

WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MARCH 15, 2011

Meeting was called to order by Greg Rainbolt followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Greg Rainbolt: First order of business is the approval of the January 18, 2011 WRT Board Meeting minutes. (Peggy Young read the minutes) Do I hear a motion to approve the minutes? (Dave Pollard made a motion and was seconded by Peggy.) Any discussion? Hearing no discussion, the January 18, 2011 WRT Board Meeting minutes are approved. The next item of business is transfer of funds into the Rainy Day Account. We don't have a resolution or do we have a resolution?

Mark Messick: What I would like to do Mr. Chairman if possible is I would like to give each of you a packet and I would like for you to go thru it as I go thru it so that we don't reshuffle pages. Would that be alright or would you want me to send it to you one at a time?

Peggy Young: I will do as you wish.

Mark: If you shuffle we will just have to go back and forth. If you would like to read the resolution before we get into the packet, you can pull that out and read it real quick. Do you want me to read it instead of having the secretary read it?

Greg: Yes.

Mark: It is not numbered but I believe it will be #5 (see copy of resolution).

Greg: Do I hear a motion for passage of said resolution?

Peggy: I make a motion.

Greg: Do I hear a second?

Dave: Will we pass it before we discuss it?

Greg: This will bring it into the discussion stage. We have a motion and a second. Do I hear any discussion from the board on this resolution?

Mark: What I would like to do if you don't mind is I would like to give you some of my reasoning for it.

Greg: I would like that too.

Mark: The first thing you will find in your folder is Fine Law for Legal Professionals. What that does it is pretty much similar to what Greg has given you. Does everybody have this too, what Greg gave you? It just talks about the fact that we can do this. It basically says that we can do it but we can't do more than 10% of last year's budget. If you turn to the next item on there you will see it is titled Fund Report Pay 2011. Does everybody have that in front of them? This is what has been approved by the DLGF for 2011. The budget estimate for the Township Fund 0101 was approved as presented. The budget estimate for 0840 was reduced from \$150,000 to \$79,877. The reason they have given me for that is that even with what we are going to collect in taxes from the money that we receive on a monthly basis we are not going to have enough money in the township assistance fund.

Peggy: Is that 0840 assistance fund?

Mark: Yes. So that is one of the reasons why I think we need to look at this Rainy Day

Fund. We have \$54,000 some dollars in the Rainy Day Fund now but we may have to pay the last portion of our assistance this year out of the Rainy Day Fund.

Peggy: Okay, they reduced it because of what reason?

Mark: They are showing that we have not deposited enough funds in the assistance fund to be able to pay the amount that we budgeted. The previous trustee and the board both thought that they had enough money in the assistance fund and what we are going to do I have created a spreadsheet which I did not give you guys. I created a spread sheet that goes back for the last 6 years and looks at all of the monies that the township has received by the exact dollars and put what should have been put in the township fund in the general fund and what should have been put in the township assistance fund.

Peggy: Now the assistance has gone up quite considerably correct?

Mark: Right, but what I'm saying here Peggy is that hopefully we have a discrepancy in the deposits that we have made. If not, we are going to have to go into our Rainy Day Fund and pay assistance probably starting about the middle of July. We can't take it out of township fund because that is budgeted for the general fund it was not budgeted for assistance. It is similar to what the school goes thru when they have money for building but not have money for teachers. It is where the fund comes from. That is kind of an example there. I just received this from the county auditor yesterday and this is all of our checks that we have received for the last 6 years. Then I also received from the DLGF, I did not give you guys a copy of that, I also received from the DLGF how we had dispersed those funds that we received. So once I get the spreadsheet put together, I will be able to reconcile what we show in the funds and what we don't, you know, no monies are missing, I can tell you that, it is all the same dollars. But I need to find out if we deposited it in the right funds.

Peggy: Okay.

Greg: The other thing is the DLGF indicates that we only have that much in this particular...

Mark: Because that is what we told them we have and I think part of that and Mary Sue can speak to an extent and neither one of us know for sure, is that I have always taken the money that we receive on a monthly basis and put it in the township fund, none of it has gone into the assistance fund. The only time they have put money into the assistance fund is when they got their big checks and the big checks tell them where to put the funds.

Dave: Don't you get an amount every month?

Mark: We get an amount every month Dave.

Dave: None of that go into township assistance?

Mark: None of it goes into township assistance.

Dave: But it says back here...

Mark: Okay, I will get to there, you are ahead of us.

Peggy: You are going ahead.

Dave: Okay.

Mark: That is alright, we can get there if you want to but it is easier if you go this way.

Dave: Go ahead.

