

WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
TRUSTEE'S NOTES
OCTOBER 6, 2015

ATTENDEES: Mark Messick, Greg Rainbolt, Margaret Young, David Pollard, Mary Lou Habicht and Mary Sue Kane.

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

Greg Rainbolt: Next item on the business is the approval of the White River Township Board meeting minutes of January 13, 2015 and also September 22, 2015. I would like to make a motion to approve both sets of minutes for January 13, 2015 and September 22, 2015. Do I have a second?

Dave: Second.

Greg: Dave Pollard second, any discussions on these minutes? Hearing no discussion can I ask for a vote to approve January 13, 2015 minutes and also September 22, 2015 minutes? All those in favor of approval indicate by saying Aye (all Board Members said Aye.) Three Ayes so the minutes are approved. Next order of business is White River Township Resolution 2015-01 it is the adoption of the 2016 White River Township Budget Estimates and Tax Levies. I would make a motion to open this Resolution. Do I have a second?

Peggy: Second.

Greg: Having a first and a second I will open up to discussion. Before we discuss it I am going to hand the floor over to Trustee Mark Messick for him to go through the budget.

Mark: In front of you, you are going to find Budget Form number 1, Budget Form number 2, Budget Form 3 and Budget Form 4. Budget Form 1 is the proposed Township Budget, the Budget Estimate. Budget Form 2 let's look at it first if you don't mind. Last year we had Miscellaneous Revenues projected for this year anyway of \$9,222. The Department of Local Government Finance does this every year. They underestimate how much money we are going to get from Miscellaneous. As you can see under Vehicle Excise Tax we are going to get 0. Under the Adjusted Gross Income Tax we are receiving 0 and we know we are going to receive money in those areas. Under the Township Assistance which is most of our Excise Tax (someone came to the door for another meeting) we are going to receive around \$4,500 again. They are estimating we are only going to receive \$2,914 but we know it is going to be more like \$9,000 in that area.

The third form is just a notice that was posted on the website for the Department of Local Government Finance. That just shows what we are looking at and what our maximum levy could have been. We could have levied \$283,000, we are only looking at levying \$155,000 which is less than the budget amount.

Form 4 is your Resolution. If you like I can read it.

Be it ordained/resolved by the White River Township Board that for the expenses of White River Township, Johnson County for the year ending December 31, 2016 the sums herein specified are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named

and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year, unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided for by law. In addition, for the purposes of raising revenue to meet the necessary expenses of White River Township, Johnson County, the property tax levies and property tax rates as herein specified are included herein. Budget Form 4-B for all funds must be completed and submitted in the manner prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the White River Township Board.

Your choices tonight on the Budget are yes, no and abstain. Any questions you want to talk about on Budget Form 1?

Greg: I asked questions during the hearing so I don't have any questions.

Mark: I would make one comment on Budget Form 1. I do know that Greg asked me about the resolution for Form 17 which is our salaries for next year. I talked to Steve Buschmann just to make sure what Indiana Code governs that. Form 17 if we approve the Budget and if you guys decide you want to do something about the amount of money you make or if I decide to do something about the amount of money I make, we can pass Form 17 anytime during the course of the year. I am suggesting you pass one tonight but I am also suggesting you don't alter the Budget because then if anything were to change later in the year and we don't have it appropriated you can't get it. It has to be appropriated money and the reason I say is there are new procedures that are coming out starting July 1. We are going to have to have checks and balances for everything we do. That is from anywhere from keeping the phone log and who checks the phone log all the way down to probably going to have a deal once or twice a month where you are going to have to appoint Greg to come in and approve our payments or oversee them. Right now Greg gets the monthly bank balancing but this is going to be more often now. If I write a check without Mary Sue then Greg is going to have to see it before it gets mailed out. If Mary Sue writes a check then I have to approve what she has put together and then I have to sign it. Then at some point and time somebody from the Board is going to have to review all of our expenditures.

Dave: That is what I was about to ask, is it going to be limited to Greg?

Mark: No. We don't know what it is going to be for sure. I think with the number of small townships that is what they are going to recommend. It is going to be a recommendation from the Department of Local Government Finance. It is going to be a whole manual that we are going to have to do. We are going to have to start January 1, I mean July 1.

