

TRUSTEE'S NOTES  
WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 4, 2011

ATTENDEES: Mark Messick, Greg Rainbolt, Peggy Young, Dave Pollard

Mary Sue Kane, Dann Veldkamp, Dr. Dick Huber, Annette Rainbolt, Jody Veldkamp, Jim Higgins

Greg Rainbolt welcomed everyone to the board meeting and began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Peggy Young.

Greg: The next order of business is the approval of the August 30, 2011 WRT Board Meeting Minutes. Do I hear a motion to approve the August 30, 2011 meeting minutes?

Peggy: I have not read over it yet.

Dave: Take your time.

Peggy: I make a motion.

Greg: Do I have a second?

Dave: I second.

Greg: Hearing a first and second, is there any discussion on the meeting minutes of August 30, 2011?

Dave: Yes there is one comment here on page 3 of 5, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph (see the board meeting minutes)

Greg: This is apparently from the transcripts of the transcribed minutes.

Dave: Ok. I understand it now. I was confused when I got it.

Peggy: Did we find out how much it did cost from Mr. Watson, you said you thought it was around \$300. Did we find out the total cost for that lease?

Greg: This is in direct relationship to the minutes, you can ask that question another time if you would like.

Peggy: Alright.

Greg: We are just discussing the minutes and not what is contained in it, whether they are correct, if you see something that needs to be corrected.

Dave: I thought that did but I got it now.

Peggy: Do you have any questions?

Dave: No, go ahead.

Greg: Peggy?

Peggy: No.

Greg: Any further discussion on this? Hearing none I will ask for a vote. All those in favor of approving August 30, 2011 WRT Board Meeting Minutes say Aye (all board members said Aye) three Ayes. Motion carries to approve the WRT August 30, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes.

Mark: If you will sign the copies and give those to Mary Sue we will get them recorded in the township record book.

Greg: Before we begin our public hearing which is the next order of business, Mr. Messick, the township trustee, would like to speak on the budget and then I will open up the meeting for public comments on this budget.

Mark Messick: I presented this to the board informally during workshops and we also had to present this to the county council for a nonbinding resolution by them and we have done that. These are the numbers that we have been working with since the early part of August. So I would like to go thru and just talk about them again to bring everybody back to speed on it and if there is any discussion that the public or the board would like to have I would like to open that up for that. If you look at page 1 of the Township Fund 0101. The salary for the trustee has not changed \$37,080. Item B Salary for Clerical Help has been added at \$18,000. If you take the clerical clerk at \$18,000 in the Township Fund and add that to the \$17,000 in the Assistance Fund that is \$35,000. If you look at history back in 2010, 2009 and 2008, \$35,000 was what was in those budgets for clerical help for the township. In the 2011 budget there was zero dollars. So we are trying to restore the clerks back into it and I feel like it is best represented to move one of the clerks position to the township side and leave one on the assistance side. I understand that these dollars are a lot more than what we pay our clerks and so that needs to be explained. The reason I have left it at \$35,000 is I want to go from having the office open 28 hours a week, I would like to have the office open 40 hours a week.

Dave: How many?

Mark: Forty. We would go from 9-4 to an 8-4 and from 4 days a week to 5 days a week. That makes that a pretty tight number.

Dave: That is 35 hours.

Mark: No if you go 8-4 that is 8 hours Dave.

Dave: Ok.

Mark: Times 5 is 40 hours.

Dave: Ok. When do you go to lunch?

Mark: They don't go to lunch.

Dave: When did you go to lunch?

Mark: I go to lunch whenever I want.

Greg: His salary is...

Mark: I can go whenever I care. The office hours are what we are talking about. We are talking about the pay for the clerks.

Dave: Ok.

Mark: That is to let the board and the public know why that is \$35,000. I just think it is important to our community that this office be open 40 hours a week.

Peggy: Have there been issues?

Mark: We have had issues this week and we have had issues the previous weeks where we have had to have people stay over at 5:00 at night because we are not open at 8 o'clock in the morning or had people this morning...

Peggy: Can you be here at 8?

Mark: This morning one of the clerks had to come in no Thursday morning one of the clerks has to come in at 8:15 which is outside our normal hours but they were willing to do that but a lot of people find our hours are from 9-4 and they give up. There is no reason to even try.

Peggy: That is their choice. But my question is can you be here?

Mark: If I want to be. The question here is do we want the clerks here? It is not a question of whether I can be here.

Peggy: No what I'm saying is I don't think we need to, my thinking is why would we need to add time with the clerks if you can be here and do the same job responsibilities. If it has worked in the past.

Mark: I don't think the trustees have come in at 8:00 before to meet with clients.

Peggy: That is not what I'm saying. I'm saying with the time from 9-4 Monday-Thursday seems to work.

Mark: Well Peggy I guess if we want to do that I don't have a problem with that but then I think we probably need to visit the salary of the trustee. Because the salary of the trustee is also based on a part-time position of 28 hours. I'm not asking for an increase to have my responsibilities to supervise somebody 40 hours but I'm also saying that you are going to require that I be here from 8-4...

Peggy: I'm not requiring, you're wanting to change the hours.

Mark: But I'm going to supervise them at that time without asking any additional from the township. I'm just trying to explain where the numbers are coming from. You will have that opportunity...

Peggy: Correct.

Mark: So what is your thinking?

Peggy: My thinking is I think 9-4 is fine. I want to see some evidence as to how it is not working. I would like to see the evidence compared to the applications, how they are so different from years past to this year. Do we have more this year than we did last year? I want to see the data to prove to justify being open an additional day and those additional hours.

Mark: I guess the data, I don't know how we would come up with that data other than say here are the number of people who canceled their appointments and here are the number of people who were no shows because our hours were not convenient to go along with their part-time work or what job they have as it may be a clerk in a gas station at minimum wage and they can't make it, they are not even making federal minimum wage but they can't afford to miss that one hour to come in here in order to get help. Other townships are open 40 hours a week.

Peggy: We don't have to be like other townships.

Mark: I know that. I don't have a problem.

Peggy: I just want to make that perfectly clear.

Mark: I would like to see us be open 40 hours a week.

Greg: I don't know whether you are getting at this but could you take some of the clerks duties and perform them yourself to save taxpayers money?

Mark: I do now. I do now. I do that quite a bit.

Peggy: Do you have to be in here the same hours that the clerks are here?

Mark: No.

Peggy: Are you?

Mark: No. I'm not in here the same hours. Some days I am here longer than they are and some days I'm here less time than they are. There are many days that I go home 8 or 9 o'clock at night. Some of the people in the audience here can verify that I'm here until 8 or 9 o'clock at night sometimes, a great number of times. I'm here on Fridays.

Dave: I can also verify that there have many many times that I have come down to say that you are not here.

Mark: I know, that is true too Dave. I'm just saying it is both ways. I may come in at 10:00 and stay until 9:00. That is way more hours than they do.

