

WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Greg Rainbolt. First order of business was the Pledge of the Allegiance.

Greg: We have in attendance Dave Pollard, Peggy Young, Mark Messick, Greg Rainbolt, Mary Sue Kane and Mary Lou Habicht. No public is present. We will not be approving any minutes at this meeting so our next order of business is the White River Township Resolution 2012-10 the 2013 budget adoption. Mark I will give the floor to you.

Mark: Actually I have the ordinance here with the resolution but I am not going to pass it out yet because we need to go thru the estimate because if there are any changes in addition to what I have made already because I have made a couple. If there are any others then I have to go print this off again.

Greg: Ok.

Mark: Because we have to sign the actual one. So if we make any changes other than what I have on here it will be just a few minutes I can print it off and get a new one. So that is why I am not passing it out. It is pretty simple. It is the state form.

Greg: Like we signed last year.

Mark: If you want me to I will read.

Greg: That would be fine.

(Mark read the resolution - see the attached resolution 2012-10)

Mark: That's what it is but now if you would like to go over the budget estimate, we will start with Personal Services on the first page that should be in front of you. The Trustee's salary is not changing, the Clerk's salary is not changing, the Pay of the Board is not changing, where we had originally estimated \$3,000 for a Part-Time Employee because we have reduced the amount of times she is in the building we reduced that to \$2,000 that makes that total \$60,280 if you look on the right hand column that is where I am going down. Likewise when we come down to employee benefits the Social Security we reduced that by a like amount so that is \$64,940. If you want to set this next to the one that we are talking about that will show you the rate if we have increased or decreased anything. It will show you we have 0 differences from last year as far as the amount that was budgeted and we are asking for approval. The next item is Supplies: Custodial Supplies of \$500 and Operating Supplies of \$1,500 and then Repair and Maintenance of \$500. Last year we had supplies of \$1000 and we reduced that to \$500 and other than that we took the amount of money out of last years that was for record books out and so for this part of the budget we have \$2500 versus \$3250 last year for a decrease of \$750. The next item we have to look at is Professional Services that shows \$7,500 and then you come down from that we have Telephone of \$3,500. Then we have Printing and Advertising which

we had talked about it being \$1,250 but I have reduced that to \$1,000. I have negotiated the last two times with the Challenger and got them to reduce their bill. So I think we can hold to the \$1,000 area, it looked like we weren't going to be able to I believe we will be able to.

Peggy: What are you going to do about the record books?

Mark: We have them we bought enough, we bought in conjunction with Pleasant Township and because of the size of our order we believe we were able to order enough at least for this year and maybe even into next year.

Peggy: Ok.

Mark: So that is why we don't need anything for that Record book. We just bought checks last year also. So we shouldn't need checks or TA1s, hopefully we don't. Insurance is \$4,750 that is an increase of \$500 from the previous year. Utilities \$11,500 the same as the previous year, Repairs and Maintenance we left that at \$5,000 the same as the previous year. Care of Cemeteries \$7,500. Community Service when we published our deal we were somewhere the State got off by \$50 from what we had given her and so I reduced the Community Services in both lines to \$700 because we had to match the publish with what we are asking for. That is just for the weed control. So far this year we have extended no money for weed control. We have been able to get everybody to do it by talking to them and being diligent to that.

Dave: Have you had many complaints about that?

Mark: Early in the year we did when the grass first grew and then when we had the drought it went away. I got a call today about a complaint in Wind Song. There is also a property on the corner of Leisure Lane and Fairview that they complained about this spring and I believe I will get a complaint about it this fall because it is starting to grow up again.

Dave: Why I ask the question I was just at the County Commissioner's meeting and weed programs was brought up down there and I asked the question of them, why are you guys fooling with weeds I thought that was the Trustee's job? Why are both government entities doing the same job? That is silly.

Mark: Because it is part of our job to do but it is also part of their county ordinance so it is written in the law twice so as long as they have it in their ordinance they have to take care of it too. Actually what we found out last year was that actually if I take it to them they have to mow it I don't have to hire it to be mowed. So our \$700 is just going to cover our going after them or reporting to the Auditor or reporting to the tax collection agency if we need to go out and collect the money, \$700 wouldn't mow all the properties.

Dave: Then I was not misled I misunderstood I thought the county segregated to the Trustees?

Mark: I don't believe they ever have. Actually this last year on a property on Olive Branch Road over by the fire station I called them and they went and took care of it. I took care of a property last year, not this year, the previous year I took care of a property over off two properties off of Fairview that is the only two I had mowed last year. This year I haven't had to touch any property. They have been taken care of with the exception of one by the owners.

Dave: Great.

