

WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
TRUSTEE'S NOTES  
AUGUST 27, 2013

ATTENDEES: Mark Messick, Greg Rainbolt, Dave Pollard

Mary Sue Kane, Mary Lou Habicht, Dick Huber and Jody Veldkamp.

Meeting was called to order by Greg Rainbolt at 7 PM. First order of business was the Pledge of Allegiance.

Greg: We have present here Dave Pollard, Mark Messick, Greg Rainbolt myself as Board members. Peggy Young will not be here this evening, she is absent. So I would like to make a note of that. Also next on the agenda is Approval of WRT March 27, 2013 Board Meeting minutes. Do I hear a motion for approval of the minutes?

Dave: Yes I make a motion.

Greg: Dave Pollard motions, I'll second. Any discussion on these minutes?

Dave: No.

Greg: Hearing no discussion I will ask for a vote. All of those in favor of approving WRT Board Meeting minutes of March 27, 2013 indicate by saying Aye. (Both Board Members in attendance said Aye). Two Ayes, no other discussion, the Board Meeting minutes are approved. Next on the agenda is the WRT 2014 Budget Estimates and Tax Levies. This will be a public hearing. Mr. Messick, trustee, will hand out papers and we will go thru it.

Mr. Messick: You called the public meeting to order?

Greg: Yes.

Mr. Messick: There is a tax notice that I did not pass out that was on the door. It has been published in the Daily Journal and the Greenwood Challenger twice as required by law with a week in between publications. Complete details of the budget estimates and the things that we will look at tonight are available in our office for view from any taxpayer and our office is opened 9 to 4 Monday – Thursday except for holidays. Next Monday is a holiday so next Monday we will not be open. I am going to read part of the notice that talks about what the taxpayers can do (see attached copy of Notice to Taxpayers). The budget this year that we are presenting for the Board to consider the general budget is \$114,280, the Township Assistance budget would be \$50,100, for a total budget of \$164,380. We are not asking for a tax levy this year. We are not asking for a tax rate. So there will be no tax rate or tax levy in order to meet the budget. With that in mind if everybody will take out what I have given you. The first 3 sheets are what we are going to look at. This is off of our township office management system. The first column you will see on this sheet is what was budgeted for 2013. The second column is what was budgeted for 2014; it is what we are proposing. The third column is the change amount that is the difference between 2013 and 2014. The fourth column is just there because it is information that comes with this report, it is not necessarily information that is necessary but I will tell you what it is. It is what we have spent year-to-date this year. That represents all monies that have been spent thru today's date. The fifth column is the remaining dollars in our

Charges for the Township. As you can see we have less than we have for the trustee, we are spending the Professional Services area ahead of budget because we only have 28% left. The reason for that is that recently and it is something the public can hear about too. Recently we have spent, as we talked about at our last meeting, we have spent some money with the attorney in reviewing a lawsuit that has been put forth against the Greenwood Challenger. That lawsuit basically is challenging whether or not the Greenwood Challenger is a newspaper as defined by Indiana Code. The City of Franklin and Community Corporation of Franklin High School took the Franklin Challenger on which is the same paper as the Greenwood Challenger and they were deemed not to be a newspaper. We are not the lead on this that is why it is not a large expense to the township. The City of Greenwood is the lead. Second chair is the Greenwood Community School Corporation. Pleasant Township is involved, we're involved and the Greenwood Public Library is involved. The last 3 are involved as minor players, in other words our attorneys just review what the other attorneys do in reference to this lawsuit. We feel like they will prevail and that after this year we won't have to advertise our legal ads in the Greenwood Challenger.

Jody: So the reason you went after this is because they are a newspaper they are claiming so you have to advertise?

Mark: Right. An example of the reason we wanted to do this, the Greenwood Challenger traditionally charges almost 50% more to advertise in their newspaper a legal ad versus what the Daily Journal does. Now are we getting a great deal from the Daily Journal or are we getting a bad deal from the Greenwood Challenger? I'm not a publisher so I don't know that answer. But this I do know by looking at the documentation from the Greenwood Challenger they have, the last one I saw that they had filed with the US Post Office, they had slightly less than 500 subscribers in total. I'm not talking about the City of Greenwood, I'm talking about the total. Of that only 200 and some were supposed to be in the City of Greenwood, no almost 300 are supposed to be in the City of Greenwood. Now how many of those we don't know actually reside in WRT?

Dr. Huber: But law says you have to advertise?