Greg: I know by statute you're only required to work so many hours.

Mark: I can say this, I don't think our clerks since I have been trustee have had to close a single case on their own. I think I have reviewed everyone. I have done the closing of it, I'm written the reason why they were denied or the reason that they were approved, if we made an exception to things but I don't know if that has always been the case.

Dave: Well I would hope so.

Mark: Well I'm just telling you I don't know that it has always been the case. I have been around for 10 years and I can pretty well say that it has not always been the case. Here is what I'm asking for is a clerk and I guess I would just like to get an idea of what you are thinking because that effects pretty much some of the other things in the budget. Being open 40 hours a week versus 28 hours a week makes a difference.

Dave: You want to know what I think about it?

Mark: Sure.

Dave: No.

Mark: Then what are you proposing?

Dave: It stays as it is.

Mark: Which is?

Dave: \$14,000. But now that is only me.

Mark: So \$14,000 and then \$14,000 for the other side, \$28,000 total?

Dave: That is what it was isn't it? Wasn't last years \$28,000?

Greg: We had to go back to the previous year.

Mark: It was \$26,000. The previous years were \$35,000. Before this year the last 3 years or 4 years have always been \$35,000. And not only have they been \$35,000 many years there were \$5,000 extra for a part-time clerk that was actually expended.

Peggy: Was that the investigator?

Mark: That was not the investigator. That is a part-time clerk position. Those are just part of the history of the township. I'm just saying I want to increase it by 20 some percent, 24 percent I believe it is in the hours and stay at \$35,000.

Peggy: You are increasing the salary as well, is that correct?

Mark: I'm have not submitted a salary proposal. If you take the current rate x 40 x 52 x 2 you are going to come up to 34,800 and some dollars for the pay for the clerks. We have 100 some dollars over that and if they work any overtime well then we don't have enough money. But I think they will work less than 40 hours a week. It is tight and that is what I like to see.

Peggy: You mean it is tight if you allow overtime?

Mark: Yes, right. If we want to allow them to come to these meetings and transcribe the minutes.

Peggy: You can't tell me, I'm not even going there, ok.

Greg: Does the application flow, how am I trying to say this, in regards to the hours does that increase when we need to or is it just to be more convenient?

Mark: I think we need to service our public with 40 hours a week. Most businesses are open 8-4. That is what people are used to and I think that is what we should be.

Peggy: However they have not been used here because the past how many years has it been 9-4, Monday thru Thursday and if they know ahead of time.

Mark: The majority of our applicants are first time applicants. So they don't know what it has been.

Peggy: When they come and see the times they know between 9-4 and they need to ask their employer. May I ask Mary Sue and I hate to put you on the spot.

Mary Sue Kane: Not a problem.

Peggy: So with what he was saying and saying how you do the transcripts for us I guess my question would be are you busy every minute working on assistance and township things that you could not type up the minutes?

Mary Sue: We normally can get those transcribed, sometimes it takes us 2 weeks and sometimes it will take a month and going back to the people. It is a real inconvenience for people to have to come in at 9:00 if they work. If they work 9-5 they are on a real limited income and we always offer to come in early for them because it makes a difference to their employer, I mean they could get fired. Maybe they will come in at lunch time but the 9:00 I feel is a little late for some people.

Peggy: Could you adjust your hours 8-3? And you don't take a lunch at all?

Mary Sue: No.

Mark: I guess I would like to be able to say that as an elected trustee that I am able to operate that office as how I need to in order to provide the services to the people.

Peggy: I think you can within the amount of money that is budgeted.

Greg: I think we are trying to justify the workload for the hours and whether we need the clerks here that whole time or whether you could cover some of those extra hours.

Mark: What would be wrong in budgeting it and then deciding once we get into it and we find out it is not needed and cutting back. If we get into it and find out that it is a good service to the people and the clerks are busy and they are not sitting around and not doing anything then we have serviced the people with what our main duty is to provide assistance for those that need assistance.

Dave: Likewise what is wrong with leaving it like it is and prove to us that you do need it?  
Then you can ask for additional appropriation.

(Board members talking at same time could not make out.)

Mark: I'm saying Dave that we are missing servicing a lot of our people that would come in as an applicant because of our hours.

Dave: I heard you say that. I heard Peggy ask you to prove it too and I would request that.

Mark: We have proven it I think on a regular basis by seeing the number of people who cancel or the number of people that have been no shows on a regular basis.

Dave: They cancelled because you weren't open until 9:00?

Mark: I don't know that for sure.

Dave: Ok than you can't say that.

Mark: But I bet you that has happened and I bet a lot of people have not called back when they call between 8:00 and 9:00 and no one has been here.

Dave: You haven't changed my mind.

Peggy: So you are going through this and then we are having a public hearing?

Mark: We can open it up to the public if we want.

Greg: We can open it. It would probably be easier for them.

Peggy: Ok.

Dave: You mention the salary to start with. That is very apropos I guess because my original thoughts was to come and ask to repeat a request that was made before. Mark you made the request. I was here when you did it. When you were on the board yourself you asked the Trustee if he would accept a 50% reduction in salary. You said you would agree to do the same thing. I would like to make you the same offer.

Mark: I guess I would make the same response that the previous Trustee made. At this time I am in my first year and right now the hours I am putting in I think I earn every bit of the \$37,000 and I can't see that I will earn any less next year with the effort and energy that I put into the job. I also believe that you guys probably are earning your \$2400. I haven't made any proposal to change any of that and I don't see that I will Dave.

Dave: You don't have to propose it, I can propose it but we can't enforce it.

Greg: That is up to the Trustee.

Dave: You would have to agree to it in order for it to happen.

Mark: I would suggest right now that I probably would not agree to it Dave.

Dave: Ok.

Mark: If you add those together that comes up to \$66,280 as we go down into Supplies, we have Office Supplies: we have Record Books for \$250 and then we have \$500 for Stationery I am proposing we strike the \$500, we have \$250 for Printing, I am proposing we strike the \$250. We have \$3000 for Operating Supplies and I am proposing we reduce that to \$1500. We have \$1500 for Repair and Maintenance which is basically I have talked to you about those are the computers that need to be replaced and maintained. I would suggest that we leave the \$1500 and the \$500 for Other Supplies basically is to do the setup and other things that we need to do for those

computers, buy software and things like that. If we just did those things that I suggested we reduce that line item instead of \$6000 it would be \$3750.

As we come down the next thing is Professional Services we have \$8350 of that \$23,500 is identified as monies that need to be spent for the previous merger. That would leave us with \$15,000 if we look at the amount of monies we have spent this year in a noncontroversial year on our Professional Services we are already at \$13,812.05 and we haven't been billed total...

Peggy: Why, on a noncontroversial year?

Mark: If you look at all the services and part of that is we take our computer Net Results out of there and there is professional services over and above just the lawyers and the accountants. There are other professional services that go in there.

Peggy: Like what?

