

WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2012

ATTENDEES: Mark Messick, Greg Rainbolt, David Pollard, Peggy Young, Mary Lou Habicht, Jody Veldkamp.

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

Greg: The next order of business is the approval of White River Township Board Meeting minutes for September 4, 2012 and September 18, 2012.

Peggy: I make a motion.

Greg: Do I have a second?

Dave: For both of them or one?

Greg & Peggy: Both.

Dave: I'll second.

Greg: Hearing a first and second do I have any discussion on the minutes, any discussion Dave or Peggy?

Dave: No.

Peggy: No.

Greg: Hearing no discussion I will ask for a vote. All those in favor of approving the White River Township Board Meeting minutes for September 4 and September 18, 2012 indicate approval by saying Aye. (Dave, Peggy and Greg all said Aye). We have three Ayes. The minutes are approved.

Dave: Do you need these signed that we have Greg? These copies that we have do you need these signed?

Greg: Yes, if you would sign all of the copies.

Mark: Make sure Mary Lou gets a copy.

Greg: Dave do you and Peggy want to pass yours to each other?

Dave: Excuse me?

Peggy: We have.

Greg: Mary Lou these are your copies.

Greg: The next order of business is White River Township Resolution 2012-12 White River Township Emergency Assistance Eligibility Standards for 2013. I will let Mark explain.

Mark: Referring to the Indiana code we are supposed to review this and approve and adopt the Standards each year. This year I am proposing that we approve and adopt the same standards we did last year with the only exception being that the guideline tables and as we do each year we will adopt the income guidelines to be 130% of federal poverty level which is what the Food Stamps level is. We are always a year behind with that so this is what Food Stamps were for 2012 because they don't publish '13 until we are into '13 a ways. The shelter guidelines we did our survey and rent has gone up at every one of the apartment complexes that we work with and also the homes that are being rented out there. So we have increased our rental assistance to reflect that. Food assistance has not changed any and the guidelines are the same as they

were the previous two years and the same thing for household supplies. I pulled that right off of the FSSA website to get those guidelines. Burial assistance has gone up. We can still do a direct cremation for \$860 with no services no nothing just straight burial. For a funeral where we were getting that done for around \$1650, the least we can get the funeral service for now is \$2350. Basically I've only got two funeral homes that will do it for that.

Greg: Where's the big jump at?

Dave: That is \$700.

Mark: They just say we have been gouging them for years basically. I got Herrmann's and I got Forest Lawn's price lines and they can't touch the \$2350. They are almost double of that. The cemetery plots we haven't buried anybody since I have been Trustee we basically have cremated everybody. I was going along with what Mary Ann had told me that we could open and close a cemetery plot for \$650 and you can't touch a cemetery plot for \$650 and get the plot too. So the amount of money it would take to open and close a cemetery plot and buy a paupers plot to bury them in is the cheapest I can get is \$2410 and the only one that will do it for that in our Township is Mt. Pleasant. So I am putting it in the guidelines and if I can get somebody else to accept it because we don't tell them where they have to go but we know that it can be done in our Township for \$2410 that is the cheapest.

Peggy: So what are the guidelines if somebody passes away?

Mark: If they don't have any money or anything and they are a pauper the family member comes in or the Coroner comes to us, one of the two and then we are responsible to bury them. If there is no family at all I am allowed to cremate them and do the \$860 no services no nothing.

Peggy: My question is there is nothing in the guidelines that says if you come to us you are automatically going to be cremated or you are automatically going to be...

Mark: No because the state law is very clear, Indiana code is, if there is any family member at all they have to agree to cremation. We push for cremation but they have to agree to cremation because that is the cheapest way. If they don't agree to cremation than we have to bury them.

Peggy: There is nothing in the State law that says that they have to pay a certain percentage or anything?

Mark: Nothing, because really the applicant is the dead person.

Peggy: Correct.

Mark: What we are going to do is go after their assets.

Dave: I was going to say that you collect their assets don't you?

Mark: If they have any. We had one die on the 16th he was basically homeless but he has always been in White Rive Township. He died at his dad's house, he was 21 years old, died at his dad's house, had a seizure on the floor and died. He had 30 cents in his pocket. If you read the Coroner's report it tells us he had been living behind Meijer's in a cardboard box. The police knew that too, the police report is there too. He had a seizure, 21 years old and died. That is

why this is getting updated like it is because I went to try to find a way to get him buried and I can't bury him. With our old standards I can't bury him so either he is going to sit around until the first of the year that is the best I can do.

Greg: Right.

Mark: Because we have our old standards or they are going to find a way to get him taken care of or we can cremate him. The family doesn't want to cremate him. So I don't know what they are going to do. If they will keep him in cold storage until the first and then they come back in and applies I will approve to get him buried. That is the best I can do. Now where we have \$5000 in there, we only had one burial this year but if he is in next year that will be our one burial and it is going to be \$4900 so I am telling you next year I may have to come back for more money in direct assistance as an additional appropriation or allow me to move funds if I have another burial. I think we can probably move funds. I don't think we will need more money but I may have to move money if I have more than one burial next year.