Mark: One was taken care of by the County. But I didn't have to send a letter to the people. Then we come down to Care of Township Property where we had \$6,000 in there I reduced that to \$5,000. The store front I think we are going to get done this year from monies I am going to be able to find in the budget. So I don't need that store front I didn't need to increase that \$6,000 so I reduced that to \$5,000 and that brings everything in that part of the budget to the total budget for the Township \$115,040 and that compares to last years of \$123,580 so that we reduced from last year's budget \$8,540. Next item that we have is the area of Township Assistance. Any questions on the Township portion first?

Greg: I am going to let you read thru this then I am going to open for discussion.

Mark: The Investigator we have at \$3,000 the same as last year, Part Time Assistance \$14,000 so we haven't changed anything in that area so that whole area is \$18,400. We kept the Record Books in that portion and that is also where we have our Printing and our Postage and that is \$750. The Record Books I think needs to be in there only because we are seeing the State change some forms and if they are going to change anything that I think we are going to have to buy it will probably be in the Assistance area. Whether we use that or not I wouldn't answer that and I am hoping we don't have to use that money but I need to leave it in the budget. Legal Services \$750, Burials are still at \$2,500, Clothes at \$500, Food and Household Supplies \$500, Fuel \$2,500 that is like the gas. Public Utility that is your electric \$10,000, School Books \$500, Shelter \$1,500 for a total budget.

Peggy: \$15,000.

Mark: \$15,000 I am sorry, thank you, Shelter \$15,000 that is the rent and mortgage help assistance for a total \$51,400. That makes your total budget \$166,440. We advertised in the paper \$168,930 so we have come off of what we advertised by over \$4,000. So the public should be happy that not only are we at the lowest that we have had in over a decade as far as budget we are also lower than what we advertised.

Greg: With that explanation from the Trustee do I hear a motion for White River Township Resolution 2012-10 do I hear a motion?

Peggy: Motion.

Greg: Motion from Peggy and a second from Dave Pollard. Motion being made do I hear any discussion on the budget items? I just want to make note that we have had budget workshops and these numbers are from the budget workshops.

Peggy: I think it is great that we decreased where we can decrease.

Greg: Right.

Peggy: And save money.

Greg: I do to. I think it is a good budget from what I can see from the workshop and so do we have any comments, any discussion on this Dave?

Dave: No, I am pretty happy with it really. I think you have done a good job. I think Mark has done a good job too.

Greg: So hearing no further discussion I would like to call for a vote. All those in approval of WRT Resolution 2012-10 the 2013 budget indicate by say aye. We have 3 ayes. The 2013 budget is approved, WRT Resolution 2012-10.

Mark: I need a copy for records, you need a copy, I need a copy for the State, and I need a copy for the Auditor's office. So I am going to pass around and I need all five of these signed and you need to mark Aye on them so your names are on there. I am going to pass this out now because this is what I will submit with that and I will just give it to you. This is basically the forms that it talks about in the resolution and these will be the forms we will review these to make sure they are totally accurate we took them right off of the website for the State so I believe they are. I will look at them one more time before submitting them. The numbers the dollar number can't change. The working numbers might but the actual appropriations can't change. The 166 number can't change. If you want to keep the meeting moving I can talk about the Salary Resolution if you want me to do that?

Greg: Yes, We will sign this and I will open up the next portion of the meeting White River Township Resolution 2012-11 Salary Resolution. Mark can read that if you like or explain it and then we will open up for discussion.

Mark: This is the identical Salary Resolution that you approved back in April the only difference is it is for 2013. It is identical even though we reduced the amount of money that we are going to have available for the Investigator and we reduced the amount of money that we have available for the Part-Time Clerk is because they are paid on an hourly basis and so we can pay them on an hourly basis and we can never exceed the totals. Other than that do you want me to read it or just pass it out to you? I will read what it says.

(See attached Resolution 2012-11 which Mark read.)

Greg: Do I hear a motion to discuss and approve or disapprove White River Township Resolution 2012-11?

Dave: I make a motion.

Peggy: I'll second.

Greg: Hearing a motion from Dave Pollard and a second from Peggy Young I will open up the Salary Resolution 2012-11 for discussion.

Peggy: I don't have my paper work it is in the garage and it was supposed to get in my vehicle. Is that the same as last year?

Greg: Yes.

Peggy: Ok.

Greg: Identical.

Mark: As a matter of fact I forgot to change the date on this one.

Peggy: Ok.

Mark: So I am hand changing the date.

Greg: Do I hear any discussion on this Salary Resolution? Hearing no discussion I will ask for a vote for approval of White River Township Resolution 2012-11 which is the Salary Resolution. All those in favor indicate by saying aye. (All board members said Aye.) With three ayes White River Township Resolution 2012-11 Salary Resolution is passed.