Mark: Well your computers, your programming for your computers that is like \$5000 a year. So there are other things that are in there that are not just lawyers and accountants. That is one of the areas that is the main area so I guess the \$23,500 I would like to see left as it is. The next item is \$3500 that is what we are spending for the telephone. Printing and advertising I suggest that we strike that from \$2500 to \$1000. Next Other Office Supplies that is printing, advertising other office supplies. The Official Bonds: I would like to bond both of the ladies and that would be \$500.

Dave: Aren't they in your bond right now?

Mark: They are not in our bond they are in our insurance.

Greg: Actually we had this discussion at the last meeting.

Peggy: I know what did we find out?

Greg: The attorney suggested actually if I can find it real quick.

Peggy: So both ladies come into contact with checks?

Greg: Anybody that handles money needs to be bonded and there is a difference between insurance and bonding.

Peggy: Ok.

Greg: So I think that needs to be and the cost of the bonding is not that great.

Mark: I would like to reduce the other insurance from \$4500 to \$4250 because that is actually where we are going to be at.

Peggy: Did it go down?

Mark: We have been able to negotiate it down. Utility Services is \$11,500 that is almost exactly what we are going to spend. The \$5000 for Repair and Maintenance that is so we can get our black top recoated, we can have work done on the HVAC system and we can do work on the roof if necessary. The Care of Cemeteries we can roll the dice and say that all we have to do is the minimum that is required and not do any pro-active work in that area and go to \$7500 strike the \$20 and go to \$7500.

Dave: Is your weed control going to be in there too?

Mark: Weed control is not in there Dave.

Greg: On that \$7500 if you want to strike that I want you to explain that. What does that entail? That is just the grass cutting in there? The minimal maintenance?

Mark: The minimal maintenance of the weed control and the fences. That is what would be in there.

Peggy: What have you paid, what did you ask about?

Mark: Weed control. That would be in a different area.

Peggy: But have you paid for it out of the care of cemeteries?

Mark: I paid \$60 out of the care of cemeteries we paid it again we paid \$60 out of care of cemeteries.

Peggy: Ok you have used the line item for that?

Mark: Right. But that is not what is budgeted here. This line item is for care of cemeteries.

Greg: This is something we might want to discuss on whether, we visited some of the cemeteries Peggy and the trees that if they do especially Lyons if they fall down there might be a great cost to repair the headstones.

Mark: There is also a greater cost on Lyons of getting the trees down because of the equipment.

Peggy: Which one is Lyons?

Greg: The one off of Fry Road that is way back in the woods. There is a tree hanging over in the middle.

Dave: It is over by the Park in the Greenwood Park. Mark, you did not put weed control in there because you are going to put it somewhere else?

Mark: Right.

Dave: You cannot put it in the care of cemeteries?

Mark: I cannot put it in the care of cemeteries and expend it to the community so they see what it is.

Dave: OK.

Mark: Yes we can put it in there put the public will never know what we spend on weed control. (talking of board members)

Dave: Your voucher says what it is for.

Mark: I know. The next item is \$600 for ITA dues I would like to leave that in there.

Dave: I would like to take it out.

Mark: The \$350 for the Star and The Journal I would like to leave that in there. The other training for \$1000 that is to attend the ITA meetings the fall and spring with staff I would like to leave the \$1000 in there. Community Services \$7000 of that is for a newsletter and I would leave that up to you if you want that in there.

Greg: That was a request of mine.

Mark: The \$5000 of the \$12,000 is for weed control and I would ask that we leave that in there.

Dave: 5,000?

Mark: 5,000 Dave.

Peggy: And we spent 60 this year?

Mark: I quit doing it this year Peggy. The Board objected we did not do any more other that send letters and post things on people's doors.

Peggy: Ok.

Mark: Did not enforce the weeds and there are a lot of people that are upset that we didn't.



Dave: If I may I want to tell Peggy and Dave also that the \$7000 is basically the monies that the school corporation spent to mail out the mailers to White River Township Residence and my thought on that and whether you agree or want to strike it or what. It doesn't matter to me but it would get something out there because so many people do not know that they live in White River Township or unincorporated areas of White River Township to get that in their mailbox and the reasoning behind that is because everybody doesn't get the newspaper they don't have a computer for once I would like every township resident to know they live in White River Township and what the functions and their concerns are in the area. That is the reasoning for that request. That is up to the rest of you, rest of the Board to decide that.

Mark: I haven't totaled those yet but I believe that would come in to around \$135,000 for the Township side. One thing that I would note to the Board that other than this year the Capital Outlays has always had enough at least \$50,000 in it if not more and in a couple of years a couple hundred thousand dollars in it. I do not see during my time as Trustee that we will have any money in Capital Outlays buying land, buildings, machinery or equipment so I have not put anything in there and do not see that I would put anything in there in the future.

If you go to the Township Assistance: 0840 as I have explained if you add the 17,000 to the 18,000 that is 35,000 that is what was in the 10, 9 and the 8 budget \$35,000 for the two clerks, without adding in the \$5,000 on year and the \$7,500 another year for part time clerk.

Dave: What was last year again?

Mark: Last year was zero. We did a transfer from other assistance up to the clerk.

Greg: That was a transfer we did.

Mark: The first of January.

Dave: 30?

Mark: \$30,000, \$26,000 for their pay and \$4000 for withholdings.

Dave: Ok, gotcha.

Peggy: Will 1200 be sufficient for the employer's share of Social Security?

Mark: Yes.

Dave: For that one clerk.

Mark: For that amount of money I believe so. Is that true?

Dave: \$14,000?

Mark: I am just saying this so it is on record in 2007 the clerk was in the budget for \$31,000 and the part time clerk was in for \$7400. For a total of \$38,400 for the clerk's position, in 2008 the clerk's position was funded at \$32,000. In 2009 the clerk's position was funded at \$35,000. In 2010 the clerk's position was funded at \$35,000.

Greg: Do you know what was expended during that was what was budgeted but what was expended? What was expended because I know the budget was bloated.

Dave: That was what was budgeted what was spent?

Mark: You know I could get those numbers for you I just wanted to let you know what was budgeted.

Greg: Correct.

Mark: During those years also if you look back you will see that there was a position in 2009 there was also \$5,000 budgeted for part time clerk on the Township side. So just to say where we have been what our history shows. I am trying to go from 28 hours to 40 hours so.

Next item down is supplies. I would like to take the record books from 300 to 250 because that is probably what we will end up spending. Strike the stationery of 200. Reduce the postage and printing to 500. Strike the operating supplies of 500. Leave the \$500 for repair and maintenance services because that again is part of where we are budgeting for the computer. That would take that total from 2150 down to \$1250.

Other Services and Charges: I would like to leave \$1500 for the legal and \$4000 for the investigator that is \$5500. Office Equipment of \$500 I would like to leave that. That is where I am trying to buy a scanner.

Dave: Question?