Dave: That is only at Mt. Pleasant that you can get that price.

Mark: That is only at Mt. Pleasant I can get that price unless we can get someone else to agree to it. Herrmann and Forest Lawn and Bluff Creek, Bluff Creek may match Mt. Pleasant.

Dave: Do you have to stay in the Township?

Mark: I do not have to stay in the Township that is the recommendation that we do stay in the Township. For my guidelines I think we should establish that we look at Township properties that is where people live. We don't have any crematoriums in the Township so if we cremate somebody they are not being cremated in the Township. That is what I am asking you to approve tonight and those are the only changes.

Peggy: Can I see those figures?

Mark: There are for you guys, I am sorry I did not pass those down. The resolution is before you so it is up to you guys to take it from there.

Greg: I am going ask for a motion do I hear a motion to open this up for discussion White River Township Resolution 2012-12 White River Township Emergency Assistance Eligibility Standards for 2013.

Dave: I make the motion.

Greg: Do I have a second?

Peggy: I will second.

Greg: Having a first and a second I would like to open this up to have any discussion on it. I will give you a little time to look over it. I'm not going to rush you.

Peggy: The only question I have.

Greg: I'll just hack on you a little bit.

Peggy: Don't hack on me I have one more day. In reading this number in household one person, so if they make a monthly income of \$1211 they are eligible, or less than that?

Mark: Less than that.

Peggy: Is that what that means?

Mark: If they make less than \$1211, if they make more than \$1211 they are not eligible.

Peggy: Ok.

Mark: Unless there are extenuating circumstances which they have to prove to me.

Peggy: I don't know how they survive.

Mark: It is hard most of the ones that survive they have food stamps and even with food stamps they go around to the local place.

Peggy: If it is the one person they only get \$200 of food stamps?

Mark: Right.

Peggy: Plus they could get \$550 for shelter.

Mark: For one bedroom right.

Peggy: If they qualify they could have all of this right?

Mark: Right, the way that \$550 is figured that is the average of the shelters in the Township minus \$150. The reason it is minus \$150 we know they can get \$150 assistance from a couple people in the area. We also know that the apartment complexes and the landlords will accept that amount of money and not evict them. So that is how that works. They are still responsible if their rent is \$800 for a one bedroom they are still responsible for the difference.

Peggy: If that person that qualifies for the one person they could get \$550 in shelter assistance every month?

Mark: No.

Peggy: Ok.

Mark: We are an emergency assistance we try our best to work them in with Work One, with United Way and their agencies and things like that to get them on some type of program where we are not their way that they sustain themselves.

Peggy: Ok.

Mark: We are here basically to give them a push to get back in line.

Peggy: Ok I don't know how people survive.

Mark: I don't either.

Greg: I noticed we have only had one this year burial that I can see so far.

Mark: Right. We only had one last year and we only had \$5000 this year budgeted but I think we can move money around if we have more than one.

Greg: Unless there is a high incidence of things happening and I haven't seen that yet.

Mark: We could have a family get killed.

Greg: Right.

Mark: And have to bury everybody.

Peggy: So we are moving money to the Rainy Day so if we need it?

Mark: I think we will have money also in the assistance area that we could move around and if we got at the end of the year I could come to you for additional appropriations.

Greg: Do you have discussion on this matter Dave?

Dave: I am ok.

Greg: Hearing no further discussion I will ask for the vote for approval of White River Township Resolution 2012-12 White River Township Emergency Assistance Eligibility Standards for 2013. All those in favor say Aye. (Greg, Peggy, Dave said Aye). With three Ayes the motion is passed for approval of Eligibility Standards.

Mark: This is going to take effect January 1 you don't need to sign what I have in front of you because I am going to need , I am going to pass these down, I need one for me, I need one for the County, I need one for Greg and then I need one for the ladies. I only have one for you, Dave won't get a copy unless you make a copy.

Dave: I got one.

Mark: I meant of the whole Standards.

Dave: Oh ok.

Mark: So when you are done just let Mary Lou have the whole package. It is dated above Dave and Greg. It is dated in the Resolution you don't need to date it. Right next to it where it says Resolution it has the date. While you are doing that with your approval Greg I will go ahead and read the next Resolution.

Greg: The next Resolution is White River Township Resolution 2012-13 Transfer of Funds Within Township Fund 0101. Mark does not need our approval on this but he likes for transparency reasons to do this.

