effect, if any this would have on the fire station being built in Union Township. There was discussion on how fire stations are located and the need for additional stations in Union Township. Craig Phillips described how stations are located.

Motion to adjourn made by Craig Phillips, seconded by Jim Sanford. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.