

WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
TRUSTEE'S NOTES
JANUARY 21, 2014

ATTENDEES: Mark Messick, Greg Rainbolt, David Pollard, Mary Sue Kane

Meeting was called to order by Greg Rainbolt at 5:30 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Greg Rainbolt: I would like to note that Dave Pollard is here, Mary Sue Kane, Mark Messick, trustee, and Greg Rainbolt. Peggy Young is not in attendance today. Our next order of business is Approval of the January 7, 2014 WRT Board Meeting Minutes. Do I hear a motion?

David Pollard: I make a motion.

Greg: I will second that motion. Any discussion on the minutes?

Dave: No.

Greg: Hearing no discussion I would like to ask for approval. All those in favor of approving the WRT Board Meeting Minutes for January 7, 2014 indicate by saying Aye (Greg and Dave both said Aye). Two Ayes, the minutes are approved. That is the end of that section. The next section is WRT Trustee's 2013 Annual Report. So I am going to make a motion to hear this and discuss this Dave. Do I have a second?

Dave: Yes.

Greg: Dave Pollard seconds. I will hand it over to Mark Messick, trustee, and we will go thru it.

Mark Messick: The first thing that you would have received in your packet was a clarification that we moved some money at the very end of the year which really does not have anything to do with the annual report but I wanted to relay that information to you. The second item I believe was the page that I had to send to the state telling them that I had prepared the report and I felt that everything in the report was true and accurate and that has been sent to them already. The first report is the WRT Capital Assets for 2013. That shows that we have a total Capital Assets of \$1,495,000.00 and that has not changed in the last year. The next report is the Cash Fund Statement. Basically you will notice that is just a report that says how much cash you have in the four funds that we have. So the beginning cash for Rainy Day was 0. The ending cash for Rainy Day was 0. We sold and rebought our CDs this last year and we added a CD of \$19,495.00 so our receipts were \$129,819.78 and the distributions were \$129,819.78 and so those distributions were purchases of CDs. In the Township Fund, our beginning balance was \$794.22. We had receipts of \$319,408.85 and distributions of \$254,673.46 for an ending balance of \$65,529.61. The Excess Levy we started and ended with the same amount of \$602.51. The Township Assistance we started with a cash balance of \$65,053.74. We received \$72,956.08. We disbursed \$105,595.91 and we ended with a balance of \$32,413.91. You can see the Grand Totals, I won't read those. Any questions on that report? One thing I will note and I'm sure you guys are aware of and that is why you don't have a question, disbursements and receipts include amounts of CDs that became due and were reinvested. So you see that we have receipts of \$72,000 in Township Assistance, well you know \$70,000 was the CD that came due and then \$70,000 was the CD that we spent. So really we only had disbursements of \$35,000 in that area, if you don't count the investments. The next sheet and I won't read all of

those just shows you what our combined Cash and Investment Statement was and it shows you the beginning balances and the ending balances. So there you get a better idea of the Rainy Day Fund that we started with \$110,000 and we ended with \$129,000 because we added more money in that area. Any questions on any of those amounts?

Dave: Not from me.

Mark: Ok, then the next report we have is the Detailed Distributions of all Funds. Basically here this is just a summary of how we spent our monies and I am not going to go thru and read all of that. I will highlight a couple things in here if you care to know. You can see the transfer after Total Services and Charges of \$45,419.54, you see the Transfer Out to Another Fund, that is the \$19,498 that the board approved for the additional funding of the Rainy Day. That comes from Township and goes up to the other area. Other than that this is kind of a boring report. We ended with a Total Government Activities of \$490,089.15. If you look at this report that I gave you and you subtract the payroll, Dave it is this one here. If you look at column No. C the \$500,704.60 is all your subtotals but because payroll is not reflected on that report you take that \$10,615.45 off of that and that is where you come up with the \$490,089.15. Everything that is shown on this report, actually you can find here too.

Dave: I do have one small question please. Back on Page 1 Professional Services \$7,522.57. What all does that include, I know part of it.

Mark: That is your lawyer fees. That is your Toms System, our computer system otherwise. That is the majority of it that is almost all that is in there. It also I think we put in there...