Mark: If they prove that they are, the city where our office is at, if they are the home publisher we have to advertise in their paper. Theoretically we don't have to advertise in the Daily Journal. It has been my determination and the previous trustee's determination that this community uses the Daily Journal to get their legal notices and find out what is going on with this office and the management of this office so we have traditionally advertised in the Daily Journal.

Dave: Why are we jumping in on the lawsuit now?

Mark: We were asked if we wanted to be party of it. I think we kind of talked about it in our previous meeting and it is not going to cost us but a couple hundred dollars to be party of it and then we don't have to take him on by ourselves which could be thousands of dollars.

Dave: Well if they won the case why do we have to take him on? Why don't we just ride their coattails is what I'm saying.

Mark: Because we would still have to sue him. We would still have to have that legal judgment that the court says that he is not a paper that we have to advertise in.

Jody: So you're getting by cheap by hanging on their coattails.

budget for that line item and the last column is the percentage that is left in that area. So as you go thru here and look at items if you want to take a look at it. My salary is current as of the 15<sup>th</sup>. So 38% of my salary is left to be paid. So that means that 62% has been used. So the 38% left is a benchmark if I'm looking at this is what I would use if you are looking at what has been spent for this year. With that in mind let's just start with the Personal Services and we are in the Township Budget now, the 0101 Budget. I have not made any changes in the salary of the trustee, the clerk, the township board. Our part-time employee I have reduced by \$500 and Social Security has been reduced by \$60 because of the reduction of the \$500 elsewhere.

Dave: When do you want questions, now or later on?

Mark: I'll stop at the end of each section.

Dave: Ok.

Mark: So that brings the Personal Services of the Township to \$64,380 which is \$560 less than last year. Any questions on this portion, Personal Services?

Dave: Yes, what caused the \$500 reduction?

Mark: As you see we currently have 76% left in that area. I don't think that we are going to increase, have a noticeable increase in the amount of time that is going to be required, that is our janitorial service. I don't see that we will have a marked increase nor will we be offering a raise next year. So I don't see any reason to collect \$2000 or budget \$2000 when I can't see that we will spend probably more than about at greatest if we have a lot of meeting is \$1200. So I have reduced that by \$500 and gave some lead way there for us.

Dave: So SS naturally will be reduced because of that?

Mark: Right.

Dave: Ok, good.

Mark: The next section I have not changed from the previous year and that is Supplies. Operating Supplies at \$1500 and Repair and Maintenance Supplies \$500 and Other Supplies \$500. That is just an area that we never know for sure what we are going to spend. We have had a pretty good handle on our operating supplies. As you can see we have spent 49% of it so far and those are usually done in lump sums at different times and we will be buying paper, we will be buying folders and things like that so we will probably spend our Operating Supplies. Repair and Maintenance we probably will, no telling what might come up in that area so we may spend that before the end of the year too. The Other Supplies, that last year and again next year we would want to leave that in there in case we have a need for additional record books or whatever might come up as a result of what is going on with Gateway. We are not going to spend it as you can see unless we need to but I think it is wise to have it in there just to know that we don't have to have a special Board Meeting in order to get it. Any questions on that section? It stayed the same as last year, no difference. Dave, Greg?

Dave: No.

Mark: Anything that you think we might want to think about there. Are you happy with those numbers?

Greg: Yes you know that is not a great amount where something might take up that, supplies or other things that are needed.

Mark: The only thing I can see happening in that area is if we were to lose our printer and I think we talked about that before. If our printer were to go down this would be another supply area that we could go to get money for that printer. Alright the next area is Other Services and

Mark: He was actually sent a letter saying hey look what happened in Franklin, we think that this is a similar case, do you really want the expense of going to court and that is where it is right now. We have sued him, he has a chance to reply to the lawsuit and he may just say I agree and we would not have to publish in his paper.

Dr. Huber: I guess I don't know where to get a copy of the Challenger?

Mark: That is one of questions I guess the attorneys in the judgment talked about.

Jody: It is only subscription or do you know?

Mark: You know I just won't go there.

Jody: No, seriously I was just like, when you said the name.

Greg: They are at restaurants.

Jody: Yes, I'm used to the Southside Times.

Mark: Actually you are supposed to pay 75 cents for them when you buy one and they are supposed to be at several locations in WRT. I don't know where those locations are because I have gone out looking for it at times and then we have subscribers.

Dr. Huber: They are sold out, that is why you can't find them (laughter).

Mark: So that is part of why that is spent down a little more than normal. We won't spend that out this year. Last year we had to appropriate more funds for Professional Services but this year we won't. We will probably be right where the number is budgeted for this year. I would ask that it remain at \$7500 for next year. We are doing well in the telephone area and we don't know if there is an increase coming or not but we should be ok there.