Mark: Okay the next thing you are going to see is basically a record of where we stand right up to the 15th of the month. The first one you see is your CAGIT fund 0101 and in 2 ½ months we have spent 14% of it. You can see that it was fully funded. The next one you are going to see is the 0840-1 and this is your budgeted money. This does not reflect the reductions that we have been given. This is the budget and you we will see that we have \$34,000 budgeted for Welfare Administration if you look at the total at the bottom on that page and if you look at the next page which is the 0840-2 we have \$116,000. So our township budget was \$150,000 as I said earlier, that is how we came up with it. The next item you are going to have is Fund Report 2010, do you see that? The first two numbers at the top, and again it just goes back to what the SBA approved for the township. If you add those two numbers together that is where we get our 10% for our resolution. According to the law we can take 10% of the previous year's budgeted money and put it in a Rainy Day Fund if it has not been spent and it has not been spent.

Dave: That is \$2000 less than what we talked about.

Mark: Because I think when you and I were talking I was looking at 09 instead of 010. Like I said when we were talking, I wanted to make sure. So that is where I came up with that. Now this is the part that Dave was talking about, the next thing you are going to see is a statement of receipts, distributions, cash balances and investment balances. This is something that we don't have to give you but I am going to give to you every time we meet and I will keep it up-to-date. Do you see that? It is right up to March 15th, where it says from. This is telling you what we have and what we have received. Now if you look down at 0840 we have a starting balance of \$28,607. We received \$4,883.55 that is what was on the big check we would hope to put in assistance. We dispersed \$17,115.07 and that brought our cash balance in that fund to \$16,375.91. Therefore you can see that we are going to run out of money. Now if you look up at the Township Fund for example if you follow across there you know we have \$670,000 in there. I was hoping that we made errors in deposits and we will find out but if we haven't...

Peggy: What determines how much of a percentage of those deposits goes into the fund?

Mark: Our tax levy, one was levied for assistance and one was levied for general fund.

Peggy: Okay. We don't know that?

Mark: We do know that.

Peggy: That is why you are going to go back?

Mark: I have to see that they applied each deposit. If they did not apply it correctly then we can make a correction.

Greg: Even the gal from the investments, they are still questioning about the general fund and the township assistance.

Mark; Right, for those of you who don't know that was tracking because of the amount of money they were collecting for the administration building. I'm not saying that these numbers aren't correct that you are looking at, I'm hoping they are not because

if they are correct then the advice that we got from our previous financial adviser was poor and we are in trouble for assistance and the only place to go for assistance would be that Rainy Day Fund. If we do that for this year we are going to have clean out the Rainy Day Fund before the end of the year if we don't fund it again. That is what I'm asking for is to fund it again, you know the 10% of what we did not use from last year. That is the only way that we can move money from where we have cash into the assistance fund is from the Rainy Day Fund. Now do you want to know what the other problem is I'm looking at?

Peggy: Sure

Mark: The other problem I'm looking at is I'm pretty sure what the resolution said when they created the Rainy Day Fund that it can be used for either township funds or for assistance but I can't put it in front of you today. I know it was established in 04. I know London & Witte, Jim Higgins was the financial adviser at that time who prepared the document. I know the board passed it but I can't tell you where it sits. If you go back to what was the first thing we looked at it tells you that the only way that fund can be spent and I will read it to you, it has to say the purpose of the Rainy Day Fund. Well in that resolution the purpose would have to be that these would be funds available to be spent and it tells you the categories that you can spend it in. If it does not tell us that we can spend it in assistance those funds would just continue in Rainy Day and to be used if the ceiling is torn off of the building or a tornado or something. I am not wanting to mislead the board and think that you can use that for assistance until I know for sure. That is what I have for you.

Peggy: Can you get validation?

Mark: I have a phone call into Jim Higgins with London & Witte and I am going to ask him to provide whatever copies he has for that information. It is a good chance that we have it here that it is somewhere in the archives but that is also the same time we were doing all the bonding for the building and it may be buried in a folder that is about that thick and it is only going to be one page long.

Peggy: Okay.

Mark: So until I find it I am not going to hang my hat on anything to say that we can do this until I see it is in accordance to the purpose of the Rainy Day Fund. That is all I have.

Dave: You are not saying that we can use the Rainy Day for the Township Assistance.

Mark: I am not saying that tonight. I believe we can. I think the purpose of the Rainy Day Fund is basically not necessarily for Township Assistance. The purpose of the Rainy Day Fund is the way the Legislature wrote it up was to give the political units the opportunity to put some money back that they can decide if I need this money later, I can use it but you have to say where you need it. So depending on what the Board and what the Trustee did at that time and I remember that Board what it actually says whether we can use it in Assistance. I feel pretty confident that we can use it in Assistance but I am not going to say that without having the document in front of me so I can put it in front of you.