Mark: I'm trying to buy a scanner so that we can scan documents to send to our investigator and to other offices rather than having to fax or to have to make hard copies to mail.

Peggy: We don't have a scanner here?

Mark: Not one that works.

Dave: You are no longer going to be doing investigations?

Mark: I'm not doing investigations now.

Dave: That is what I'm saying, you are no longer going to do the investigations.

Mark: No.

Peggy: You have done some right?

Mark: I have done some when the investigator raised his price to \$50 I started doing them myself until I found somebody to replace at \$35.

Peggy: And who is that?

Mark: Geoff Sutton is doing our investigations now.

Dave: We had another man for that too but you would not use him.

Mark: Excuse me?

Dave: We had another man for that too but you would not use him.

Mark: I think that is my prerogative Dave to hire an investigator.

Dave: I did not say it wasn't.

Peggy: He is charging \$35 and he will continue to...

Mark: Right now that is where he is at. If he changes his mind and wants more money we will not have him.

Greg: Are there any statutory requirements of the investigator?

Mark: Actually what it says in our duties is that we shall investigate every application and actually in our application form we tell them that we will investigate them and we will send an investigator to their home to check out and we give them a list of things that we are going to check out. We are going to check out the safety and the wellbeing of the house and we are going to check out the finances and we are going to check all of these other things that are part of the application.

Dave: Mark it was not his question if he was going to do it or not I think didn't you mean Greg is the person required to be...

Greg: Yes your investigator is there any statutory stipulations on his qualifications?

Dave: Anybody can do it.

Mark: Anybody can do it.

Peggy: Does he typically do it during the day or...

Mark: He normally does it at night.

Peggy: Does he have another fulltime position?

Mark: Jim Drake used to do it during the day because he was retired.

Peggy: So he does have a fulltime position?

Mark: Yes, I think he is employed elsewhere.

Dave: Yes he works for the trustee in Pleasant Township.

Mark: The next thing down is Services for Physicians at \$1500, strike that. Prescriptions for \$1000, strike that. The ambulances and burials for \$5000, that is going to remain. Then it is up to the board whether or not they want to maintain the \$10,000 for the Partnership for a Healthier Johnson County. The items for Direct Relief...

Greg: Excuse me before you continue on with that. I noticed there was a question on whether that should come out of Assistance side, the recommendation was that it come out of the General Fund side, have you gotten any answer on that?

Mark: Yes we have talked to SBA and actually have the actual emails between the department heads saying that it can be taken out of Assistance and there is no problem with it being in Assistance and it would not be an auditable item.

Greg: Ok.

Mark: I passed that on to Steve Buschmann and he agrees to go with that. We drop down to Other Direct Relief, \$500 for food and household, leave that in. Clothing \$500, leave that in. Shelter \$25,000, leave that in. \$3000 for fuel, leave that in. Public Utility Services \$15,650, leave that in. School books \$500, leave that in. Other assistance, strike. With those revisions if you take all of them the Township Poor Relief fund would then be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$75,000 give or take, depending on what you agree to leave in and if you were to take more monies out. That is what I would propose. That would give you a total budget of \$210,000 in that ballpark. Last year the board approved a budget for Welfare Assistance of \$150,000 and approved a budget for the Township of \$93,780 for a budget of \$243,780. I would propose that we can do our job at \$210,000. Now we will open up to the public.

Dave: What is your total come up with?

Mark: It is not totaled, I have a ballpark of \$210,000. If these are areas that you want me to present to you at the next meeting I will have the actual totals on the sheet.

Greg: Ok. That being said bear with me while I read this notice (see attached Notice to Taxpayers) That being said I would like to open up for a public hearing for any public comments. Do I have any public comment on the budget? Yes Dann.

Dann Veldkamp: Just a question I understand that the trustee is required to buy insulin and prescriptions has been brought down to zero. Do you have a source for those or how do you meet that need? Is it met possibly with the Partnership?

Mark: We would send them immediately to the Partnership.

Dann: I'm sorry you would send them to the Partnership?

Mark: Whether or not we had a contract with them or not.

Dann: Ok.

Greg: Do we have any further public comment?

Dr. Huber: I cheated a little bit and asked for a budget from last year because I have difficulty looking at a budget and knowing if you don't have last year's budget. The mistake I also made is I should have asked for year-to-date expenses because you don't really know with last year's budget where you are behind and where you are ahead and all of that so it appears as a citizen that the board has been given more information this year than they have in the past with working with the budget but I would encourage you to look at your year-to-date expenses and see. I have to trust Mark to say hey we are already maxed out on certain things...

Mark: We can tell you where we are at on that. We are going to max out on the Township Fund the \$93,780.

Dr. Huber: Don't go so fast, tell me where you are now.

Mark: It is not on that part. This year's budget was \$93,780 in the Township. We did not cover all of the things that we need to cover. There is no clerk in that. There are other things that are not in that. There are no computers in that. There is no extra legal in that. There are no repairs. There is no weed control. There is no money for the ITA. So if you take those things out you get back to the \$94,000 area. We are going to spend almost every penny of it this year. We actually are going to have to move monies around within the categories in order to make ends meet. We are actually going to have to move money from other services up to supplies to cover our supplies. So the things I have identified as far as the staff, the computers, the legal services, repairs, weed control and the ITA that is what I'm asking for different from what has been asked for in the past.

Otherwise this is a tight budget, we are barely going to make it with this budget, and that is where we are at. On the Township side going to the \$75,000 on the assistance side it is going to give us a little lead way. We probably are going to spend somewhere in the neighborhood of \$60,000 to \$65,000 in assistance this year that is between administration and actually taking care of assistance. Things could turn on a dime. Last month, the month before we gave out almost \$5,000. Last month we gave out \$2400. So we are seeing and this month we are off to a big start I think we have already given out right around \$2000. If that goes that way then the \$75,000 is a reasonable amount of money and we might have to go back and ask the board for more money out of Rainy Day to do it at \$75,000. These are tight tight numbers. Tighter than any trustee has ever presented to do a job and if they give me the opportunity to do my job that is the dollars that are needed to do but whatever number they give me will dictate the job that we are able to do for the township.

Dr. Huber: So the bottom line for the taxpayer you are saying you are not asking for any township portion of the property tax?

Greg: Not on the township side no but on assistance side.

Dr. Huber: You are using from funds that have accumulated.

Greg: Right.

Dr. Huber: How much do you have?

Mark: We have \$675,000 in CDs, we have \$21,000 in the bank, we have a balance right now of around \$700,000. So that is the monies that we can work off of. At the \$75,000 our financial adviser has prepared if you lived in a \$200,000 home what would be the total taxes based on last year's net asset.

Greg: This is Jim Higgins.

Mark: What would be the obligation for a person living in a \$200,000 home?

Jim Higgins: At \$75,000, that is what you wanted to levy?

Mark: At \$75,000.

Jim Higgins: Somebody that was in a \$200,000 home would be expected to pay about \$3.53 for the year for assistance.