Jody: Mark I have a question on that, I just noticed it, of that which you are spending what is the percentage spent on telegrams? I noticed the actual category.

Mark: I think about all of it.

Jody: Ok (laughter).

Mark: We don't spend any we could spend it on telegrams.

Jody: I don't think they are any more.

Mark: I guess Western Union is still out there. I think that is part of the old, that is how long this office has been in existence. Advertising we will leave it there, as we long as we don't know what the outcome on the Challenger is it will still cost us around \$1000. Insurance, we have a claim right now with insurance. I don't know that insurance will go up but you never know. So we have another payment to make that we have not made yet which should be around \$2600, so we are going to be close on the insurance area. If we have to pay our \$500 deductible on this claim we will probably be right at our number for next year that we had in the budget. I don't know if the Board is aware of that I believe you are, we had vandalism in the Lyons Cemetery and we have a police report, we put a claim in for the vandalism and we don't know the result of the claim yet. There was indication that they were going to send us a check. If they send us a check it will cover all but \$500 of the damage, if not we still have to fix the cemetery. We will see it is still up in the air. Hopefully by the time we meet again I will know the answer to that. That is the amount there. Utility Services we are at 52% but we have not got into the cold weather yet and also we have not had a very hot year, so I think utility services will remain about where they were. If I was air conditioning and heating the whole building we might exceed this number but the back part of the building normally I do not air condition or heat unless I know we are having an event there. The same for this room, I do not air condition or heat this room unless I know we are having a meeting and then we will come in and turn it on



in the afternoon so it cools down by the time of the meeting. If you come into the offices during the week, in the foyer and the bathroom area it could be pretty warm. But I don't figure enough people will spend much time in the bathroom so I don't worry about that. It could be fairly cool in the winter but they have those individual registers in there that they can turn the heat up in the bathrooms. So I think we are ok in that area. Repairs and Maintenance \$5000, I left it at \$5000. If we have anything continue to go wrong with our plumbing and our heating and air conditioning and if we have another door or anything like that we have to repair, it still could cost us in that area. That is right at budget, right now it is at 39% and budget should be around 38%. Care of Cemeteries, we are still in the mowing season so we will wait to see where we end up for that. We are at 52% of our money still in Care of Cemeteries. This year we have spent \$1200 in that area. We had to do some bulldozing around Lyons so that we have actual vision into Lyons to maybe keep the vandalism from happening. By having the fence rows all cleaned down there you can easily see into the cemetery. Then we had a tree that had to be removed from Tresslar during the year. So those are items that we have had to take care of and those items can easily happen in any year. Care of Township Property, we are a little bit over that area but some monies we have spent in this area was some plumbing concerns and some air conditioning concerns, you will see Bond Heating and Plumbing in the yearend report I gave you. You will also see Kane Construction where they replaced the back door and put the lights on a dimmer that activates it. So those are some things and every year we will probably have something similar to that go on plus the mowing and the snow removal. Indianapolis Star & Daily Journal \$150. I left that in there at \$150. We will probably be able to do it for \$109 like we did this year. I buy The Star. The Journal the township buys. They are both here but The Star is my personal newspaper.

Dave: Why do you have it in here then?

Mark: Because I'm here most of the time.

Dave: Why is it in here if you pay for it?

Mark: Because that is the way the system had it in there and I have not been able to take it out. There is no money budgeted for it. You can't buy The Star and The Journal for \$150. You get The Journal for \$109 and that is a better rate than I bet you anybody else could get for a year because we get a special deal. We got it for the second year without hardly asking, didn't we Mary Sue?

Mary Sue Kane: Yes.

Mark: We asked if we are getting our same rate and they said yes. The other thing is Community Services. I reduced that by \$200. What we have been using the Community Services for is like the plaque that you saw when you came in today about the trustees, who the trustees are and have been since 1860 and then we also...

Greg: Which plaque is that?

Mark: Front entry area, right when you come in the door.

Greg: How did I miss that?

Jody: That is what I thought, how did I miss that all the times that I have been in here?

Mark: We also do a recognition of the kids that have been graduating from The Academy and we will continue to do that. That is just a form that we fill out and print out and give to them. It seems to make good use of a very little amount of money and they seem to appreciate it. The

budget for that area is \$47,400. That is down \$200 from the previous year. Any questions in that area?

Greg: Yes, Let's start at Professional Services. I know TOMS is part of that fee and I can go back and look thru the records but off the top of your head do you know about how much that runs us a year?

Mark: TOMS?

Greg: Yes.

Mark: I can tell you actually, one second here. Net Results is \$4,290.