Greg: I know the Rainy Day Fund one purpose is that it is not counted against your tax levy or rate and right now we don't have a tax levy and we seem to have sufficient funds and it is just moving it around in the proper order and investigating.

Mark: If you want to jump ahead a little bit we can talk about that. The next thing in your packet it shows you where our CD's are. If you look at that we have actually got \$625,000 invested in CD's no forgive me that is wrong I am sorry \$525,000. What I would like to do if you look at the next page that you have here just go to the last page that I gave you. All this is that I just gave you is copy of our check registry, what it amounts to. If you go to the last page do you see that number \$212,359 at the very bottom? That is our account balance. If you would look in your checkbook that would be your balance, that is our balance in our checkbook. You add that to the \$525,000 that is how much money this township has. That means we have \$700,000 and some dollars and we are worried about \$90,000.00 for assistance. Are there any questions?

Dave: The \$36,000 you intent to move to Rainy Day is physically where right now, in the bank?

Mark: Well it could be at any place if you want to look at it that way, it could be one of the CDs, it could be one of the funds just sitting in the bank, the \$212,000, it is just funds that we have not used.

Dave: Why did we have that much just sitting?

Mark: Well that is what I want us to think about tonight. I think whatever we don't have invested we need to get invested if we are going to have \$200,000 in the bank.

Dave: Well you would only make 1% or 1.5% but that is better than nothing.

Mark: It is my intention and I don't have to get your approval to do it but it is my intention to all but \$50,000 of our funds to invest in CDs. Because if you go back to that same last page that I just had you look at.

Greg: Are you talking about all but \$50,000 that is over the budget budgeted?

Mark: No I'm talking about even what we have budgeted. That is why I want you to go back to this last page. If you go back to the last page and you see my hand writing on the bottom of it. You see that \$7,338.58 and the \$1,359.92, that is \$8,698.50 that we receive each month and we should receive that for 12 months.

Dave: That is what I was asking.

Mark: So that is \$104,382.00 and we can distribute that between the two funds, the Township and Township Assistance then that is close to enough money to carry us if I add \$50,000 to it, it should be enough to carry us until the end of the year. So then all but \$50,000 I feel like should be invested so I want to invest \$150,000 of our funds and like I said, I don't have to ask you guys for approval but I will let you know that I am probably going to do it. I'm probably going to look and see if they have that same instrument, that 21 month CD because with the 21 month CD we can take out one time without penalty of interest or principal.

Dave: Well you can do that 5 times because you have 5 CDs correct?

Mark: Well and then we have these others. Right now we only have 5 CDs.

Greg: Well I don't want to issue additional appropriations on it, I understand what you want to do with the CDs and I think that is good but I don't want to have to if you pull too much out where we can't cover our budget.

Mark: Here is what we can do Greg. We are going to get that 100 and some thousand dollars.

Greg: Correct.

Mark: We are taking \$50,000 out. So \$154,000 let's say. What we have left until the end of the year will cover our budget.

Greg: That is the only concern I have is that I don't want to do an additional appropriation.

Mark: No it won't be an additional appropriation. I can cash in if we need money to operate on I would cash in one of the CDs. That is not an additional appropriation that is just moving our investments around.

Dave: We won't be able to use our Rainy Day Fund for anything unless it is appropriated. It is in there but you can't use it unless it is appropriated.

Mark: Right. We are going to run out, if these numbers are correct, we are going to run out of Assistance Fund and we are going to have to have additional appropriation from the Rainy Day Fund or we are going to have call and declare ourselves insolvent in assistance and have the county pay it which I don't think you really want to do.

Greg: So basically we really don't know where we are at on this at the moment for sure until we investigate.

Mark: As far as the resolution I think it makes good sense to put the money in the Rainy Day Fund especially since it is going to be just like all of our other funds it is going to get invested and we are going to get some money back on it as far as the resolution goes. As far as do we know where we are as far as how much money we have in the assistance fund and how much we have in the general fund, not really but we also know that it is no off more than \$50,000 or \$60,000 but we will know before you guys meet again and we can call a meeting as soon as I know if you want me to.

Peggy: So you are saying that 100 more thousand dollars which is the two figures x 12 that is what we will have for a year.

Mark: That is what we collect for the year.

Peggy: Plus the \$50,000, so \$154,000.

Mark: Correct. I don't think we are going to spend our full budget over what we already have, that is what I'm trying to say. If it is not, Peggy what I'm saying too is I can go get \$50,000 and put back into the checking account from one of the CDs and that is not re-appropriation, that is just moving the money from like if you have money at home, moving money from your savings to your checking if you need to spend money in your checking. That is how I think we have to look at it, is it wiser to have that money invested for 6 months or is it wiser to have it sitting there because we have it budgeted?