Dave: Why I ask is Greg is entitled to have some time off too.

Mark: So when you elect your officers next January just keep that in mind. So Peggy is volunteering to be our Chairman. (Laughter) That is the only thing that I wanted to bring up when you are looking at the Budget. Your time spent here may be greatly affected by what happens July 1. We will know towards the end of November what the Department of Local Government Finance is recommending. I imagine Steve Buschmann in connection with the ITA will get to work on that immediately as to what the Township is going to do. I am not going to hire Steve to do it until after I see what the ITA has. If they come up with what we can adopt, I think that is what we will do we won't hire Steve to do it. If they don't then we are going to have to hire Steve to come up with procedures for us that meets the Department of Local

Government Finances deal. If you don't adopt those procedures you will be subject to an audit yearly. You will also in those audits you are going to have to pay \$175 an hour for the audits. You will also be subject if you don't adopt something by July 1 your Budget will not be approved for the following year and it will go back to the previous year's Budget. I don't think that will ever affect us but some of these Townships that would be a major problem.

Dave: Isn't that called Black Mail?

Mark: We are under that now. If we don't do this it goes back to last year's Budget. That is just a little bit of what is going on within the Department of Local Government Finance. That is all I have other than if anyone has any question on the Budget?

Greg: Any discussion? Hearing no discussion on the Budget I would like to ask for a vote on White River Township Resolution 2015-01 which is the Resolution for appropriating and tax rates. All those in favor indicate by saying Aye. (All Board Members say Aye)

Mark: I need at least four copies so I have a copy here for you to sign too.

Greg: Hearing 3 Ayes the Resolution passes.

Mark: The next item I have that Greg asked on the agenda is the Resolution for Salaries for Township Officers and Employees. Department of Local Government Finance and the State Board of Accounts recommend that we pass this during our Budget Cycle. Like I said pursuant to Indiana Code 36-6-6-10(b) a new one can be adopted at any time.

Peggy: Your salary is not showing.

Mark: Not showing where? Oh it didn't copy.
(Someone came to door for another meeting.)

Mark: Ok we have a line across it. We only need one copy of this.

Peggy: I am fine with it.

Mark: I will hand write it in on the other one because Greg needs a copy for his book.

Greg: I am going to make a motion since we didn't do it yet White River Township Resolution 2015-02 for salaries, I will make a motion that we open it.

Peggy: Second.

Mark: I made no changes from the last year's 2015, it is the same.

Peggy: All right.

Dave: You don't want these copies? You are going to make one.

Mark: I just need these two copies here. Greg will keep one of them and I will keep the other one. Our coping machine must be having a problem.

Greg: Ok. Any discussion on this? Hearing no discussion all those in favor of White River Township Resolution 2015-02 indicate by saying Aye. (All Board Members said Aye)

Greg: Next order of business, is any other business that needs to come before the Board? Anybody have any other business?

Mark: I have one other thing to bring before the Board. That is I have had to have I guess between last meeting and this meeting I had to have the roof repaired again. I have another person coming out to give us another bid on a full replacement of the roof. If this happens I think we will just go for an additional Appropriation which we can do. It will be just for that. We can take it out of Rainy Day Funds.

Dave: You just go for additional Appropriation is that what you said?

Mark: Yes we would have to do it like the Budget process. We would have to advertise a Public Hearing and then we would have to after the Public Hearing we would have to give 10 days for

anybody to object to the additional Appropriations. Then we would have another meeting to approve the additional Appropriations. Then according to the Department of Local Government Finance we would have to approve what we approved.

Dave: What are your expectations?

Mark: I am hoping that we get a hail storm.

Dave: In other words we need a roof right?

Mark: We are getting close to the life of the roof we have. The only other thing that we had that is going on is mainly those procedures and I will keep Greg informed on what is going on with those after the first of the year.

Greg: We will probably have a meeting as usual.

Mark: Some time in December. Did you guys all get your checks?

Greg: Is there anything else from anyone? Hearing nothing else from anyone I would like to make a motion for adjournment. Do I have a second?

Peggy: Second.

Greg: Having a first and second all those in favor for adjournment say Aye. (All Board Members said Aye).