Mary Sue Kane: DoxPops?

Mark: No DoxPops is in the Assistance Area. We can account for it all if you want.

Dave: I know that. I was just curious to what it was. I knew the attorneys would be in there.

Mark: I know the other thing that is in there, is the guy that does our 941s, our tax services.

Dave: Ok.

Mark: It is mainly somebody that has something to do with Professional Services.

Dave: So \$6000 or more of that was for what you call Toms, right?

Mark: Toms I think, it says in here what Toms was. Net Results was \$4,290.

Dave: That is just half.

Mark: Right. Then Williams Barrett & Wilkowski was \$2,053 of it. Then you have part of what we paid to Buschmann the \$629.90 was also in there. Then we would have had in Professional Services other than that would have been Custom Computer Solutions probably was part of that.

Dave: I'm ok with it. Like I said I was just concerned about what it actually all entailed.

Mark: Then \$220 for Bookkeeping and Tax Support. So we can go thru and come up with the exact number.

Dave: It is not necessary.

Mark: Ok. Any other questions on that report? Then your next report is your Detailed Receipts. This goes to show you where the money came from that we received. You can see it starts out Sale of Investment and then Transfers In. So that is where all of you Rainy Day receipts came from was the Sell of Investment. Then you got in the Township Funds you have your CAGIT for Certified Shares and your Property Tax Replacement, your Financial Institution Tax, your Excise Tax, and your Commercial Excess Tax. That is where that money came from. You have Sale of Investments, Earnings on Investments and Deposits and Other Misc. Receipts. Then in

Township Assistance you have Sale of Investments, Earnings on Investments and Deposits, Refunds that \$2,350.00 that we spent for the cremation that we got back from the estate. Then Other Receipts of \$212.36. So that is where all of our funds came from. Any question about the Detailed Receipts? Then the last thing is usually the thing we talk about because you guys want to know who they are, is just a reporting of everybody that received money from the township. In other words who we distributed funds to. I will not read all of those but if you have any questions on any of those I will answer those questions for you.

Greg: Most of the individuals are rental property owners?

Mark: There is one that is not. There is a Linda Moore \$595.00 and that was for the Lyons Cemetery. She is a self-proprietor and they did the bulldozing, where they cleared all of the property off so hopefully we won't get tore up in there anymore. Other than that the rest of them are pretty self-explanatory I believe. Any questions on any of the monies that we spent?

Greg: I mean this is outside of the report but I noticed where is it, it is not on this one ...

Dave: While he is looking in township business in assistance do you deal with Section 8 housing?

Mark: If they are Section 8 housing we can help them with utilities only.

Dave: Ok.

Mark: Then only the portion that is not paid by Section 8.

Greg: I know this question now, I was wondering Williams Barrett & Wilkowski what was the majority of that for?

Mark: It is still kind of ongoing, that is the lawsuit with The Challenger. We have withdrawn from that lawsuit, did I tell you guys that?

Dave: Why are we still paying in when you said we withdrew?

Mark: We had to pay them for the work they did.

Dave: Well we are not going to pay them anymore.

Mark: We are not paying them anymore. There will be one more payment, I'll take it back. We are getting dismissed from the lawsuit and whatever it costs to get dismissed from the lawsuit.

Dave: So it is going to cost over \$2000 just to withdraw?

Mark: By the time it is over and said and done, no this is the work he has already done before that. There is some other stuff in there.

Dave: Ok.

Mark: During the year we went thru that as the year went along but the majority of that money is The Challenger lawsuit.

Greg: I knew there some use but the final number kind of stood out to me.

Mark: That is why we wanted to get out of it too because it was starting to ring up because of what The Challenger was doing like anybody would do, they were sending motion after motion after motion and doing things on their part in order basically to do what we did, discourage us and see if we would get out and we did. But it wasn't because of that we got out.

Greg: I know we discussed where it became too expensive.

Mark: Any other questions on that report? Then you just have your Investment Statement is your next report. That just shows you what we have in investments. Then your next report is just where we have to tell them who our officials are. The only two officials that they are concerned with are the Trustee and the Board Chairman. Their information is listed. Is your information listed correctly Greg?