Dr. Huber: So you're saying with your Rainy Day Funds and whatever you have it could be several years before you have to levy a tax.

Greg: Yes.

Mark: We would like to stretch it out as far as we could.

Greg: If I may, the thing that we get into there is when you don't levy a tax rate you don't receive CAGIT funds and all of that so you lose all of that and that is what we are going to run into next year. So the savings are going to start dwindling you know and stuff. Do we let it dwindle down to the point where we have to go to a maximum levy and give a jolt like the utilities have to to the customers or do we still receive some of that CAGIT money as we go. If Mark could answer that CAGIT money question from what we received this year.

Mark: This year we received right around \$9,000 a month plus we received a lump sum of 40 some thousand dollars at the start of the year. So for this year we have received over probably \$135,000 in funds that we applied to the Poor Relief side once we figured out we could do that plus the amount that had to go into the Township. So from those dollars we were able, that was from the previous assessment. Next year we are going to receive what Dave came up with, what is the number Dave?

Dave: CAGIT will be \$27,084.

Mark: What else are we receiving?

Dave: \$3,458.

Mark: What is that for Dave?

Dave: The tax replacement credit, PTRC.

Mark: Those are funds that we may or may not receive.

Dave: No they said we will receive.

Mark: That is what Linda said we will receive but is that a question or not?

Dave: There is a debate also about whether or not we have to have a tax rate and I don't know that that has been settled, it depends on who you want to listen to.

Greg: Yes, I have asked this question of several people myself and Jim if you could answer that question.

Jim Higgins: On whether or not you need to have a tax rate?

Greg: Right, to receive CAGIT funds.

Jim Higgins: Part of the CAGIT distribution is made based upon that so the fact that you do not have a tax levy in 2011 will impact your distribution for 2012. There are no questions about that. There will be an impact. Was your other question whether or not you had to have a levy at all for 2012?

Mark: In other words ...

Jim Higgins: Or is it just relative to levy to CAGIT.

Greg: Levy to CAGIT.

Jim Higgins: It is my understanding with the lack of the levy will reduce your CAGIT distribution.

Greg: Which has already happened according to what these figures...

Jim Higgins: Will happen. We prepared the budget and as Mark met with the representatives from the DLGF to prepare the budget estimates, they rolled back those CAGIT distributions because of the lack of the levy. They pointed that out clearly. Funds that you received this year will not be the same as the funds that you will receive next year.

Dave: These figures were based on not having a tax levy, this \$27,000 and this \$3,400 is based on not having a tax levy and that is according to the DLGF. If you need a name her name is Les...

Greg: Basically that is what we will get into next year because it was zeroed out this year so we are operating into next year on that.

Jim Higgins: So for this year you were receiving over \$100,000, next year...

Mark: \$140,000.

Jim Higgins: Right \$140,000 this year and next year you are only going to receive \$30,000 so you are going to take a \$110,000 hit. So it is not that you are not going to get any money but you are not going to get what you have got.

Dave: You are going to get \$27,000.

Jim Higgins: Right so you will take a \$110,000 hit.

Dave: But if you take \$110,000 for six years we just broke even.

Jim Higgins: Yes.

Dave: And why we need to hold taxpayers money doing nothing which we are not making any money on it I totally disagree with.

Mark: When we started this process I said that the levy was in there at the request of a board member. The levy is only in there at the request of a board member. This trustee is fine with having a zero tax levy.

Dave: I disagree with you Greg.

Greg: That's fine.

Mark: From that standpoint if that is the decision of the majority of the board then you know I will actually make that recommendation at the next meeting that we have a zero tax levy.

Greg: As I said earlier I think if we spend the money down and get in a place where we are down to where it should be if there is an emergency something happens a flood or anything else or the numbers go up and then we have to institute a tax rate again, the tax rate is going to jump just like the utilities have jumped right now.

Mark: This I can tell you next year based on the budget, let's say we do a \$75,000 for assistance, that is a tight area, say we do \$75,000 for assistance and that is what we come in at we are going to

have somewhere in the neighborhood of \$40,000 left this year. We are going to bring in \$27,000 or \$30,000 we are going to break even next year. At the end of the year next year we will have zero in assistance. So next year if we want to have funds available for assistance we either would have to impose a levy or we will have to go to the Rainy Day Funds.

Dave: You are saying we will have spent our \$600,000?

Mark: I'm saying we would have spent all of our assistance fund money.

Peggy: But we can go to...

Mark: Rainy Day Funds.

Peggy: Not just Rainy Day Funds we can go and cash out one of the CDs.

Mark: CDs are township funds.

Greg: Actually that is a question I would like to ask Jim.

Peggy: I think by law you have to provide assistance and we need money for assistance, Mr.

Higgins do you know?

Jim Higgins: I would tell you when you talk about the Rainy Day Fund and the Township Fund as it relates to providing assistance the area of guidance that the Board of Accounts has given in the past is unclear. What they will say is that Rainy Day Funds are made up of deposits that came from the township fund and therefore it can only be spent for township purposes so that you could not necessarily take Rainy Day monies out and use Rainy Day monies to provide assistance. They would also say that you have a Township Fund and you have an Assistance Fund and they are established by two separate levies. The levy is for fund purposes. I could see and I am not a lawyer so I don't confess to practice law, I could see where you could say that Township Funds could be spent for any lawful purpose of the township. However you will hold yourself subject to interpretation from the Board of Accounts which may or may not cause comment to be written in a report but again the comment has no bearing relative to the function of your positions or that of the trustee's. I would suggest at that point that if you were looking to use Township Funds to pay for Assistance that you get some type of opinion from legal counsel.

Peggy: And talk to DLGF, contact them.

Jim Higgins: At that point it is the Board of Accounts. The DLGF works on the levy side, the Board of Accounts is more of the audit and compliance side. But before you would walk down that path I would ask you to get the opinion of your legal counsel and kind of the audit position of the Board of Accounts relative to that. In the past they have said they are two separate funds supported by two separate levies and they can't cross strings.

Greg: Is it for unencumbered funds even for unappropriated funds?

Jim Higgins: Your unencumbered funds it basically would flow up into your Rainy Day Fund. I think in the past have been primarily from Township Fund. Some of those Rainy Day Funds were excess CAGIT payments. That is how the initial Rainy Day Fund was established with excess CAGIT money with a special distribution that the state made that they said we are giving you this money and it must go into your Rainy Day Fund. So that is when this started. I think there were a couple instances of those and then it is other unappropriated funds or unencumbered funds.

Greg: So if we would use that basically there might be an audit note.

Jim Higgins: There might be an audit note.

Greg: And a note penalty attributed to that.

Peggy: Here it says funds of the township for redemption of township assistance obligations to the township assistance fund of the township or Rainy Day Fund of the township as provided in section 5.1 of this chapter. So it is talking about here that if there is a purpose of a tax levy if it has been fulfilled and unused and unencumbered balance remains in the fund the fiscal body of the political subdivision shall order the balance of that fund to be transferred as follows unless a statute provides that it be transferred otherwise.