Mark: We had what they call a hose bib that was broken on the front of the building which is where you put your hose in to turn the water on for the building. We discovered that so we had a plumbing bill of over \$600 that required me to move some more money. Also this back door during the election time we discovered that this back door was about ready to fall off out of the building so I had to have it re-anchored and we had several doors from settling in the building that the doors if you pulled them and they were locked you would just push on them and they would open because the latches weren't working. So I had some work done around so I needed to move some more money around mainly to the Township Care Property. Also because I had robbed from Care of Cemeteries earlier to do the Township Care Property I needed to replace money to finish up the mowing and we also needed a few extra supplies that we did not have enough money for. We put just what we needed to in the Supply area. We took that money from the Records Books that we didn't spend the money, we took it from the Official Bonds we didn't spend on, we took the money we didn't buy the Indianapolis Star with and we moved money from Community Services. That was all in the same category so that is where I went and got the money to pay the bills that we needed to. I just ask that you acknowledge and pass this Resolution of acknowledgment that I was taking care of Township business.

Greg: Do I hear a motion for White River Township Resolution 2012-13?

Peggy: I make the motion.

Greg: Do I have a second?

Dave: Second.

Greg: Hearing a first and a second all those in favor indicate by saying Aye. (Greg, Peggy, Dave Aye). Resolution passes.

Mark: I only need one copy and then whatever number of copies you want Greg. Just make sure Mary Lou gets a copy of that.

Dave: Give this to Mary Lou?

Mark: Yes give one to her. I am not going to collect anything because I am going to leave as soon as we are done I am out the door. I am going to let her lock up and everything.

Peggy: Well then let's go.

Mark: Are you ready for the next one? The next one is one of the main reasons we had the meeting is for the Rainy Day Fund.

Greg: Ok let's hear White River Township Resolution 2012-14 Transfer Funds from White River Township Fund 0101 to Rainy Day Fund 0061.

Mark: As you are aware we have a Rainy Day Fund and our Rainy Day Fund says that we cannot spend any of the Rainy Day Funds without going thru the appropriation process but it also allows us to put 10% of if we had 10% left in our funds from the previous year during the course

of the next year to fund 10% of the previous year's budget into the Rainy Day Fund. This represents 10% of our 2011 budget \$19,498. You guys had indicated that you would like to go ahead and fund that so that is what the Resolution is for.

Dave: We already talked about that right?

Mark: Right, yes. So this is just a Resolution on what we would have to do in order to get it to be effective.

Peggy: That is unencumbered money correct?

Mark: It is unencumbered money there is nothing it is not set aside for anything it is just money that is in the check book.

Greg: Do I hear a motion for White River Township Resolution 2012-14.

Dave: Yes.

Peggy: Motion.

Greg: I have a first and second all those in favor of White River Township Resolution 2012-14 indicate by saying Aye (Peggy, Dave, Greg Aye). Three Ayes the White River Township Resolution 2012-14 is approved.

Mark: I need two copies of that because I will have to send one copy of that to the County Auditor.

Dave: Will she need a copy of that?

Mark: She will need both of my copies.

Greg: Next on the Agenda is Trustee report. Mark do you have anything?

Mark: Like I always have guys there are two things in your packets that I gave you.

Peggy: Mark you signed it where it says Nay.

Mark: No I signed it where it says Attest.

Peggy: Attest. Oh right here ok.

Mark: I hope I did.

Peggy: You did.

Mark: I don't get to vote I just get to Attest. I have to sign these others to Attest them.

Peggy: So should Dave sign it there as well?

Mark: Yes, he has to sign it twice on most of them.

(Change tape)

Mark: What I have for you is your report we gave you a list of what our September, October, and November appointments were. We have had more appointments in December than we have had but we always have a busy December and so that you will get in January when you have your meeting. I have also given you where we are at year-to-date on our spending and where it has been spent. I also gave you a year-to-date annual report. So you just know where we spent our money. I will answer any questions you may have.

Greg: You mentioned something that you might try to get the annual report done by the first meeting. I just want to let Dave and Peggy know that and if that happens we will not have two meetings in January we will just have our first meeting.

Mark: I think you set your meeting for January 8?

Greg: Right.

Mark: That is all predicated on Heartland Bank giving me the bank statement.

If Heartland Bank gives me the bank statement I can close the year out in time to get you your annual report.

Greg: That is something that we are bound by statute to have our first meeting, our organizational meeting is January 8th the first Tuesday after the first Monday in the new calendar year. At that time we will be have the installation of new officers and if possible the annual report. Do you have anything else Mark?

Mark: Just answer any questions you may have.

Greg: With him not having anything else we will move on to any other business that may come before the board. Does anyone have any other business to come before the board?

Jody do you have anything?

Jody: No, where is your game Mark?

Mark: The Gathering Place.

Greg: That concludes our meeting I will ask for a motion. Do I hear a motion for adjournment?

Dave: I make a motion.

Greg: Do I hear a second?

Peggy: Second.

Greg: All those in favor of adjournment (Dave, Peggy, Greg, Aye). The meeting is adjourned.