Dave: I understand what you are saying.

Mark: That is all I have for that.

Peggy: I see the reason why we need to do that however I don't know if I really want to approve the resolution if we don't know if it can be used for that.

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

Peggy: I mean I would approve it but if we don't know if the Rainy Day money can be used for that then...

Mark: The reason the Rainy Day Fund was established was just for that reason.

Peggy: For rainy for something, for rainy day.

Mark: At that time you know it was a case if we had a tornado and we had to do something with the building, if we had a tornado and we needed to give extra money in assistance to help the people who were hurt in their homes. I know the discussion that we had at the time but I don't want to tell you what the language is here. I'm telling you I am 90% sure and even greater than that that it says we can use it for assistance because the idea was if we had a tornado come thru like we did back then that we would be able to take some of the Rainy Day Fund and appropriate that money into township assistance and assist people. At that time we re-appropriated money, I forget how much it was to help remove rubbish and work with the county and the federal government and we used funds and then we replaced those when we got money back from FEMA.

Peggy: Could we approve it on a contingency that the document...

Mark: No, either we approve it or we don't approve it. I don't have a problem not approving it. I think it is a wise thing to do whether we put it into assistance or not because we could have this building get knocked down by a tornado.

Peggy: I know but what I'm saying is if we are not approving for the Rainy Day money to be used for assistance but then we find that...

Mark: We are not approving for assistance, we are approving to put the money back in...

Greg: You are allowed to put 10% in and there is another thing is that what we do if we have to go back to a tax levy you mentioned, that is not counted into the tax levy, the tax rate.

Dave: It still can't be used what you put in there, it can't be used without a resolution so it is not going to go anywhere.

Mark: Right, we cannot appropriate anything without the board doing it. All we are doing here is transferring it and saying we are putting money today, the board has full control over it. You don't lose any control over it, that part I can tell you. That is the law, we have that in front of us. So you are not losing any control. Let's say I come to you in 6 months and say we need more money in assistance and I would like you to go into the Rainy Day Fund and move it into assistance. You would still have to approve that. If you guys don't approve that then I will go to the county and tell me we are insolvent.

Dave: This way you have to make two moves to get it to where you want it, you can't just go from here to here, you have to go from here, to here to here.

Mark: I imagine that it is even worse with some other government buildings, we only have to make two.

Dick Huber: Would you entertain a question from the audience?

Mark: Yes.

Dick Huber: To me it looks like you have two unknowns, you are not sure how the Rainy Day Fund can be spent and the other unknown is you are not sure whether some of those deposits over the past years have been put exactly where they were supposed to be. So it could be when he goes back over some of those deposits you are going to find out that a lot of that money should have been in that assistance program and if it can be would you still suggest to put that money in the Rainy Day Fund?

Mark: Yes. I suggest we put it in there because the board will still have control over that money Dr. Huber, and the trustee can't spend it without the board appropriating it. Now let's say we get down to where we need more funds next year because we did not have a tax levy this year, that money is there the same as the rest of the money is there because of the additional appropriation until we start having a tax levy again and coming out and asking you to give us some money.

Dick Huber: And you can only do that 10% once a year, is that correct?

Mark: You can do it at the close of the year. You can take 10% of the previous year's approved budget by the DLGF and set it aside into the Rainy Day Fund if those funds have not been spent.

Dick Huber: Will the general public look at that and say you are just hoarding more money when you put it in there?

Mark: I would say we are hoarding enough now that it is ridiculous.

Greg: There is probably \$54,079.68 in there at the moment.

Dave: I would say you are not going to have any more money anyhow, it is just moving it from point A to point B. The total is going to remain the same. It is just putting it in a more convenient place should we need to use it.

Greg: That is just what I'm saying I think we have hoarded enough.

Dr. Huber: It is just putting it in a place over here where if you have to go after taxes later on you don't have to count that.

Greg: Right even if you build that up to where it is outrageous you know, you would not be hoarding it then because that is not subject to the budget process when you figure up the tax levy.

Mark: Dr. Huber I have always advised businesses and individuals in my professional side of financial adviser that they need to have 3-6 months of their budget put aside in case they are not working or in case the banks become insolvent or whatever and I think the same thing is true for us. We could have a time where we need the money because assistance is going up and the economy is going down. Do we want to add more taxes at that time and make it a worse problem or do we want to go to a Rainy Day Fund and spend our Rainy Day Fund saying the economy is going to come back and we will probably be alright. But what is going on in Japan and what is going on with our stock market today and other markets, I'm talking today, that may not be bad advice because this economy may take another tail spin.

Dick Huber: I hope you never have to go to the county and say we are insolvent for assistance when you have a half a million dollars sitting in the bank.

Mark: That is what I'm talking about. That would be embarrassing.