Jim Higgins: And that is to move it up into the Rainy Day Fund, correct, I mean that is what you are saying.

Peggy: Well it is saying as redemption of township assistance obligations.

Jim Higgins: Ok.

Peggy: Again I understand talk to counsel.

Jim Higgins: Talk to counsel.

Peggy: I'm not an attorney as well.

Jim Higgins: Their audit position has been on both sides that I have seen from township to township. Before I would give you advice on what to do I would tell you to seek the guidance of your legal counsel.

Dann Veldkamp: Just a question, is the Rainy Day Fund held by the state? I mean is it part of the CDs.

Mark: It is held by us.

Dann Veldkamp: Where does it fall relative to the CDs and bank amounts that you have, is it a portion of that?

Mark: Basically it says we have \$700,000 in the bank.

Dann: Some of that is the Rainy Day Fund?

Mark: Some of that is the Rainy Day Fund, \$96,000 and something is the Rainy Day Fund.

Peggy: Looks like \$90,000.

Dann: Some of that is delegated as Rainy Day Fund.

Mark: \$90,823.78.

Dann: Thanks.

Dave: Mark reaffirm this did you or did you not say that or make mention that the total budget as you have requested with the adjustments is going to be somewhere in the area of \$210,000 total?

Mark: Right, \$135,000 on the Township Fund and \$75,000 on the Assistance.

Dave: Mr. Huber you said that you did not have last year's budget. It was \$139,657. What he is asking for is \$80,343 above last year's.

Mark: Dave I would stand to correct you on that.

Dave: Ok, go ahead.

Mark: The budget that was presented by the trustee last year was ...

Dave: Was not approved.

Mark: Was approved by the board, the budget that was approved by the board was for \$93,780 and on the assistance side the total was \$150,000. The budget that was approved and then presented to the DLGF was \$243,000 and some dollars.



Dave: Well your papers dated August 22...

Greg: They came back with that ....

Mark: They said we did not have the funds to fund that budget and DLGF struck the assistance side, and this is what we are talking about maybe happening again next year, struck the assistance side from \$150,000 to \$79,000 and some dollars.

Greg: That was what the board approved Dave and then presented to the DLGF.

Dave: That is not what they worked on, what did you have to work with?

Mark: Well I had to work with \$79,855.

Dave: The budget you are presenting right now is \$80,000 more than that.

Mark: The budget that I'm presenting right now \$210,000 is \$33,000 less than the budget that was approved by the board last year Dave.

Dr. Huber: What I'm looking at from last year's was \$243,780.

Dave: That is what you are reading in this...

Mark: Would you share that with him Dr. Huber?

Dr. Huber: I had to come to the office and get it surely he can walk back here and get it.

Greg: There are two different things there Dave, we are talking about what the board approved and what the DLGF approved. I think that is where the confusion lies.

Dr. Huber: This is what I was given that the board approved last year, \$115 there and \$93...

Greg: But what we are working on is what the DLGF approved.

Dave: Thank you (Dr. Huber).

Greg: That is what our budget is what the DLGF approved and they did not approve the amount.  
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Mark: \_\_\_\_\_ on the township side and \$79,877 on the assistance side. As I mentioned Dave and you may want to go back to those numbers. The difference that I'm asking for on the township side, I'm asking for an additional \$18,500 for staff, \$2000 for the computers that need to be replaced, \$8500 approximately for the legal extra which is mainly the amount of money that is required that we pay the City of Greenwood for the reorganization (Dave said I hope you don't pay that), \$5000 for repairs we need to seal our driveway, take care of our roads and our HVAC, \$5000 on tall weed control and \$2000 for the ITA. That brings us up to the \$135,000 that we are talking about. So from that standpoint that is an increase on the township side. I would argue that I'm only increasing the budget by the difference of \$94,000 and \$135,000 and I'm reducing it on the assistance side by over \$2000, \$2300 and some dollars. I would argue that I have put before the board the reasons for those increases. I would also argue that we are going to spend every bit of our township money this year on the township side. We are going to have to move money around to make it all balance.

Dr. Huber: As a citizens it bothers me a little bit that you are saying you are increasing your township side but decreasing the assistance side.

Mark: The assistance side Dr. Huber was way way over blown. We have never spent more than about, the greatest year I think we have ever had was when we had the flood and different things that happened and we spent because of that and most of that came out of community services but it did increase our other side too and the most we spent that year was 70 some thousand dollars.

So to come before you and say that we need \$100,000 knowing that there is \$25,000 to fluff in there I just could not do it.

Dr. Huber: I know there are strong feelings both ways on The Partnership for a Healthier Johnson County for the St. Thomas Clinic but as a citizen I would urge that if you are going to use that clinic and send people there please don't wipe them off altogether.

Dave: I made a remark to you personally that I was going to go down there and see Jane Beers, do you know Jane Beers?

Dr. Huber: No.

Dave: You don't know Jane Beers? Well I thought she was the head of the...

Dr. Huber: She could be I don't know who the head is.

Dave: Ok.

Mark: She is in charge of the clinic.

Dave: That is what I thought. Well what I'm trying to get around to is the fact that I called that lady or that number I bet you 12 times to make an appointment to go down and see it. No answer.

You get a recording. I did not make an appointment, therefore I did not go down. So I did not mean to, well I did not lie to you, my intentions were there I just did not get it done because of the fact of what happened. I did make what I consider an honest effort to do what I said I would do and I still will if it comes up later. I still have her name and her number where she is at.

Greg: Do we have any other public comments on this budget?

Dann: I was just wondering if the Board had any other comments that they want to share concerning the Partnership for a Healthier Johnson County? We have heard primarily from one of the Board members.

Greg: Peggy would you like to share anything?

Peggy: I have just heard a lot from the community that they basically say no.

Dann: Do they talk about why?

Peggy: Their belief is that there should be fair share. If there are only two out of the nine townships just as what Dr. Huber is saying if other townships are sending residents down there then they should, there should be fair share. Maybe it has also been suggested that maybe we go to Healthier Johnson County and say if you want some funds from us then you need to go to other townships and you need to get funds from them as well. My other question is do we really need to give \$10,000? Can we just give \$1,000?

Dann: I was just strictly sitting here having listened to it, haven't visited them, haven't looked at the numbers they presented but believing them to be accurate. If they are providing close to a quarter of a million dollars of services for the residents of White River Township I would feel kind of a moral obligation regardless of what others do to engage their services and I think \$10,000 is a reasonable rate and the analogy that I would personally use is there are some restaurants that are pay as you go restaurants. You can pay as you can and you can go in and you can choose not to pay anything or you can pay their suggested price on the board you know \$5 or whatever it might be or you might even work off maybe you wash dishes for an hour for your lunch. At some point some people take advantage of that and go in and get free lunch and free lunch and free lunch. You have to ask yourself what would you think of a person who did that? Would you then

compare them to others and say well there is a lot of people getting free lunches so then it doesn't matter that I do it too and I would bring it back to personally and think about it from that perspective. But I appreciate the fact that you have been talking to the citizens and listening to them. That was just one more point of view.