Dave: That is almost half of it.

Mark: That is assuming that they will not have an increase.

Greg: That is generally the year annual cost?

Mark: That is the annual cost.

Greg: You have... basically attorney fees is maybe \$1100.

Mark: This year so far attorney fees have been \$665 for that portion of the budget and \$137.

Greg: So that total is...

Mark: \$800 and then the other area that we put in there under Professional Fees I don't know what it would have been.

Greg: Ok let's move down to Repairs and Services, \$5000 and \$3071. I know you have this separated. You have Care of Township Properties, you have Care of Cemeteries and Repairs and Maintenance. What is included in Repairs and Maintenance?

Mark: Repairs and Maintenance is basically the same areas and we can spend out of either one. But Repairs and Maintenance I believe would be pretty close to being what Bond did with the plumbing.

Greg: So that is where you inserted that with Bond Plumbing?

Mark: Right.

Greg: Care of Township Property is the mowing, snow blowing...

Mark: Mainly anything outside of the building. Like we had to have the tree removed in the back and we planted two trees and things like that, exterior things but it can also include interior stuff if we need it.

Greg: I know we are talking about air conditioning units and things like that which you have discussed with us on previous meetings and things. That would fall under which category, Repairs and Maintenance or Care of Township Property?

Mark: Well if we had one air conditioner unit it probably would come under Repair and Maintenance. Then we would have to drop down and start taking extra money from Care of Township Property.

Greg: This whole category you can change?

Mark: I can move it around, if I do that normally I make you guys aware of it and we would put a resolution in to do it. I don't have to do that but we do that.

Greg: In Care of Cemeteries the \$3645. You stated that was for the Lyons bulldozer work, tree removal and grass cutting, correct?

Mark: Correct.

Greg: Has Lyons been done already?

Mark: Yes, the bulldozing \$595. You will see in there Linda Moore for \$595 when you look at your annual report and that \$595 for Linda Moore is bulldozing.

Greg: I know you keep me pretty much up-to-date because I come in here every month and ask you questions but I just want to make sure we are on the right category and stuff. Other Community Services, you explained that part. So those are all the questions I have on that.

Mark: That is it for the Township Fund. So if you want to ask the public for questions you could.

Dr. Huber: Under Official Bonds, some of you are bonded? You don't have anything for Official Bonds.

Mark: I'm bonded thru my term, so there is no reason for any money under Official Bonds.

Dr. Huber: You're bonded thru what?

Mark: Thru my term. The bond that I have is thru the end of my term.

Dr. Huber: Oh, so you paid once and you don't pay again.

Mark: Any other questions from the public?

Dr. Huber: Does the office staff handle a lot of money?

Mark: No. Mary Sue balances our checking account and then I have the oversight of that. Mary Sue also cuts our checks after I approve a bill to be paid and then I will sign them and review them before they go out. But it is actually my responsibility and I have been known to write what 3 checks?

Dr. Huber: But if if she wrote a check and you did not catch it.

Mark: We have insurance for employee theft which is greater than the bond insurance.

Dr. Huber: Ok, I'm not saying she would.

Jody: And he is not giving you any ideas (laughter).

Greg: This is happening in Monroe County and other counties and it is a good question.

Mark: Well it happened down in Bartholomew County where you had a husband and a wife and son and daughter all involved in the township and there appears to be some question about where funds were spent.

Dr. Huber: No bonding of any kind?

Mark: No the trustee is bonded and I believe they had the clerk bonded but not enough money because the bond is only required on myself to be \$30,000. But the insurance that I'm covered under the same as the Board and our employees for theft is greater as long as we pay the insurance.

Jody: You're probably the only one who can sign the checks right?

Mark: I'm the only one who can sign the checks.

Dave: What happened to the designated...

Mark: He has no check writing authority.

Dave: Even in your absence?

Mark: Even in my absence. Our bills have to be paid within 45 days of being presented.

Dave: What if you are off for 46 days?

Mark: Then the Board can meet and if I'm incapacitated decide that they want to have someone have the check writing authority. That is all in part of Indiana Code. It talks about that.

Dave: Ok.

Mark: But John Ebert is available let's say I would go in the hospital and be under anesthesia and we would have to make a decision about whether or not do we want to do this bulldozing or whether this is a legitimate bill from the bulldozer. He could make that decision while I'm not in the township.

Dave: What is he?

Mark: He is the designated.

Dave: When did that happen? I did not even know it.

Mark: It happens every year. Every January I give a letter to...

Greg: It happens the first of every year.

Dave: I remember when Paul Reed was.