Greg: Yes.

Mark: Then your next report is the Statistical Report. This report just kind of shows you our partnerships with other agencies, what amount of assistance goes out of here, it tells you if it is government money as far as township money or if it is from other agencies. That is your Statistical Report. The last thing is our Transfers and it shows what went to Rainy Day. Then there is a Unit Question. It just asks us if we do anything and they have one yes answer in there just to make sure that we are not saying no to everything. Then our Pension Report which we don't have a pension so all of the answers are no. That is your Annual Report. I would ask the Board that you accept the report as presented.

Dave: I have one more question. Way back at the beginning on the WRT Capital Assets, you said it is the same as it was last year.

Mark: Correct.

Dave: Is that just the property?

Mark: That is the property of almost 3 acres is valued at \$180,000 and then the building is valued at \$1,315,000.

Dave: The building is?

Mark: Right.

Dave: Wow.

Mark: Now everything in the building we have on the inventory list. It has no value. It has far exceeded its depreciation. But we have it on an inventory list.

Greg: I know there are two options on this report Dave. Option 1 I believe is with no exceptions and Option 2 is with exceptions for things and I don't have any questions or concerns. I would like to make a motion to accept Option 1.

Dave: That is the one with no objections, right?

Greg: No objections.

Dave: I don't see a signature page here, should I have it?

Mark: No it will be part of this.

Dave: Ok.

Mark: I have 5 copies that have to be signed. Greg you have to sign each one twice, you have to sign above your name and then sign below Option 1.

Greg: I make a motion to go with Option 1, no exceptions to the report.

Dave: I'll second it.

Greg: Ok, Chair made a motion and Dave seconded it. The Annual Report is approved with Option 1. Now we will do our signing.

Mark: The other thing that I gave you in today's packet while you are signing that we showed you what we have spent for assistance thru the 15th, but we also had some assistance today that we approved. Now we have not spent any money on that yet, it will be when we get the Purchase Orders back is when we will spend the money.

Dave: Three no shows, and two rescheduled.

Mark: I guess the other question we could think about I don't know when you guys want to meet next.

Greg: I don't have anything planned yet. Do you have anything coming up Mark that we need to meet on?

Mark: I am going to have to get some estimates to see what it is going to cost to fix the problem we had with the water. I don't know if it is going to cost that much. Most likely it is going to be cosmetic and if it is just cosmetic then I probably won't need to meet with you. But if it is going to involve any amount of money, I will try to meet with you. Other than that I don't see anything other than just doing our business as usual. I will probably try to have a meeting with the churches again this year. I don't know if it will be early or later.

Greg: For what?

Mark: Last year we provided CICOA to them and we just reminded them of what we do. We kind of want to keep out in front of that every year just to remind them what it is we do. Otherwise we get people that like to say that we don't do much. We like to let them know that yes we are here and we are available.

Greg: Ok.

Mark: I will let you guys know when that meeting is going to be.

Dave: Our names are not printed on there, just pick out a line and sign it under yours?

Mark: Yes. This is a state form it is not something we put together. Then after all of those are done, then one of those copies goes to you Greg, you have to keep a copy. One of those copies probably should go in our books. I have to keep a copy. We have to send a copy to the county when we send down the rest of it. Oh one other thing, this will be published in the Daily Journal on the 25th which is Saturday. I had an option of publishing it on Friday or Saturday and I know more people look at the Saturday paper. The cost is the same so I went and had it published on the 25th Saturday.

Greg: That concludes the Annual Report. Does anybody have any other business that they want to bring up?

Dave: About those meetings you were talking about. Just for the presence of being here I mean it is a good idea as far as I'm concerned whether anybody is here or not which there usually isn't but at least it makes us available to them, I think we ought to do it more than we do. Not every month, I don't mean that.

Mark: I'll meet with you guys, I mean that is my job is when you have a meeting to be here.

Dave: What would you, would you be upset with about every 2 months? Would there be anything wrong with that?

Mark: I think the positive part of that is because I give you guys the annual report every time you come in, that annual report really is totally reflective in the one we are sending to state, it has who we spent money with and where we are and I always give you percentages as to where we are at. Then that would give you an opportunity if there were any questions as the year went along to get ahead of them before they became a major problem.