Mark: If you have a \$100,000 home and we put a \$100,000 levy in which we propose. Of that levy 10,000 dollars is 10%. Your tax liability for a \$100,000 home per township is \$1.68. Ten percent of that would be 17 cents if you live in a \$100,000 home. Maybe that makes it a little more clearer that is less than a quarter that we are asking the majority of the citizens that own property in White River Township to contribute to \$240,000 of benefits to us.

Greg: On my position I differ from a little bit I understand Dave & Peggy's valid points and everything but I look at it as that I've seen the numbers I've seen the cost benefit and I've seen the largely volunteer organization and how many people volunteer to it and that is why I would likely approve something like that but that is my position and they have their positions which is just as valid as mine but since you asked that is the reasoning because it is a volunteer largely volunteer organization and she presented the cost benefits of White River Township residents getting services there and that is why I would say yes.

Dann: Thank to all of you, I appreciate it.

Dr. Huber: The other comment I have is I was a little confused about the public hearing for a budget. Because you may come back in two weeks with an entirely different budget than this that you approve of but yet the public only comments on what we see tonight.

Greg: Actually this is the advertised budget this is what we have to...

Mark: This is the maximum that we can levy against the citizens of White River Township.

Dr. Huber: So your budget that you come back in a couple of weeks any of those line items cannot be more then what you are showing tonight?

Mark: Correct.

Dave: Anything can be less but not more.

Greg: It can be lowered but it cannot be increased.

Mark: Is there anything you want struck?

Dave: That is a serious question.

Greg: Are there any other comments?

Mark: I am serious is there anything that you don't think should be there Doc?

Dann: Well where were the weeds taken care of?

Mark: There were two weed situations one was on Fairview.

Peggy: Cemeteries.

Mark: The other one was on San Marcos.

Dann: In the budget though.

Peggy: Under the cemeteries.

Mark: This year it is under community services.

Dann: Ok.

Mark: There is \$12,000 in Community Services \$7,000 for letters to the community.

Dann: Oh there it is.

Mark: \$5,000 for weed control.

Dann: Ok thanks.

Greg: Actually that is ...

Mark: The nice thing about the weed control is that if for some reason we didn't spend that and if the Board would say hey we would like to donate some money to the DARE program over at the school we could then spend that money for the DARE program. If we wanted to if the Board wanted to. Because it is in Community Services so those monies could be used for community services. In the past they bought sirens, in the past they bought tracking devices for Autism children and people with Alzheimer's. In the past they put a track around the Bantam Field and done some other things. But in this particular case \$5000 is being designated for weed control and \$7000 for letters to the community.

Dr. Huber: I just want to congratulate you on what you are doing this year compared to a year ago. Because I sat thru meetings a year ago and I thought I don't know how the Township even operates.

Greg: Thank you. I am sure the Board and Trustee thanks you too. Any further discussion? If there is no further discussion I am going to close the public hearing and so do we have any other business? Any Board members or Mark?

Mark: I gave you the numbers of where we are currently and a copy of the CD's that we still have and where we are on everything we have done this last month. I can say again we are off to a fast start in October with people needing assistance. As soon as it turns cold the phones just go crazy. We don't have enough appointment slots right now we just don't have enough slots. We are moving them out further I think we are booked out already until the middle of next week.

Greg: Hearing no other business.

Jim: A housekeeping matter.

Greg: Ok.

Jim: Two weeks from now when the Board reconvenes to consider a finalize budget whatever those numbers are now what we may have to do because we will need signatures of all the advisory Board members that are voting for the document and the new state system the Gateway System requires us to file both on line and written documents. It is not as easy as it was before where we can just print off a document and have it.

Greg: Right.

Jim: I have a feeling at the next meeting that we may see what is in the budget and what is out of the budget that we may need to either one consider a later evening depending on how long that lasts because we will need to get Mark to finalize the documents so that you can execute those or we may need to at the end of the meeting adjourn subject to the execution of documents which would allow you to have voted on the budget adjourn your meeting and allow each of you to come back some time the next day to finally sign off on the document as it was finalized. Just because two days after adoption we have to submit to the county so we don't have a lot of time after the 18<sup>th</sup> to knock that final number down. So it may just be a little different on that.

Mark: If I hear you right we can go on line to Gateway.

Jim: We can go online, after we decide what we, do we have wireless here?

Mark: No.

Jim: Do we have the internet to connect to?

Greg: Yes.

Mark: In this room?

Greg: I don't know.

Mark: But at Center Grove I don't know the password, do you know the password?

Dann: It is not secured anymore.

Greg: It is open, I use it all the time.

Jim: Can we get that if there are changes to the final budget, we can go in and make those adjustments so we will have something for you to sign.

Mark: What he is saying is that there may be a delay in the time of the meeting until we get the documents that we need to sign.

Jim: We can either do it that night or we can adjourn subject to execution of documents which would allow you to come back in as long as we have at least 2 members to sign and approve the budget.

Peggy: Can you help me with this Mark? On payroll deductions on cash balance thru August 30 we had 126 and thru 10/4 it is 947.

Mark: I don't know what you are looking at.

Dave: Your papers.

Mark: Show me the papers.

Peggy: On 8/30 you had 126.

Mark: Those are cash balances and we probably put money in there somehow. You can see where we received some distributions and we received more money so that dollar is going to go up. If you subtract this number from that number you come up with that number. We received more money than we spent.

Greg: I want to thank everyone for coming and for your comments. Thank you Mr. Higgins for being here. With that being said do I have a motion for adjournment?

Dave: I make a motion to adjourn.

Mark: Before you adjourn I would like to make a comment to bring something up before the board?

Greg: Sure.

Mark: I'm sorry I did not get to you quick enough on that. I had mentioned to the chairman and also I mentioned in meetings here that we have a couple of areas in supplies and in maintenance that we are over what was budgeted for this year already and that we are going to have to transfer funds. In category 3 I can do that without board approval but I would prefer to do that with your approval. Where we move from category 3 to category 2 best practices indicates that I have to get the board's approval and I guess I talked to Greg and we talked about the fact that we can do that on the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting or we can do that in a November meeting when we have a better idea of what those total dollars to be for the end of the year. Or we can do it the 18<sup>th</sup> and do it again in November too.

Dave: Why do it twice?

Mark: We would not have to Dave if we moved more money than what was required. If we were just moving to cover we would have to do it twice. I'm just asking what your preference is would you prefer to do a resolution and do it once and do it in October or would you prefer to meet again in November?

Dave: Whatever you two want to do, I don't care.