Greg: I have been working with the trustee and we have some things to investigate and we have some things to look over you know and see what is in our accounts and that is basically what we are doing right now.

Brian Smith: First off we are not invested with any bank that would be insolvent, I want to make sure we are FDIC insured.

Greg: Right.

Mark: No we are not FDIC insured. We talked about this at our first meeting. The state insures the liabilities of the banks for all government agencies.

Brian Smith: Okay.

Mark: I did not know that and I looked at the monies we already had and I thought wow, we are taking a risk. I called and I found out that the liability if it goes insolvent then the state steps up.

Greg: It would have to be state approved investments and banking.

Brian Smith: Yes they probably learned it from the S&L crisis in the 80s. Second, we obviously have the building insured correct?

Mark: Yes.

Brian Smith: Okay.

Mark: It is just like the people of Smith Valley found out and in Franklin found out, the building is insured for replacement, if a tornado hits this thing and our building is structurally unsound it does not insure us for tearing it down and removing all the garbage and rubbish. It insures us that it goes back up but it does not insure us for getting the trash off the property.

Brian Smith: Must have gotten a discount on the policy?

Mark: No. Most policies don't have that in them and ours doesn't.

Greg: Any other questions from the audience? Any other discussion from the board, Dave on this resolution?

Dave: I don't think so.

Greg: Hearing no further discussion I will entertain a call for the question, all those in favor to accept the WRT Resolution 2011-05 indicate by saying Aye (all board members said Aye). All those opposed. The Ayes have it 3-0, Resolution 2011-05 passes.

Mark: I can get your signatures later, are you ready to move on?

Greg: Yes. Now we are onto the Trustee's Report.

Mark: Alright, if we go back to your packet, the last three things in your packet starts with January 2011 and it says total appointments 30, no shows were 6 and we had 3 appointments cancelled. We had the investigator go out and investigate 4 of our cases. In February we had 18 appointments, 2 no shows, 5 cancellations and we had 6 investigations. In February because of the bad weather we had appointments set that were cancelled because of the bad weather. The investigations, we don't investigate every case because some of them are repeats and if they have been investigated just recently, there is no need to reinvestigate, so we don't. Assistance in January was up over the previous January about 20%. Assistance in February was about even with

the previous year. So we will just have to see how it tracks in March. March right now is tracking what Mary Sue? I think we are going to be ahead of last year's as far as number of cases for assistance but I can't say that off the top of the head. Another thing that we have not got transferred into that report yet is something that until I get it transferred into that report I am just going to talk to you about. If we look at the amount of money that was spent by St. Vincent de Paul for WRT cases, we are going to come up and have a total in WRT of \$241,000 proved by St. Thomas Clinic and that is a lot of money.

Peggy: Is that St. Thomas Clinic or St. Vincent de Paul?

Mark: I said it wrong, it is St. Thomas Clinic. We refer people to St. Thomas Clinic all the time. We are getting our TA7 up-to-date to kind of indicate that we are even though we are not writing the checks, how much money we are generating from our referrals and in order to do that we have to contact everybody that we refer them to. We are just going to do a better job of getting that in the computer. Mary Sue will tell you that she has seen parts of the computer that she has never seen before. We are trying to use our computer system to its full extent in order to improve our recording. Financially we are using it now to its full extent but we are going to do a little better job hopefully on this. I attended a they call it a P 2 P conference, that is provider to provider, and what I came away from there I spent a day and a half there, we just went thru and found a lot of different referrals that we might not have know about. So it was kind of neat. The best one that I came away with was Windrose Health Network. You heard the number that I just talked about with St. Thomas, Windrose is one 5 days a week and St. Thomas is open 1 day a week and a Saturday once a month. So I think our referrals will start heading towards Windrose more than St. Thomas.

Peggy: Where are they located?

Mark: They are located over at Madison and County Line Rd. So they are closer to our clients in WR than going over to St. Thomas which is just north of Franklin. The rest of these, if you ever want to come in and look at all of this you are welcome to. This is just a tool that we have to use, Mary Sue, Mary Lou and I have to use when we are seeing people that are in need. We can't help everybody because of our guidelines but we can hopefully send them somewhere where they can get help. Another neat thing that I found while doing that is a lot of time when I'm taking an interview and I'm sure the same is true for Mary Sue and Mary Lou one of the complaints I have if they are on food stamps or we are sending them to the pantries, they complain that they don't get meat. If they are on food stamps they can buy meat but they are just not maybe spending their money real good. The Purdue Extension offers a nutrition program in which they say that they can take their food stamps money and show them how to spend it and have healthy meals and have meat on the table almost every meal.

Dave: Do you have copies of that?

Mark: You can have this one.

