



## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD

1030 NORTH LINCOLN STREET SUITE 1400

GREENSBURG, IN 47240

ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

September 24, 2024, 5:00 p.m.



Attendance: Bev Rivera- Trustee  
Randy Hoeing- Advisory Board President  
James Stewart – Advisory Board Member  
Angie Morrow- Advisory Board Member  
Lori Garringer - Clerk

The meeting was called to order and the pledge of allegiance was said.

Minutes of the July 23, 2024, meeting was reviewed. Jim made a motion to approve the minutes. Angie seconded. Minutes were approved.

### Old Business:

- **Greensburg Fire Department equipment requests- update:** Randy read a letter from the Fire Chief Stoermer updating the approved purchase of equipment. Firstly, he thanked the Trustee and Advisory Board for supporting the fire department on purchasing equipment that makes their job safer and able for them to work more effective. They were able to make purchases of the wireless headsets and multiple gas detectors. These items have been ordered. Delivery and schedule for installation of the wireless headsets is in the works. There was one outstanding purchase to be made of the fire finder. As the invoices for these items come in, the Chief will submit them to the Trustee Office. An invitation to tour the new fire station was extended to the Trustee and Board of Advisors after the Sept. meeting. The Chief will be on site for any questions that may arise. Discussion continued to verify that all equipment approved for purchase had been ordered. The main three items have been ordered. It was unclear whether the both the CGI Gas Monitor and the Phot Ionization Detector Gas Monitor has been ordered. Bev will discuss with the Chief during the tour of the fire station.

**Note: purchases were confirmed at the tour of the station.**

- **Additional Appropriations for Rainy Day Fund- Lake McCoy Expenses:** Originally it was advertised that additional Appropriations would need to be \$5000. To date, expenses for Lake McCoy total approximately \$3000. However, the office still owns property out there and additional expenses may be incurred until those properties are sold. \$5000 should be more than enough to cover unforeseen costs that may occur for this property. What is left of the \$5000 will remain in Rainy Day Fund account. Bev showed an itemized list of expense that have been accumulated for the Lake McCoy properties which included advertisement of the sale, the auctioneer cost, attorney's fees, and postage fees from sending notice of the sale to all the property owners at Lake McCoy. Two property owners did purchase parcels that were for sale. Randy read the resolution for the additional appropriation. (Copy of resolution available at the Trustee Office). Angie made a motion to adopt the resolution for additional appropriations of \$5000 be added to the Rainy-Day Fund. Jim seconded the motion. Randy- aye, Angie- aye, Jim- aye. Motioned passed. Bev reminded everyone that there is \$0 in the budget for Rainy Day Fund. This was the purpose for the additional appropriation.

### New Business:

- **Public Hearing to present 2025 Budget:** The budget is being presented and open for public comments. Nothing will be voted on until October meeting. The firefighting fund had an approx. 1.5% increase to cover to budget for the fire trucks. A slight increase to taxpayers will be approximately \$7 per \$100,000 assessed value of property. The overall increase of the total budget is 2% which is \$12,652. The advisory board had

looked over the budget and agreed that everything looked good. Voting for the budget will take place in October.



- **Dedication of Safe Haven Baby Box at new fire station:** Bev said that the Right to Life Group had contacted her inquiring if the Safe Haven Baby Box would be moved to the new fire station. The fire chief confirmed that the baby box was part of the new construction plan and would move to the new facility. There would not be additional cost for the move for the Trustee Office or Right to Life Group. The box has been moved and installed at the new facility with approximately 2 hours of “no service” time. Testing for the new location has confirmed the functionality of the box. Safe Haven has been informed of the changes. There will be a rededication of the box at the new location with Right to Life group on Oct. 27, 2024, at 2:00 pm (Sunday). Everyone is welcome to attend. It is on the West side of building. It is less visible for the general public to see the use of the box.

Randy reminded everyone of the next meeting scheduled for Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. This will be to approve the budget, salary ordinances and 2025 standards. Bev will be sending out a schedule for 2025 meetings for everyone to look over and see if it works with everyone’s schedules.

Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Angie seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**2024 Meeting Schedule: (all meetings will be held at 5:00pm at the township office)**

- October 15<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. – Approve 2025 budget, salary ordinances and standards.**
- November 2024- Tentative**
- December 17, 2024 – Tentative**

\_\_\_\_\_ Randy Hoeing, President

\_\_\_\_\_ Angie Morrow, Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_ Jim Stewart

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