Peggy: Do we have to meet in November?

Mark: No.

Peggy: We only have to meet four times a year right?

Mark: Right, it is up to you.

Peggy: Ok, I just wanted to make sure.

Mark: What would happen is if we got to that point the chairman could call a meeting and I could call a meeting, two members of the board can call a meeting. If it got to that point and we needed a meeting I would call one and I would inform you guys we are having a meeting and what the purpose was. I prefer not to do that. My preference would be to do it at the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Peggy: October 18<sup>th</sup>?

Dave: Which we have to be here anyway.

Mark: Yes. I would prepare that resolution for that meeting and that would come after the adoption of the budget.

Greg: Could you present that resolution ahead of time?

Mark: I will present it to you within two days.

Peggy: Will you just email it to me?

Mark: If I can figure out how to do that yes, I may have to ask for help but I will find a way.

Peggy: Ok.

Greg: If time allows I would prefer to ...

Mark: I will try to put that on the agenda, I just wanted to bring that up.

Peggy: That was for supplies?

Mark: There are three items that have potential. Professional services we may have to move money to professional services. That is in category 3. We have plenty of money in category 3. We also in category 3 we have maintenance and we are going to have to move money into maintenance. In category 2 we have supplies which we are currently somewhere in the neighborhood of \$300 in the red so we have to move money from 3 up to 2 to cover that.

Dave: How much are you talking about? Do you know?

Mark: Probably \$500 in the two smaller ones and in Professional Services I have to make phone calls to find out these guys bills so I know the total dollar.

Peggy: We are talking accountants and attorneys?

Mark: The only thing we have left basically in that area would be accountants and attorneys and if I had to call the computer guy in.

Dave: And you are not going to pay Greenwood?

Mark: Not this year.

Dave: Ok.

Mark: I can't, we don't have enough money.

Greg: Do we have any other thing?

Dave: I have a couple of comments.

Greg: Ok.

Peggy: I have parent teacher conferences tomorrow evening.

Greg: I will be very brief. I don't have a computer which everybody knows. Don't use one, can't turn one on. But I did come up with a piece of paper here that was sent on the computer. Which one of you gentleman is Dann?

Dann: Me.

Dave: Dann this is from you. It says by Dann Veldkamp. Probably you guys already know this. I'm going to read it, it is very short. The WRT Board met on August 30 for one of the few meetings it has held this year. It was clear that the board is populated by budget hawks. They had reviewed each item of the trustee's proposed 2012 budget closer than a red tail hawk chasing a field mouse. Thank you.

Dann: You're welcome.

Dave: I will wear that title with honor. Secondly somewhere in these minutes and somewhere we already talked about a lease with the JC Sheriffs. Are you aware that there is a signed, sealed, delivered lease with the county sheriff?

Mark: We are aware of that and Mr. Buschmann has made the determination since it was not approved by the board it is not a valid lease. That is his legal opinion.

Dave: I will read that again because I don't agree. I got the opinion right here I will read it again. I don't remember him saying that.

Mark: That was his legal opinion.

Peggy: Are in talks with the JC Sheriff?

Mark: We are not in talks with the JC Sheriff until we finish our talks with the school. We will use whatever we come up with the school as a template to work with the sheriff's department.

Peggy: Have you been in discussions with them?

Mark: I have been in discussions with them. They have come back with some items that they would like us to consider to strike from the lease and I have gone back with them just with a philosophical thing saying listen how this works is if we have to hire services then we are going to have to charge those services to our tenants so if we don't want to do like we have been doing then we will just have to make a charge.

Peggy: Why come up with a new lease if it is working well?

Mark: It is not working well. Look out front there. They are in charge of taking care of those mulch beds. They are in charge in mowing. They are in charge of doing all the edging.

Peggy: Come look at our schools.

Mark: They are in charge...

Peggy: We don't have the money.

Mark: They are in charge of the taking care of trim, the trees and stuff like that. We don't have the money either.

Peggy: Well I'm just saying...

Mark: We can't do it this year with what we have in the budget and I sure can't do it next year with what I have proposed if they are not going to take care of their end of the business.

Dr. Huber: You have mulch right up next to those air conditioning units out there and they are going to rust out on the bottom if you don't get that mulch.

Dave: Did you also know that there is a school agreement other than the one...

Mark: Mr. Buschmann presented that and there again it is Mr. Buschmann's opinion that if that had been signed, it has not been signed.

Dave: I'm not saying that, it isn't signed, you're right.

Mark: Then it is not a valid...

Dave: But what I'm getting at and why spend \$2000 or \$3000 or whatever amount of money that you are going to spend on writing another one when this probably would suffice.

Mark: We have already done it Dave.

Dave: I know you have but why?

Mark: Because it needed to be done and the existence of that lease was not known to anybody in the office.

Dave: How did I know?

Mark: Because you talked to the previous trustee.

Dave: No.

Mark: Well we did not have it. I don't know where you got it from. I gave you a copy of it after I received it from Mr. Buschmann.

Dave: Well that is probably from where I got it.

Mark: I put it in your box after I received it and that is a fact. I did the same thing with the sheriff's proposal, I gave you a copy of that.

Dave: I did not know about that until I got that from the county attorney.

Mark: Well I gave you a copy of that also.

Dave: I talked to Kathleen about that.

Greg: My personal opinion I would like the lease to make it legal but I would like it to mirror what the agreement was that we have been working with.

Mark: It is just a process. We may not get it done before the end of the year.

Peggy: What I'm hearing you say is you believe that you're saying it isn't a lease but it is still a document that the township and the school is working is.

Mark: We are using the lease that was prepared by Mr. Watts.

Peggy: For \$300?

Mark: I don't know the exact cost on that.

Peggy: I can't believe it is \$300.

Mark: At the next meeting I will have his invoice.

Peggy: Ok.

Dave: I have it right now do you want to see it?

Mark: Yes. I'm sure I gave it to you.

Dave: Oh you do.

Peggy: Do you use record books?



Mary Sue: We use Purchase Orders.

Mark: Purchase orders we use, there are 3 different things that we use on a regular basis.

Dave: Now tell Peggy how much it costs.

Mark: Well you have different things here. The \$1148.00 was in regards to the tall weeds ordinance. So we spent \$1148.00 for the tall weeds ordinance. I presented it to the board and the board paid it.

Dave: She is asking about the school.

Mark: I'm getting to that. We spend another \$379.00 on that ordinance, so we are up to \$1500.00.

Peggy: On the weeds?

Mark: On the weeds. On the work for the draft for the school we spent \$616.00. \$379 dollars and then you added the additional amount of money which brought it up \$616.00.

Dave: So it was twice what you thought.

Mark: I did not know for sure Dave. I saw the \$300 at one time, I knew that.

Greg: Do we have any other questions or discussions?

Peggy: Maybe, let's see.

Dave: You already have a motion for adjournment.

Peggy: I seconded it.

Greg: The meeting is adjourned.