

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

ATTENDEES: Mark Messick, Greg Rainbolt, David Pollard, Margaret Young, Mary Lou Habicht and Dick Huber

Meeting was called to order by Greg Rainbolt at 6 PM. First order of business was the Pledge of Allegiance.

Greg: The next business is the approval of the January 22, 2013 WRT Board Meeting Minutes. Do I have a motion for approval?

Peggy: I make a motion.

Dave: I second.

Greg: Having a first and a second do I hear any discussion? Hearing no discussion all those in favor of approving WRT Board Meeting Minutes from January 22, 2013 indicate by saying Aye (all board members said Aye). Three Ayes, the January 22, 2013 WRT Board Meeting Minutes are approved. Next order of business is the Conflict of Interest Statement from the trustee. I will let Mark hand them out.

Mark: I just need to have one of these signed so you guys can keep the ones I'm giving you. As you are aware each year it seems like we end up using Kane Construction to do some of our repairs and some our work around the township and so I made an annual Conflict of Interest because Kane Construction, Mary Sue Kane works for us and we are using their company periodically to do work for the township. I would just ask that you guys accept this and that is all it amounts too. I need your signature and it is not that you are approving it; it is just that you are aware of it.

Greg: Aware of it.

Mark: So I need your signature above where mine is there is a place for board members.

Greg: Ok.

Mark: The reason we have to have a board meeting is because by our nepotism policy we have to submit these, a Conflict of Interest at a regular board meeting. So just sign the one.

Greg: Ok, do we have any discussion on this?

Dave: Yes, what are you going to have done?

Mark: Right now we are going to have the switch that controls our parking lights changed from being on a timer that is not working because if you noticed the lights are on right now to a dusk to dawn. That is the only thing I have planned. We have the back door that is rusting out, we are about ready to have to replace it. It is a steel door. I have taken a bid from him and I have gotten a bid from another contractor and right now he has the low bid. So those are the only two things Dave that I know I am going to probably have him do this year but you know last year we had a door back here that came off the hinges and he put the frame back in for us and he was the one that actually did the work on the parking lot last year.

Greg: This allows him to do the work.

Mark: We get bids on it we don't just.

Dave: It is March and this hadn't come up so I figured you were planning something that was why you had the meeting.

Mark: The main thing is I, the reason I wanted to do it now is because I want to get these parking lights drive me crazy when they come on. Then they are not on when you come at other times.

Dave: What is out there now? Is it supposed to come on and off with motion are time?

Mark: No, the ones on the building are on a dust to dawn. They work perfectly. The parking lights along the parking area out there the ones up on the poles. They are on a timer and the timer has decided not to display the time so it is kind of a hit and miss if you can get it to work right.

Dave: So you would rather go with.

Mark: We are just going to change that switch out take that off the timer and install a dust to dawn switch outside.

Dave: So you would rather have a dust to dawn? Then replace the timer?

Mark: Right. It is cheaper because the dust to dawn everybody's got them now. The timers are kind of computerized.

Dave: Dust to dawn it is going to if it comes on it is going to burn all night right?

Mark: It does that now. They are set to be on from 7:00p.m to 8:00 in the morning because of the winter. They are coming on at 4:00p.m. instead of at 7:00 and that is my problem. So dust to dawn so in the winter it is going to be on longer and the summer it won't be a whole lot at all. I think it will save us money in the long run.

Greg: With that being said I just want to know on record that all three Board Members have signed this conflict of interest along with the Trustee. So this item of business is completed.

Mark: This is going to be mailed to the State Board of Accounts, to the County Clerk's office and also to the State Ethics Commission. Plus a copy will be in our file.

Greg: Now if we could get some people from DOT to do the same thing.(Laughter)

Mark: They only other business I had before you I have given you some financial reports we are right on budget even though we cut several things last year. We seem to be fine with the budget that is going on after the first quarter. So you can look at the percentages on the white sheet and you can see the percentages and then I gave you the Annual Report to where we are right now and the one thing I would note there is that if you look at the cash balances in column D on the first page you will see the Township Fund is \$20,000 negative we have had that before where we have had investment that hasn't matured yet. That is why I gave you this sheet which shows we have two CD's that are going to mature next week.

Greg: Right.

Mark: We actually have \$35,000 in the bank so with this \$100,000 that will be enough money to fund the rest of the year. In a cash position so that was the only other thing that I wanted to make the Board aware. It may look like we don't have money but we have \$35,000 in the bank cash.

Greg: Another thing I wanted to note I come in and get a monthly statement. I asked Mark to provide me with an appointment schedule as well. He has done that.

Peggy: Long Brothers Tree Lawn Service. Was that for the tree?

Mark: There was a tree on our property that had to be removed and we had a tree that we had some damage in that we had to have trimmed.

Peggy: Was that at the cemetery?

Mark: That was here.

Peggy: Ok.

Mark: Also we had a tree that fell in Tresslar Cemetery which I think I told you at the last meeting.

Greg and Peggy confirmed.

Mark: That includes that also.

Peggy: So all three trees?

