

WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
TRUSTEE'S NOTES
FEBRUARY 13, 2018

ATTENDEES: Mark Messick, Gregory Rainbolt, David Pollard, Mary Sue Kane and Mary Lou Habicht

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

Greg: I would like to note those in attendance Trustee Mark Messick, Dave Pollard, Greg Rainbolt, Mary Sue Kane and Mary Lou Habicht. Peggy Young is absent tonight. We have Dick Huber and Larry Davis in attendance at the meeting tonight. Next order of business is the WRT Board Meeting Minutes of January 2, 2018. Do I hear a motion for approval?

Dave: I make a motion to approve.

Greg: Dave Pollard makes a motion to approve and I will second that. Is there any discussion on the minutes Dave?

Dave: No.

Greg: Hearing no discussion on the minutes I will ask for approval of the January 2, 2018 WRT Board Meeting Minutes. All those in favor say Aye (both Board members said Aye). The WRT Board Meeting Minutes of January 2, 2018 are approved. The next order of business is the WRT Trustee's 2017 Annual Report. I will make a motion to open this annual report for approval. Do I have a second?

Dave: Second.

Greg: Having a first and a second, I will hand the floor over to Trustee Mark Messick.

Mark: This is what will be on Gateway and you can see it was actually printed on Gateway format. I also gave you a copy of what we have in TOMS and they pretty well go together. (Trustee Mark Messick then went thru both reports the Gateway Report and the TOMS report page by page explaining each line item. A copy of this is in the WRT Trustee's office).

Greg: Before you go forward on this the Gateway versus the Toms the difference between the \$518,697 and the \$529,574.

Mark: That's the same thing, that the taxes, you can see that, it's the 999 fund. See the 999 Fund, the \$10,876.66?

Greg: Yes, I just wanted to clarify that again.

Mark: Right and they aren't meant to be the same. This one is gathering everything and this one is just gathering nets. Because this one is net zero and this one is gathering nets. I don't know how to explain it any better. We take it out of the checks. Do you want me to read (the disbursements) or just go to the totals?

Dave: Hang on a second. I'm assuming this Bond Plumbing for \$6481...

Mark: We can go thru them all. Let's just do that. (Mark then went thru the disbursements explaining each line item.)

Greg: If I might interrupt you Mark real quick, I do get a monthly report of this every month and I see it, I do come in and get it and I just wanted that to be noted also. (Mark then continued with explaining the disbursements.)

Dave: Mark back up just a little bit to Thomas Calvano.

Mark: He is our investigator.

Dave: That is what I wanted to know. Thank you.

Mark: He is no longer our investigator, our new investigator is Dave Pasley and I will get to that later on.
(Mark continued with the disbursements until he finished it.)

Greg: I have a question about the S&S Landscape.

Mark: I was wrong, that money is for both.

Greg: Total, ok, I was going to say that is quite a bit of money.

Mark: They are in here twice, but they are only in here once.

Greg: Ok. I just wanted to question that.

Mark: I misspoke because I was thinking, we have two things we use it for, but that is all the same line item, one is A and one is B.

Greg: Right. One is for cemeteries and one is for care of township property.

Mark: I have that broken down separate.

Greg: I was just going to say that I was going to get into the lawn mowing business if we are going to cut this grass for \$6000.

Mark: Yes for this property I agree.

Greg: That is what I wanted to clarify on that.

Mark: 3. i A and 3.i B and it splits it up between the cemeteries and the township property. So that is the report Are there any more questions on the report?

Dave: Page 14, 5.A and 5.A I. Total number receiving utility assistance – recipients 57 and total number receiving utility assistance – households 17, what is the difference?

Mark: You have 57 members that were part of 17 households. You have your recipients and you have households. In other words if a household has 4 people in it, that is 1 household but if it has 4 people in it that is 4 recipients. So there are 17 households with 57 members.

Dave: Ok.

Mark: Any other questions?

Greg: No other questions from me. Dave?

Dave: I'm still reading.

Mark: The statistical report is something that the SBA is wanting to do away with because it is not auditable. The only part that can be audited on it is the part that we supply. Because we have to take the others like Healthier Johnson County and the different ones at their word on how much their help is. Some of the food pantries tell us that it is a ballpark. That is why I don't give much credence in the TA-7. The next thing I have for you is certification. I will read this. It is not a resolution as we know. Usually our 1st resolution is the budget. (Mark read the certification.) This will be published in the Daily Journal on Saturday 2/17/18 as a legal advertisement. You guys have two options. The first option is to receive the report, accept it and approve it by the Township Board at its annual meeting and today's date you fill that in and then sign by those who are present. Or Option 2, this report was received, accepted and approved except for the following portions and you have to list what portions that you are not accepting and then you sign it.

Greg: I'm going to make a motion to accept Option 1, the report was received, accepted and approved by the Township Board at its annual meeting on this the 13th day of February, 2018. Do I have a second?