Dave: Well that is a good point but my thought was really for the public, I mean it would give them an opportunity to see us if they wanted to. I don't think they will but still if we make ourselves available it is a pretty good showing as far as I'm concerned. We don't have to make it a regular schedule thing, we could schedule it ourselves as time goes just notify everybody.

Greg: Just an open meeting.

Mark: I think that this year I would like to see the Board take a position on where you want the Boards if the Board has a viable position in Township Government because that is one of the major things that is out there in front. I would like to see like we did a couple of years ago maybe try to get our legislatures down here and hold a meeting which is basically for the public.

We are going to bring the legislatures in here and let the public and us discuss whether or not we should have Township Government.

Dave: Bring them on.

Mark: That is what I mean. If we could do that sometime in February or March before they adjourn up there. I just think that would be wise. That is a can of worms for you.

Greg: Yes. I know the problem I had with that connecting with everybody last time was their scheduling, trying to get everybody scheduled together. It is something we can look at.

Mark: There are two pieces in legislation up there right now that affects Township Government. One is to do away with Township Government in 2019 and bring it under one Trustee and it is a County Trustee and do away with all the Boards and the County Council will take care of overseeing the County Trustee. The second piece of legislation that is up there is to do away with Township Boards. I will be quite honest with you, it is not good legislation because you guys keep an eye on what paperwork I give you and how I work with you during the course of the year. The County Council would only see me at budget time and do they really know what is going on here? No.

Greg: That is the question I have, where are the checks and balances?

Mark: There basically wouldn't be. There could be if you had a republican and a democrat and one or the other wanted to knock the other one down a notch. Then you would have some checks and balances but as long as it is one party there are no checks and balances.

Greg: I agree.

Dave: If you want to do that let me know because I have a couple, I have about three guys up there who owes me a favor anyway.

Greg: Feel free anytime you want to do something you know Dave and just call us.

Mark: If I have a reason to want to call a meeting I will call you.

Greg: As far as anything scheduled, no other than what you were talking about Dave is opening it up to the public and seeing if there are any concerns.

Dave: It would keep our names out there too. If they have a problem they could contact any one of us.

Mark: Here is the other thing that is coming up that is an unknown and it maybe a reason for a meeting and we probably won't know until March maybe as late as April is the effect of the Affordable Care Act. That may be a cause for us to have to meet and take a look at maybe additional appropriations for Township Assistance.

Dave: Do you anticipate making available more assistance but not making but having to give out more assistance?

Mark: We set our income guidelines but if they come along and say that we have to discount our income guidelines by the amount of money that an individual spends on the Affordable Care Act then that is the same as increasing our income guidelines and therefore there might be that possibility Dave that more people would qualify and we might need to increase our amount of appropriations to Township Assistance. That is an unknown.

Dave: I understand that part, I just wanted to know what your thoughts were.

Mark: I think that you have people who are living that close to the chest. I know a family that is out there right now that is not getting any government assistance and now is having to say a husband is retired and the wife is still working and they don't qualify for assistance on the Affordable Care Act and now they are being required to take the Affordable Care Act because

the wife's insurance dropped the husband because they did not want, and we are seeing a lot of that. The companies aren't offering that insurance to the spouse. Now the spouse has to go in and even though he goes out to the marketplace he does not get a discount and so where they weren't spending that money first because it was coming out of the wife's deal now they are spending a \$1000 a month for insurance. Now they need to come in to me to get assistance because they can't keep their utilities on.

Dave: Something else is going to come into play too that I just now thought of, this same sex marriage that is going up there right now.

Mark: You know we don't discriminate against anybody that comes in with their sexual preference. We don't see any same sex.

Dave: I don't mean as far, I'm saying it is going to make a difference. I don't know where it is going to play in.

Mark: I can say this in the studies and the different things that we have out there, for some reason they are employed.

Greg: Do we have anything else? Do I hear a motion for adjournment?

Dave: I do.

Greg: Dave Pollard makes a motion, I will second. All those in favor (both board members said Aye). Meeting is adjourned.