Mark: Next item is anything to be brought before the Board, is that still me?

Greg: Yes. We will sign these and then our next order of business is any other business that may become before the Board do you have anything Mark?

Mark: An example of what we were able to do with Challenger this is their original proof that they published our legal ad and this is the Daily Journal's original proof that they published our ad. It also tells us what they charged us. Originally they were trying to charge us almost \$120, whereas the Daily Journal only charged us \$60. I called Doug Chambers up and we had a discussion again and he brought it down to \$80 and that is still higher but he has different column widths and I can't argue with him about the column widths because you can see the difference in the column widths.

Greg: Yes.

Mark: So the State allows him to charge by his column width which is greater than the Daily Journal's. That is why I can't get it down to the \$60, but I am able to get it down to the \$80. That is what it saves us here for this ad but where it is really going to save us is when we do the yearend report. Other than that I meet with the County on next Thursday and you are welcome to go if you want that is the nonbinding resolution in which they, I have already had feedback from them that they are happy that we are one of the very few if not the only one of the nonbinding ones that is coming in with a budget that is less and they are happy again we don't have a tax rate.

Peggy: Why so they can get all of our CAGIT money?

Mark: They are able to get monies let's put it that way.

(Dr. Huber comes in to the meeting.)

Greg: Do we have anything else from any of the Board members or anyone else?

Mark: I have one other thing that I would like to talk to the Board about. That is we still only have two headstones and the guy from Connersville really doesn't want to come over unless he has three or four. So I am asking the Board to be lenient and let us not repair those until we have three or found headstones to be repaired.

Dave: I think it is the smart thing to do.

Mark: If I get a complaint from the...

Dave: I was going to say as long as the public doesn't complain.

Mark: If I get a complaint from somebody in the public I will probably have to act on it right away. I have one headstone...

Dave: You can tell them why you are doing it can't you?

Mark: I can. I have one headstone in Lyons I don't know how they are going to repair it it is in like five different pieces. I have a headstone that is knocked over in Tresslar which is not broken it just needs to be set back up and if push comes to shove I may be able to do that one. It needs I think they just use some kind of epoxy glue. I am going to talk to the guy before I set it up myself. Then I have one over in Lowell Cemetery.

Greg: Dave did you have something or Peggy?

Dave: Yes, I talked not at the meeting Mark but you and I had a discussion at one point and time about the people who use this place. I wasn't aware of all of that which I told you at that time.

Mark: Right.

Dave: You mentioned the Boy Scouts used it?

Mark: No, not the Boy Scouts.

Dave: Who did you tell me?

Mark: The ones that have used it are Home Owners Associations, Center Grove Little League, people that want to have I have had open houses for graduates from school, baby shower. Other than that what else have we had?

Mary Sue: I think that is it.

Mark: That is another thing thank you for bring it up. This is going to be a voting center.

Dave: Yes, you told me that.

Mark: This room will they have been offered this room and this area back here.

Dave: Either or both?

Mark: Both they can have the whole thing.

Greg: I have a question on that. Will that raise any conflict with when our terms are up and the new officers are installed into the building?

Mark: As far as?

Greg: As far as the signage and things like that.

Mark: We are not going to have any signage.

Greg: I guess the election board would take care of that problem.

Mark: The election board and I haven't seen it yet. I will call you and tell you we got it. The election board will be providing us with a lease of such. It doesn't have any money involved in it. Basically naming the County as the one responsible for any liabilities, it has all that language that protects us.

Dave: Well they do that with everybody right?

Mark: Right. It will be the same one they provide to everybody else. I have spoken to the Superintendent's Office because one of their questions was whether or not we would have enough parking. The Superintendent's Office told us that the parking east of us here there are 100 spaces for the old Maple Grove multipurpose room. I have asked for permission that on

election during election time that if they need it they could use that parking area. We were granted that by the Superintendent's office.

Dave: Now is the election board aware of that?

Mark: Yes.

Dave: They will have to provide the same liability over there as they do here.

Mark: You know that is their doings.

Dave: Right but you made arrangements for them to use it, right?

Mark: Right. I will make sure that Susie knows that.

Dave: Good.

Mark: We told that to the election board lady. What was her name again?

Mary Sue: I don't remember.

Dr. Huber: Susie Messick?

Mark: No.

Dave: She is the clerk.

Mark: No the gal that is the Democrat on the election board. She lives over here in Deerwood. I can't think of her name. Anyway that is who our contact was and we will make sure she understands that that needs to be extended.

Peggy: How much was the total cost out in the parking lot?

Mark: In the parking lot.