Mark: Paul Reed was and then John Ebert. Paul moved away from the township.

Dave: I never knew it was John or I forgot it if I did know.

Mark: So that is where that would come around.

Dave: Ok.

Mark: Any other questions on the Township Budget before we go to Township Welfare Administration? Ok – Welfare Administration. If you look at Welfare Administration nothing has changed. \$3000 for the investigator. \$14,000 for the caseworker. \$1400 for their civil liability which is social security. For \$18,400. Any questions on that portion? Under Records and Supplies, we have \$250 for record books and \$500 for postage. As you can see right now we have 8% left in postage and that is because we only buy it once a year. So we will not have to spend any money between now and the end of the year on postage. So it looks like we have spent a lot of money in this area but we are ok in that area is what I'm trying to say. So that \$750 has not changed. Legal Services, remember last year we moved some money in this area for legal services and as we have had questions about things that pertain directly to welfare assistance, I have asked those questions of Mr. Buschmann and Mr. Buschmann with the exception of one \$16 bill I think Mr. Buschmann represents the majority of that. I think we had a small bill from Steve Watson in that area also but most of that is Mr. Buschmann, most of it has to do with a burial that we had. He prepared a lien and a lien release and we have recovered our \$2350 and now we know how that works and probably the bill for doing something like that would be even less next time because he would just have to change names and legal descriptions. So that was interesting to know. We spent \$2350 if you look at the next area on a burial and we recovered the full \$2350 by putting a lien on the estate of the person. So nothing has changed in that area. Any questions from the Board? Any questions from the public? The next area is Direct Assistance. This is where we have the most difference in what we have from last year to this year. Last year we did not have any monies for Physicians, Dentists or anything like that. It was pointed out to us that in case of an emergency I would have to approve someone to see a local physician if St. Thomas was not open. I don't know if that has ever come up. So we are putting \$500 in it because we don't know what the cost would be so that is why that \$500 is there and it was not there previously. The Burials and Ambulances Services we have figured out what we approved last year as our standards after we approved the Budget was a burial if they were to bury a person separate of cremation could cost as much as \$4700 for one person. So that is why we have asked for \$5000, that would represent burial of one person during the year next year. That is about what we average. We bury about one person a year. This year we have had one cremation so it is not as expensive as a burial would be.

Dr. Huber: Who chooses whether it is burial or cremation?

Mark: The family. In absence of family I do.

Dr. Huber: But the family's choice is the final?



Mark: Family's choice is final by Indiana Law. If it were our choice we would probably cremate.

Dave: I wish you...

Mark: Wish I would what?

Dave: Argue for that.

Mark: I don't have a problem arguing for that but here is what I do do. I have actually caught some heat from you guys. The monitor in my office came from the fact that a person died and they said they did not have any assets and I went into Country Charm and I said wait a minute. There is a power chair, there is a lift chair and there is a 32-inch TV. Those are assets. We went thru the coroner and we claimed those assets and the township has been able to donate the lift chair. We still have the power chair and the TV is now the monitor that you will find in my office so we did not have to buy one. When the most recent person died this year, they said the personal representative came to us and said he did not have anything. I went out to the property and I met with the bank and I met with the personal representative and I looked around and, I'm going shoot, just in junk he has \$2350. We went ahead and did what we had to do based on the statements that they gave us and we put a lien on the property and we got our money back. So Dave I guess what I can say I do do is most people die with something. If they are asking us to take care of the final burial, then I think it is right for the township then to ask for what assets have value from that person who died.

Dave: I don't see nothing wrong with that.

Mark: That is just how we do it.

Dave: What I was alluding to ...

Mark: You want it to be all cremation.

Dave: I would like to see that become a law. I think some of the trustees would be a good place for it to come from.

Mark: If you can find a legislator to carry that I will go testify.

Dave: That is what I'm asking you to do.

Mark: I have talked to two legislators about it previously and you know what? They don't want to be bothered by dead people because of the publicity.

Jody: That is a can of worms.

Mark: There are people who feel like incinerating a body is incinerating their soul. I don't have that personal belief but there are people who do have.

Greg: It is on religious grounds.