Dave: I second.

Greg: Having a first and a second do I hear any discussion?

Dave: No.

Greg: No discussion I'm going to ask for a vote to accept Option 1 of the Township annual report. All of those in favor indicate by saying Aye (both board members said Aye).

Mark: We can sign that after the meeting, let's move on to the next one. IF you are ready for other business.

Greg: Is there any other business?

Mark: Do you have anything?

Greg: I do not have anything.

Dave: I have something kind of off base.

Mark: Township business?

Dave: No.

Mark: Here is the activity for January. We are going to start giving it to you or to Greg monthly. You can distribute it to the Board Members if you want to. We had 16 appointments, 2 no shows, 2 cancellations, 5 rescheduled and 7 cases that we actually made a decision on. Of those numbers 3 were denied and 4 were assisted and the amount of assistance we gave out was \$3235.42. This Community Room was used on 17 occasions. That is your activity report for January.

Greg: You changed the format a little bit.

Mark: At the end of year last year I gave you one of these. So now you can easily take that and lay it up against this one and see if we changed or are about the same. This stuff I'm giving you, I'm just going to give you and I wanted it noted that I gave it to you and that is the Annual Financial Report for 2018 thru today's date and where we are on our budget to date. Those are just things for you to keep and look at when you have nothing better to do. The next thing I have for you is a couple of letters that I need to give Greg and I want it noted that I am giving you two letters. The first letter I'm giving you basically is letting you know the funds that we moved in Category 3 last year. It is not required that I do it but I always do that. That stays consistent with what I have always done. The second one who I have named as my designee for this year in case I become incapacitated and you and the sheriff are made aware of that. His name is David Pasley. He lives on Old Hickory Drive I think. The other thing is I would like to note that David is also our new investigator.

Dave: At the same rate?

Mark: The 40 dollar rate that we approved.

Greg: Dave do you have anything? Well it is not specific to WR but we are in it. Have you paid any attention to what the State House did for consolidating townships?

Mark: That died. Being the central Indiana director for ITA, I cover 11 counties and I was involved in it. At one time we supported it, at other times we were neutral and one time we were opposed to it based on how the language of the bill went forth. The way it ended up we would have been neutral on it, not WRT but the Indiana Township Association would have been neutral on the bill and the reason Dave is they were going to cap the township board's pay at 7,000 and we felt like there would be too many township boards raising their township boards to pay 7,000 dollars because they could and they were also going to allow even with that the township boards get per diems over and above the 7,000. We went to neutral because of that, we felt like they offered too many opportunities for too many

townships who should not have that to be able to pay their boards that amount and we would prefer to basically stay neutral on that. We as an association, there is still opportunity to merge, are encouraging our townships to find other townships to merge with and to do it.

Dave: If they want too.

Mark: Yes if they want too. You have townships as small as 600 and they didn't give any assistance, none, zero and the board got paid, the trustee got paid and this has been for years and they are next to other small towns. What we have encouraged the small townships to do is to get together with other townships that are small like they are and to gather themselves up and do that. The state is going to eventually do something. The first thing that they are going to do since this probably died the next legislator my hearing is that they will try to eliminate the township boards again. They about did it the time before. They are also looking for ways to go about the merger because they think it has to happen. Townships were created by the state's legislature by statute it is not a constitutional right. The way they went about establishing them was they had the county commissioners draw up the different townships. The original language said the county commissioners could create one or more and periodically either add or subtract townships and I still think that is not a bad law.

(Mark continued to talk about the matter of merging townships)

Greg: Anything else?

Larry Davis: Greg do you take questions from the peanut gallery?

Greg: Sure.

Larry Davis: Does the township trustee handle the responsibilities of fire, the WRT Fire Dept?

Greg: Not in this township. This varies from township to township. We have a fire district here.

Larry: Same thing for ambulance?

Greg: Yes.

Mark: A few years ago it looked like WRT was going to lose their ambulance service. This goes back when Keith Hardin was on the board and I was on the board and Forrest Chambers was on the board. If we ever lose our ambulance service it would come upon the township to provide ambulance service and you would have to contract that to have that done, we would have to have a new tax rate and a whole bunch of stuff. It is on the township trustee if there is no ambulance service available for the fire district or volunteer fire department.

Greg: I don't believe that is going to happen because that is a money maker for the fire department.

Mark: I don't either. We are covered by 3 fire departments, we are covered by the City of Greenwood, we are covered by WRT, I think theirs is a fire district and Bargersville is a territory. One is a district and one is a territory, I don't know which is which. Because one of them can do things that the other one can't because the way they set up the taxing for a district versus territory. I don't have to be involved with it so I'm not knowledgeable.

Greg: Anything else anyone? Hearing nothing else I will ask for adjournment.

Dave: I make a motion.

Dick Huber: I looked on your website and I think it said the term for board members is 2 years.

Greg: It is 4 years. So hearing a motion, I second it and the meeting is adjourned.