Peggy: The paving and the construction on the cement.

Mark: Everything was \$3,975. We had a bid from Otto striping and just to do the concrete work their bid was right around that amount. So we got the concrete work done, the striping and the coating all done for \$3,975.

Peggy: Excellent.

Mark: We were happy with that.

Dave: I am not done with the use of the room yet.

Peggy: Ok, sorry.

Dave: No, that is no problem. What hours are the rooms available?

Mark: They are available at any time. What we do is we come over and unlock the building and show them how to lock the building back. Our office is always secured and the area back here will be secured after we get a store front.

Dave: I was approached by a person who approached you.

Mark: They wanted this to be the Headquarters for the Democratic Party.

Peggy: That was me. I shared that with you.

Mark: I got approached by Mr. Kramer.

Peggy: Ok, Bob had asked me too and I don't think I had gotten back with him.

Dave: In fact I said you but I don't believe it was you if I remember right I think she said it was one of the girls.

Mark: Who was it?

Dave: Ann (changed the tape) \_\_\_\_\_ 5:00?

Mark: No.

Dave: 6:00.

Mark: No.

Dave: That is what I mean.

Mark: They can go to midnight I don't care.

Dave: Well she left me the impression that she was told she could not be here until after closing hours. I said I don't think that's right.

Mark: If the ladies talked to her what they would have told her is that she can come and pick up a key between 9:00 and 4:00.

Dave: Ok.

Mark: 9:00 and 4:00 to pick up a key otherwise the building would be locked. If they want I will come over or one of the three of us will come over and unlock it for them they don't even have to pick up a key.

Dave: Can you lock it back without a key?

Mark: You can lock it back without a key yes.

Dave: I will explain it to her.

Mark: I didn't talk to her personally.

Dave: I don't know who she talked to.

Mark: She can definitely have the room here anytime she wants.

Dave: I told her she could. I know there is a misunderstanding somewhere. I know it is open.

Mark: The other side of that Citizens for Center Grove they have used our building.

Dave: I know that.

Mark: As a matter of fact they had the IU students in here for a week or so. So that is open to anybody who wants to use it. There is no restriction on that.

Dave: There are five copies of each of those that he wants.

Greg: Anything else from anybody? Anything from the public?

Mark: There are only four of these unless I missed I need one more. Forget it it is just like a good dollar bill stuck to the other one.

Greg: If there is no other business do I hear a motion for adjournment?

Peggy: Motion for adjournment.

Dave: And I second.

Greg: Peggy has a motion for adjournment Dave has a second.

Mark: Can we have a discussion before the adjournment first?

Dave: Sure.

Mark: When do you want to meet again? The only reason we need to meet again would be the Rainy Day Fund. A reason we didn't have a resolution tonight for the Rainy Day Fund was



because there is a question about whether or not we can do the full amount since we wouldn't had that much money left over last year.

Greg: Right.

Mark: We have funds that we can do the full amount with. So as soon as I get that question answered then I will know the amount that we can do a Rainy Day Fund resolution for.

Peggy: To put money in?

Mark: Into the Rainy Day Fund. I would suggest let's do it late in the year.

Greg: That is what I would suggest to incase something else came up that we would have to move on.

Mark: We could do that anytime this year.

Dave: We did or did not agree, I think we did agree that we were going to attempt to put as much in there as possible.

Mark: Right, that is what we want to know if we can do the full amount.

Dave: Good.

Mark: If we can do the full amount I will make the resolution for the full amount if not I will make it up to what it can be.

Peggy: Could we say, I know there was a question with is that money for assistance or is it, can we put it for assistance?

Mark: The Rainy Day Fund has a resolution establishing this and so the Rainy Day...

Peggy: So it is all unencumbered funds so any unencumbered funds could be used for Assistance if needed.

Mark: Right. So it would be how, the only way we can spend the Rainy Day Funds just to clarify it one more time for us all is for by appropriation. So the money that is there is \$90,000 now let's say it was \$100,000 the only way we can spend a penny of it is to have a meeting, invite the public, have a public hearing and then have a meeting in which we appropriate the funds.

Dave: But there are no restrictions on what it can be used for.

Mark: There are no restrictions, the way we wrote the Rainy Day Fund resolution establishing it, it could be used for the good of the Township.

Peggy: Ok.

Greg: That is what we did last year.

Dave: Assistance would be good for the Township.

Mark: So it is up to you guys to decide how to use it.

Greg: With our motions on hold is there anything else before we move on?

Peggy: Adjournment.

Mark: I don't have anything else.

Greg: All those in favor of adjournment say Aye.

Peggy & Dave: Aye.

Greg: All three ayes the meeting is adjourned.