Dave: No I mean do you have multiple copies?

Mark: Yes.

Dave: You can pass them out to people.

Mark: That is why we have a book in there. We give them all kinds of stuff, more than they want sometimes. I also attended another workshop and it really was good for me. It was Bridges Out of Poverty was the workshop. This Dr. Payne has written a book called Bridges Out of Poverty and she also wrote a book called A Framework for Understanding Poverty. What it basically talks about is so often we have people come in that we interview that we can't understand how they make some of their decisions. Why they make some of these decisions just totally baffles us. They actually live in a different culture than we do and that is what we are talking about generational people that are below poverty lines. We are not talking about the person who just got in trouble last month because they got fired. We are talking about the ones who come in again and again and again for assistance. Some of our files we have to start a second file and so I want to understand a little bit about them. This was a free seminar that I went to. I went and spent the day there and I understand more about what is going on. That does not mean that I agree with her and they have a way that we can deal with them. What they say is when we are talking to our clients we need to say to our clients, Greg I understand if you do this this is what the result is going to be but Greg if you do this this is what the result will be.

Peggy: You need to help educate.

Mark: They want us to set that expectation. A good point of the book says they cannot forward think, they cannot see into the future. They are in crisis. They are trying to keep their electricity from getting turned off. They are trying to find food for their table. This is a constant thing. Every month it is their job to go reapply for township assistance. Every month it is their job to go to the employment office. That is their job, survival. We want to move them away from survival into understanding the consequences of their actions. So hopefully that is going to help us. Both Mary Sue and Mary Lou are going to be made available for the same training if they want it. Hopefully we will do a better job for our citizens as they come in. We do a great job now but we are trying to improve.

Greg: That lets the public know that there is more information and more duties involved in this office than what the numbers show.

Mark: My last thing for the meeting and then I'm going to be done, I'm going to shut up. See this manual it is similar to what you guys have. We had all the township trustees as many that would come to our meeting come in and we did hold that meeting and tried to get the township assistance guidelines uniformed and also to make sure that everybody had the same manuals that you guys have and we were surprised as to the ones that don't. The ones that did not attend the meeting Cecil Campbell is going to contact one of the ones that did not attend the meeting. She said that trustee is going to approve it. Bob Campbell did not attend the meeting. I'm going to personally contact Bob and go see him and Larry Whitlock did not attend the meeting and Mary Ann Powell is going to go see Larry. We have basically over the phone got an agreement from all of them that they are going to adopt the same standards that we have. That is it for me.

Dave: I have three questions. I was reading thru this, I don't know what you call it, disbursements.

Mark: What are you looking at Dave so I can get to the same page?

Dave: I can show you, I want to see what that is for, what that is for and what that is for?

Mark: I can tell you exactly what those are for.

Dave: Good.

Mark: The check number 5114 to the Daily Journal for \$423.92 was to publish our yearend report.

Dave: That was the total?

Mark: Yes for the yearend report. The check number 5125 to Thrasher, Buschmann & Voelkel for \$119.60 was for legal advice that was given to me and to the chairman of your board who had a couple of legal questions. That was his bill for the month of January.

Dave: Okay.

Mark: I have not talked to Mr. Buschmann since then, have you talked to him since then?

Greg: No.

Dave: Okay, now this one.

Mark: The Singleton Community Mortuary & Memorial for \$1660.00 that is direct assistance for a person who died who was a member of our township and he had no money to be buried.

Dave: The reason I question that is because I recall you said you didn't have very many of those per year and usually is less than that and that is why that popped up.

Mark: That is actually directed to the guidelines and the guidelines I don't have the guidelines.

Dave: Do you remember that lady that was here and talked to us?

Peggy: And she found someone...

Mark: Yes.

Greg: What are the guidelines?

Mark: The guidelines, I don't have it.

Dave: It seems higher than what was discussed.

Mark: It was previously for a funeral service alone we would approve \$1600 and that did not include cremation or anything or burial. This time we have dropped down from \$1600 to \$800.

Dave: That is what I was thinking about.

Mark: But he was cremated, he had a service and a cremation and if you add the two together that is \$1660.00. If you have a service and a burial you would get \$1450.00. That is kind of funny that you can buy the plot, open and close it for less money than you can cremate them but that is the best we can do, alright?

Greg: Are there other questions?

Mark: The numbers that I passed out to you are thru today, those are current numbers at the close of business on the 15th of March.

Peggy: I have a question, the 4 investigations in January. Did we provide assistance to all four that were investigated?