Mark: So that is that section. Any questions on that section? Ok, then in the next section Food and Household Supplies we left at \$500 even though we have not spent anything in that area. Clothing and Shoes we left at \$500 even though we have not spent anything there. Guys if we get a tornado or if we get a flood or we get an explosion like they had at Richmond Hills or we get anything that comes along that we might have to step up and help the community for food, household supplies, clothes and shoes, that is a number that we have there to help us in that area. We had that with the flood in 2008. We had to come in and do quite a bit of stuff with meetings prior to the trustee being able to act because there wasn't money. This would give me a day or two to act before we had a chance to get the Board together to do a bigger part. The Shelter area we are not spending it and haven't in the last 2 years. So again this year I decreased the shelter to \$13,500. The same thing with the fuel that would be LP gas or oil. We are still not spending in that area so I have reduced that to \$1000. The Public Utilities, that

would be your electric bills, your gas bills, and stuff like that and we are not spending in that area so I have reduced it by \$2500. The School Books we are responsible to stand ready to buy books if someone comes and claims they can't. Then we have new categories Emergency Shelter. The workshop I went to I found out that I must budget hotel, I must be able to pay for a hotel if I need to. This is how that works, you're driving from Michigan to Mississippi on the way home from a vacation, you break down in WRT on 37 and you have no funds to put yourself up for the night and you go see the local trustee and as long as I can verify that you're driving back and you have no funds I have to put you up for the night.

Dave: Even if you have \$50,000 in the bank?

Mark: Does not make any difference, if he claims that he is indigent and he does not have the money to get home and I can't prove otherwise, I have to put him up for the night and his family. So we are just budgeting for it. I don't see myself doing that.

Jody: Can they stay at Dave's house so we can save money (laughter)?

Mark: Because one of the things that helps me out in that area is I can require he do everything else that he can do prior to seeing me and there are a lot of churches in this area that are very very helpful to people in need. So I could give him a list of churches that I would like for him to go around and see and come back if they are not able to help. I bet you I would not see him again. Transportation. We have the last few years we have had tokens that were left over. Tokens are costing us now \$8 a round trip to get somebody to and from for an appointment and also that is required by statute. I believe next year we may have to buy more tokens. We may be through our tokens this year. So I put \$200 in there for tokens. That is not too many trips if you divide 8 into 200. So I ask that you would consider that. Miscellaneous Health Care. This is an area that we have counted on St. Thomas Clinic for years and years. They are not open as much as they used to be and they are hard to get ahold of. The \$500 represents if the power goes out let's say over at Bluff Acres and you're on insulin and you lose your insulin and you need insulin for 2 or 3 days before you can get your insurance to get it for you. By law I'm required to provide that insulin if you come in and you qualify as an indigent person. So I have to budget that. Even with those additional categories we are down \$4300 in that area to \$24,700. We have no Capital Outlays. That brings our total Budget for Direct Assistance to \$30,200. If you add that to the \$19,900, that brings you a total of Welfare Budget of \$50,100. Any questions?

Greg: This is what we are here for is for Direct Assistance and if they qualify that we have funds in there available for them. So I have no problems at all for the Budget in this area.

Dr. Huber: Could you give us examples of fuel.

Mark: A fuel is like fuel oil, LP gas.

Dr. Huber: It is not Public Utilities then?

Mark: No. You can get LP gas or Fuel Oil from a different person every time. It is not a public utility. As a matter of fact you have to go out and find someone to bring it to you versus Vectren or Duke or REMC if you live in a neighborhood.

Jody: Instead of taking it all from one place for utilities, you break it out.

Mark: We don't have to break it out, previous trustees put it under Other. I like to break it out so you kind of know where the money is going. One thing gentlemen and ladies, what I gave you was what our Township Office Management System does. What you will see at your next meeting will not be that. Dave, this is Form 1. That represents these 3 pages. When we bring

this for you for adoption you will not have this. I will bring a copy of this but this will be what you will be adopting Form 1, not the Township Management System. This is a good tool because this shows you a comparison and where you are at and where you have been. This is only going to show you where you are going. So when we come back you will see that. The next sheet you see in your packet is Form 2. Form 2 is just Miscellaneous Revenues. You can see this year we have Miscellaneous Revenues around \$7800 and next year they believe we will have \$10,000 for Miscellaneous Revenues. So you can see where those are coming from.

Dave: Who believes that?

Mark: The State, the DLGF, not me, I don't have anything to do with Form 2. There are some zeroes in here. The zeroes are for Financial Institution Tax. We will get money there. We will get some of the Replacement Credit. We will get some CVET money. So this is a conservative estimate. The \$10,000 is what they pretty well know we will get from CAGIT and those other funds will add to that so I would say most likely we are going to be looking around \$12,000 next year but that is just what they use.

Jody: Because we have no tax rate, the CAGIT Fund continues to decrease, I mean they are increasing but we used to get a lot more CAGIT money because it was based on your tax rate and because we have no tax rate it is falling but next year it is going to go up just because it is a share of the revenue. So by having a zero tax rate we let money that is coming from this township be shared with other people.