Mark: All three trees.

Peggy: Ok. What is the Chilly Panda Media for \$600?

Mark: That is the website. If you go on our website now you will see it is done. That is a onetime charge. If we have to have him do some updates it would be very minimal amount. If you go in there it has been quite a development of the website.

Dave: You are paying him to do this?

Mark: Yes, one time.

Dave: Thought he volunteered to do that?

Mark: He did but what he wasn't able to do everything we wanted him to do on it. So I asked him what it would cost? We had a bid from a company out of Hamilton County to do it for \$2,995 so that is kind of what we needed similar to that so I asked Jody if you were to do this what would it cost? He gave me a bid on it too. Actually we are able to put that into our telephone communication area so it is still within the budget.

Peggy: So what is the website?

Mark: whiterivertownship.org

Dave: What did Jody charge?

Mark: \$600.

Greg: It is under Chilly Panda Media and that actually I had asked Mark about that because I was wondering what was going on. As I noted it is in the minutes here and also in the transcripts that he spoke of this at the Board meeting that he was going to spend some money from Professional Services to update the website.

Mark: I have had to contact both of our attorney's in the last week. I can bring that up to you too. I had to get ahold of Mr. Buschmann in reference to some assistance questions that we needed answered. I have also had to talk to Mr. Buschmann about the fact that Franklin Township last year fired one of their workers. The worker filed for unemployment compensation and was awarded unemployment compensation and we are self-insured in that area we don't have to have unemployment insurance. Well they have found according to Work One they need to pay unemployment insurance and they are going back for the number of quarters this lady worked. That could be a budget breaker, not for us because we have funds in the bank we could re-appropriate it. For some other Townships that could be a budget breaker. So I have asked Mr. Buschmann to clarify that to us. He feels like we are exempt but he is going to make sure and clarify that to us. So I have Mr. Buschmann working on that. Within the last month the Greenwood Challenger has lost a law suit to Franklin Community

Schools and the city of Franklin. In the Superior Court 1 it was determined that they were not a newspaper as determined by statues.

Dave: Good.

Mark: As a result they did not have to publish in their budget. Now that is Franklin I got a letter from Mr. Watson indicating that maybe the same was true in Greenwood and he thought the city of Greenwood and the School and the other municipality's like are ourselves and Clark and Pleasant Townships may want to challenge them in court too. My comment was "how much" so they are supposed to let us know what our cost would be. We have to look at it from a cost savings, if they go to court without us we could benefit of that anyway. They have asked us to join.

Dave: So why challenge it just don't do it.

Mark: What?

Dave: Don't challenge it just don't do it.

Mark: By Indiana code I have to.

Dave: You have to what?

Mark: I have to publish in that until we prove it is not a newspaper.

Dave: It has already been proven by what you just said.

Mark: By Franklin Challenger. He publishes under Franklin Challenger in Franklin he publishes under Greenwood.

Peggy: So the Superior Court found in favor of Franklin not this area.

Dave: I understand all that you are talking about two different newspapers?

Mark: He says it is two different newspapers but we are saying it is not a newspaper according to Indiana Code. We don't feel like it is a newspaper.

Dave: Let them sue you.

Mark: I am just telling you we are investigating that and I am spending a little of our Professional Services.

Peggy: But I am saying if they are going in together I think we should be a part of that too.

Mark: We are going to see what it costs first.

Greg: Yes, the cost analyzes of whether we going to spend \$200 per add or \$2,000.

Mark: If it is going to cost us what we have in the budget this year to advertise I am fine and then we never have to do it again.

Peggy: Right.

Mark: If it is going to cost more than a year advertisement then I think well. We don't want to spend money just to be foolish.

Peggy: Right.

Mark: That is all I have for you.

Greg: Anything else from any members? Dr. Huber I see you got here a little bit late we are progressing the meeting along. We didn't have much but a conflict of interest and approval of the minutes.

Dr. Huber: If I missed the video I could go home and watch it on video. You don't videotape it anymore?

Greg: No we don't have enough interesting things to do anymore I guess.

Mark: We do have a website that has all of our minutes and stuff on it now. whiterivertownship.org. so if you want to.

Peggy: Do you have something that tells how many people have.

Mark: No, I don't care. We have had.

Peggy: Well I can tell how people get on and check their student's grades.

Mark: We have had two people call us from the website. We have had two appointments made for using the community room from the website. So the short time it has been up I know of at least four who have made contact with us afterwards. The Democrat Party is now meeting in this room for Johnson County on a monthly bases I can tell you that. We have also had two or three Homeowners Associations meet this year. We have had the Little League meet this year and we have had one or two parties

Mary Lou: There was one party.

Mark: Birthday party for a two year old.

Dave: The Sheriff didn't have to come down and break it up did they?

Laughter.

Mark: You know had we advertised it.

Laughter.

Greg: Do you have anything you would like to ask of the Board?

So if not hearing anything else do I have a motion for adjournment?

Dave: Yes.

Peggy: Second

Dave: Hearing a first and second all those in favor of adjournment say Aye.

All say Aye.