Mark: No, the same thing for the ones that were investigated in February, no. What you find out when you send an investigator sometimes you find out that they have cable TV, they don't bring those reports in for you and you ask them to bring some stuff in and they have wasted resources and you also find out in one particular case we helped them but because what we found in the house I also said that if we help you again we expect you to liquidate. They did not have cable TV but they had TVs throughout the house. I can't tell you the particular cases but we do advise them we will help you one time only but if you come for assistance again you have to show that you put your motorcycle up for sale. One case where the person was living we said they had to put their residence up for sale and move into more affordable housing because during the interview process the person indicated that to us that they would really be better off if they lived somewhere else. So we just helped her with her decision, his decision, her decision, about putting their residence up for sale and moving to someplace else. The investigation helps because it brings out everything. Another thing an investigation does is sometimes it is a sorry thing. We had an investigation where in one case we discovered that there may be child neglect going on because of what the applicants were doing, not what they were doing to the child but what they were doing personally and we actually reported that to the police.

Dave: You were probably required to weren't you?

Mark: Yes, we are definitely required to. That came from the investigation, that did not come from the interview.

Dave: You are using a new investigator now, how is that turning out?

Mark: We are getting a very detailed report back from him more so than ever. We get it back within 72 hours and that is the main thing with an investigator.

Peggy: Is it still \$35 per investigation?

Mark: Yes it is still \$35 with the exception of one investigation and that is because if you remember back in November when actually it was in the newspaper that there was a lady that was living in a house and the house had been foreclosed, there wasn't any electricity, there wasn't any lights, there wasn't any water and the county basically said you have to move out of there. We provided assistance and moved her into a motel. Well since then I started asking questions in my mind. I wonder if she has any relatives. You know. So we did an investigation and we found out that she has relatives. Then I wondered if she had any equity left in that house. If it was just her inability to deal with things if maybe the bank took advantage of things. So we investigated that. So that one we had a couple of investigations and that is going to end up costing us more than \$35 because that was actually each time was \$35, so I don't want to say that each investigation only cost us \$35 but this particular case there were multiple investigations so it cost more than \$35 for that one particular case.

Peggy: Thank you.

Mark: Any other questions. I just thought of one other thing. We are going to start mowing properties probably in April. I have already received all the bids from everybody. When I decide which one I am going to use I am going to make Greg aware of it and if you guys want to talk about it before I send them out there the first time you are more than welcome to.

Dave: Who mows this property the school?

Mark: The school mows this property.

Peggy: I do have a question about mowing. If we have land in the township and the weeds are over growing does the township take care of that or the county?

Mark: That is the question that has been fought for the last two years that I was on the board. Because it is kind of like the dog tax, if you had a dog you used to come to the township to get your dog tags. Now you are suppose to go to the county to get them. The law still shows that the township has the dog tags.

Dave: The law still shows that the township is responsible for the weeds too.

Mark: Right, what we will do when we have this come up we will send them the notification that we are suppose to for weeds. I think it is 24 inches when it gets up to 24 inches then we will send them a letter to give them an amount of time to get it cut. If they don't get it cut we will send them a second letter and if they don't get it cut we have to make the county auditor aware of it and then we will go ahead and take care of it if we do it from the township side and that will be added to their tax rate for that property.

Peggy: Okay.

Dave: Will the county keep the tax or will they give it to us?

Mark: We will get reimbursed from the county if they get reimbursed, if they collect the tax we will get it.

Greg: Is there any other business?

Dr. Huber: Are you still trying to get some work for those who are looking for assistance? Are they working for the township?

Mark: Workfare. Is that what you are talking about?

Dr. Huber: Workfare?

Mark: When we give an applicant assistance and we ask them to do work.

Dr. Huber: Yes.

Mark: We have been approached by Center Grove Little League and approached by some of the other non for profits in the township. We can assign somebody to workfare for the non for profit in our township and any adjoining township. We can also send workfare applicants to do work here on our property and we do that quite often. This room has been cleaned three times since we met in January. As soon as the weather breaks we will have them pick up the Al-Mar property plus Center Grove wants us to pick up their properties. Not go in the buildings, but pick up their properties and we will do that. We will also probably send them down to Independence Park to pick up the property in Independence Park. If Bargarville would call us and ask us to go down and pick up their park we would probably have them do that too, but we have to have agreements with the different agencies.

Peggy: Do you have any suggestions?

Dr. Huber: No I still think there are some people who are capable of working and I think they feel better about themselves if they can work and do things.

Mark: It is disappointing I am not near as fired up about workfare as I was the first month. The reason being is even though we approve assistance with workfare and we give them the guidelines that they have to follow. I am starting to get to the point now if they come back in for assistance again that I am telling the ladies, you need to make them aware if they never called for workfare or they have never given us a chance to give them workfare I don't know if I will approve them, I may make them sit out for 180 days. I am not that mean but I may make them sweat for awhile.

Greg: Tom do you have something?

Tom Latondress: Yes I sent you an email today, did you receive it?