Greg: Correct.

Jody: If we pay our county adjusted gross income tax and because the township does not have a rate that fund that the residents of this township pay goes to other townships in other communities because we don't have a tax rate. So eventually...

Dr. Huber: So you're opting for a tax rate?

Jody: So I'm just asking for clarification. Eventually when we run out of fund for that, then we will have to restore the tax rate.

Dave: We will have to do it prior to running out of money.

Jody: No.

Mark: No I clarified that with DLGF again this year. We will not have to do it prior. We will need to do it the year that we are going to need it.

Dave: Ok.

Mark: What we will have to make sure is that we have enough funds in the bank to cover that first six months until we got that draw. That is not the way they pay it now. They pay it monthly ahead of time so probably we would not even have to have that. But this year there is no question, next year is a toss-up whether we will need to do it but the following year we will definitely re-establish a tax rate.

Dave: Well that will be our 4<sup>th</sup> year.

Mark: This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year, that will be the 6<sup>th</sup> year.

Greg: You are correct in asking that, we have discussed that before, it is a Catch-22, do we reinstitute a tax rate just to get more CAGIT money?

Mark: I think we all kind of agree on this. We had and we still have as I'm looking at this, as of today we have \$525,000 in the bank. That is today. If you look at \$166,000 let's say as your budget, \$165,000 is your budget, that is 3 more years and you still are going to have \$20,000 left and that does not count any revenues that you got coming in. So why would a sane man

go to Dr. Huber and his poor wife which can hardly buy a Big Mac anymore and they have to eat double cheese burgers and ask them to give up their ice tea that they get with their meal. Poor Mr. Huber he will never live that down.

Dr. Huber: What can that miscellaneous tax money be used for? How can it be used?

Mark: It is dedicated either to the Township Fund or to the Township Assistance. Then it can only be used for appropriated monies It can only be used in area where monies has been appropriated.

Dr. Huber: Where have you been putting it?

Mark: Depending on the year we have either been putting it in Township Funds or we have been putting it in Township Assistance. The first year I was in office because of the way the previous Trustee had it set up we just about ran out of money in Township Assistance. The first year I had the chance to do it I moved it all into Assistance because we had more than money in Township Funds. This year it has been mainly that way too with the exception of a couple of the funds we have put in Township Funds. We are getting a good idea where we are going to be in two years. We are trying to balance it out so in two years we don't have to have a tax rate for Assistance and none for Township Funds or have a tax rate for Funds and none for Township Assistance. We are trying to balance it out so when we come back for a tax rate we will have a tax rate for both sides of the budget.

Dr. Huber: Some of these items in 2013 budget you are not going to spend.

Mark: You mean this year?

Dr. Huber: So what is left over, where does that go?

Mark: I will come to the Board probably in, I will be coming to the Board this year at our adoption hearing or maybe at the end of the year and ask that they consider funding the Rainy Day Fund.

Dave: That is what we did before.

Mark: We can put up to 10% of our previous year budget if we have the funds into the Rainy Day Fund. I think we are trying to build the Rainy Day Fund so we feel we are financially responsible in that area. We are pretty close to that now. After that it is just monies we invest that sits in some kind of investment because it is not appropriated. It can only be used as if we have additional appropriation or if we don't have additional appropriation when they come and look at our next year budget they consider those funds against the amount of money we are asking for and they would reduce those funds from the amount we have. In other words this year when they look at what we are budgeting because of the amount of money we have in the bank they came up and showed like 100 and some thousand dollars of no need. In other words we have a lot more money that what we need for certain areas. That is where that comes in. They cannot consider Rainy Day Funds.

Greg: As part of our budget.

Mark: Right. It is just if we have enough money for our budget or not. They cannot consider for us or against.

Dr. Huber: About how much is in the Rainy Day Fund?

Mark: \$110,321.78.

Dr. Huber: What is your goal?

Mark: Our budget is \$164,000 this year I think if it gets to \$150,000 we need to stop. I don't think you need a whole year for Rainy Day. We are getting close now. It is a discussion I think



now. Do we even need to add more to it? Because those monies they are there but cannot be spent without Board action and without approval from the Department of Local Government Finance.

Dave: It is a pretty safe place to have it.

Mark: Safe place to have it good place to have an investment.

Dr. Huber: If we really had a big storm or something come through some year you are going to be glad that you have that Rainy Day Fund.

Greg: It helps us not go through the long process of the appropriation process where Mark would have to go through. We have already decided what that Rainy Day Fund could be used for.