Mark: I received it.

Tom Latondress: Basically I wanted to briefly discuss some of the implications to the township if Senate Bill 386 passes as is.

Mark: What is that bill?

Tom: That is Senator Waltz's bill that is the same bill that you were at downtown remember back a couple of months ago and originally the way in which voters voted were subsequently changed and lost the sponsorship of Senator (counter 135)_____ and there are some real implications to the township that I would like to kind of briefly discuss if I might. Ideally it would be best if I could get a marker for the board.

Greg: Come on up Tom.

Mark: You may do that. If people want to move over so they can see the board or if they want to come up front here so that they can see the board go ahead.

Tom: Some of the parts of the bill are widely supported with the exceptions one of them being requiring...

Mark: I think his voice is going to be one of those that you are going to want to move that recorder all the way over. We have to get you on record.

Tom: Senate Bill 386 has some things that were widely agreed to. The most basic one being the requirement for a tax impact statement if you want to pass a merger you have to go thru a formal process with very specific requirements and I think a lot of people voted for the bill. It passed the senate I think 33-18 or something like that and a lot of people that voted for it thought that the most important thing that needed to be implemented was the requirement for a tax impact study and that was a big issue with the Greenwood and WRT merger issue. We have different grievances as to whether it was financially sound or not but a lot of the people don't realize that another part of the bill related to where you vote and how that impacts on the potential passage or reduction of a merger vote here in 2012. This all becomes a specific way in which people vote depending on where they are _____. So the basic justification had to do with Bargersville. They decided that anyone that was a WRT citizen and a Greenwood citizen or a Bargersville citizen would vote in the township. That does not have a lot of implications for Bargersville because if you vote you could vote for or against the merger and it does not affect you as it relates to Greenwood

because you are not being annexed but if you are a citizen of both Greenwood and WRT there are some constraints on your ability to have the voting process reflect your point of view. Basically the issue then is if you are a citizen of Greenwood in WRT these include tax districts 40, 41 and 43, I myself live in tax district 41, I'm a citizen of Greenwood but I get fire from the WRT Fire Dept and I pay county taxes as well. Unincorporated WRT in tax districts 37 and 38, these folks get 99% of their services from Greenwood. The fact that they do has implications in terms of how they might want to vote. I have a simple 2 x 2 board, let us say up here this is the vote on elimination of WRT. You can vote yes or you can vote no. Over here is the decision on the Greenwood merger. You can vote yes or you can vote no. Now this down here is not liable because anyone that would vote no on the elimination of the township by definition votes no on a Greenwood merger. Anyone that would vote yes on elimination of WRT would vote yes on the merger. The problem that I'm getting to is that one decision one vote is for two separate decisions. Let's look at first who is the most likely person who would be voting for elimination of the township and would vote yes on the merger, that would be someone that would be a strong component of the merger. Because if he votes yes, the vote is here, it is on this issue. How he votes here dictates what happens here. If I'm for the merger then I have to vote for elimination of the township. You are going to get _____ these people go against WRT citizens as far as these tax districts 40, 41 and 43. Who would vote no on the elimination of the township and no on the merger these would be unincorporated WRT citizens and they would vote in the WRT portion. You have here basically an adjunction where you have intense feeling on the part of the individual who votes here and I'm saying WRT and not Greenwood because that person is more likely to be over here than over here and they have to make a decision which way to vote. The person that is in unincorporated White River Township has an intense his or her viewpoint is intensely felt and yet with another entity that represents the township instead of the city of Greenwood. So really these are basic problems here that I believe is because we have one vote for two separate decisions these people here should be voting for Greenwood that is the way that I feel I have always felt that way as a citizen of Greenwood and tax district 41. Doesn't make a whole lot of sense to me that these folks both represent to the township and they have really no mutual interest in that vote. That leaves this one this is the most interesting one voting yes for the elimination of the township that don't want to merge. This is not an argument against the merger absolutely not because there things that it does affect in Greenwood. But the fact of the matter is we are not doing this because it is a benefit to an individual who is supporting the merger or against the merger. We are looking at this because it is what makes sense rationally. There are a lot of people in Greenwood that definitely want to get rid of the township but they don't support the merger. By definition if you vote to eliminate the township you are voting for the merger. These people have to decide what is more important getting rid of the township or voting for the merger. I think a lot of people in Greenwood a lot of people in 40, 41 and 43 really want to get rid of the township. You could get a lot of people, if they vote for the merger to get rid of the

township but they get to merger with it. I think they don't mind getting the merger with it because they get 99% of the services all ready from Greenwood. Yet these people get also The recording ends at this time.

There was discussion of having a public forum and invite different representatives.

Meeting date was not set.

Meeting was adjourned.