Mark: Next thing in your packet just so we can keep moving is the notice to taxpayers that is just a form that you get. The next item in your packet should be Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rate. That is what your resolution will look like we will have to use their form so I will need a number from you Greg as to what number this Resolution will be. So just let me know that before the next meeting.

Greg: I will have to look in my book.

Mark: The next two pages actually are recap of budget reports. The first one shows you the \$114,280. the other one shows you the \$50,100. It shows they have been adopted at those rates and that would be what you would be looking at if you approved them as we presented. The next items that you have in there are the Estimated Financial Statement-Proposed Tax Rate and that is where you will see the \$133,000. the \$49,000 I talked about, we have more money than we need. This was actually prepared at a budget workshop I went to and the Department of Local Government prepared that for us. That is part of the budget process that is why I shared it with you. Other than that the only thing I would have tonight from the Public Hearing Side is that we are financially fit we have done a good job managing our money and I appreciate the cooperation of the Board in doing so.

Greg: Anything else from the public? I will close the Public Hearing. I will move on to any other business that comes to the Board. Mark, do you have anything?

Mark: The only other thing is gentlemen like I always have I have given you a copy of where we are year to date. So that is for your use and any questions you have in that area please call me or Mary Sue or Mary Lou. Mary Sue and I would probably know where those funds were put if you want to know exactly what they were coded to. As you can see from the report that Mary Lou put together for us where we have gone from March to now we are not seeing very many people we are having a lot of cancellations and I don't know that that is a bad thing. I had lunch with one Trustee tried to have lunch with two other Trustees but could only get one. We talked about was, are you experiencing the same thing I am? Bascially the answer was yes. We had already talked to the Franklin Trustee they are experiencing the same thing. What I think we are doing a better job is some of these meetings we are going to I think all of our offices are doing is if you call in for an appointment Mary Lou, or Mary Sue is talking to you on the phone and before they hang up for the appointment what they are saying to you is here is a list of people you may want to call before you come see us. You may want to call St. Vincent-de-Paul you may want to call Windrose, you may want to call Salvation Army, you may want to call Care Pantry, you may want to go see the people over at Living Bread or In His Name, you may want to call Legal Services if you are not getting your child support. You may want to call the

Prosecutors office. So I think what we are seeing and actually hearing people call back and say "I got help from Salvation Army I won't be coming in for my appointment.

Dave: They have actually called and told you that?

Mark: We have had people do that, probably more likely they are just not going to show. The other side of the equation is too because I think because we are out there in the public eye because of our web-site they also see our page 34 which is telling them what our income guidelines are and the amount of money we would be able to help them with if they were to come in and see us. Unfortunately, I think some people if that is all I am going to get I am not going to go in. I question that logic because if we pay least amount of money for an apartment it would be somewhere between \$400 and \$500, if we paid your utility bill of \$100 that would be \$500 you are going to spend two hours with us for that \$500 you are going to spend maybe an hour and a half preparing for that meeting. That is pretty good pay, even if you only got utilities that is pretty good pay. So I don't buy the idea that we make them do a lot of things to get very little. I think if you would look at in on a per hour bases if we call for assistance it is probably one of the best jobs you will ever have. That is my soap box for tonight.

Greg: Anything else from the Board? Greg wanted to make note that an applicant had sent him an e-mail. Greg read his e-mail to her, the applicants e-mail, and the Trustees e-mail. Greg stated he offered her the chance to come to public meeting.

Dr. Huber: Probably fortunate that you don't get lots of those.

Jody Veldkamp: If that's the only one.

Greg: That is his role and that is his determination and if somebody was turned down I don't know but it was sent to us and I offered her a chance to come to a public meeting.

Mark: There are two sides to being open to the public one is that you get a lot of information out there in doing so you are also opening yourself up to opportunities for people to abuse you.

Greg: Right.

Mark: With no recourse. That is pretty much where we are at on this one. We really can't defend ourselves like we would like to without breaking Indiana Code of Law. Now what I would have like to have seen her do, I would like to have seen her appeal my decision. If she would have appealed my decision we would have gone and everything would have been public record. So she was wise not to.

Dave: With the Commissioners right?

Mark: With the Commissioners or a court it can go on beyond the Commissioners. The first step is the Commissioners second step is the Superior Court or Circuit Court.

Greg: This could happen with all applicants. That is his role that is his confidentiality but if somebody wants they can always come to a public meeting as long as you are civil we will listen to you. With that being said any other thing Mark?

Mark: You need to note your next meeting your adoption meeting.

Greg: September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. Do I have a motion for adjournment?

Dave made the motion Greg second. All, Ayes. Meeting adjourned.