

WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
TRUSTEE'S NOTES
JANUARY 8, 2019

ATTENDEES: Mark Messick, Margaret Young, David Pollard, Richard Huber, MD, Mary Sue Kane and Mary Lou Habicht

Meeting was called to order at 6 PM by Mark Messick, Trustee, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mark: First order of business is Reorganization of the Board. Do I have a nomination for Chairman of the Board?

Dave: Yes, I nominate Dr. Huber.

Mark: Do I hear a second?

Peggy: I second.

Mark: Do I hear any other nominations for Chairman of the Board? Hearing no other nominations I close the nominations for Chairman of the Board. All those in favor of Dr. Huber being...

Dr. Huber: Before you vote, I will not accept. It is not fair you guys are too polite and professional to treat a newcomer like this. Don't stick a newcomer with that position, at least not for a while, please.

Dave: Who has been doing all of the readings of the books?

Dr. Huber: I hope all of us have.

Dave: Who do you know has?

Dr. Huber: That is not fair, don't do that. I will resign from the board.

Mark: Do I hear any discussion?

Dr. Huber: Can somebody take it on as an interim basis?

Mark: I would think that the new nominee and the new member could accept it and see how it works and then later ask to be removed if it didn't work out. Here is what's involved. You run the meeting that is all you do. There is going to be a meeting and then we are going to accept the next meeting...

Peggy: I'll do it if you want to nominate me.

Mark: Do I hear a withdraw of the nomination for Dr. Huber for the board?

Peggy: I make a withdraw.

Dr. Huber: Thank you.

Mark: Do you withdraw your second Dave?

Dave: Do what?

Mark: Do you withdraw your second?

Dave: I didn't make the second.

Mark: Yes you did.

Dave: No I made the nomination.

Mark: Ok, do you withdraw your nomination then?

Dave: You say you will (Peggy)? I guess you guys know I cannot do it that is my position, I cannot do it.

Mark: Peggy says she will do it.

Dave: If she will do it then I will nominate her.

Mark: Do I have any other nominations for Chairman of the Board? Hearing none do I have any discussion on the nomination of Chairman of the Board? Hearing none, all those in favor say Aye (Dr. Huber and Dave said Aye). All opposed say Nay (Peggy said Nay). Ayes have won, Peggy Young is now the chairman and I will turn this meeting over to you for nominations for secretary. It is your meeting.

Peggy: Alright, great.

Dr. Huber: I nominate Dave Pollard.

Dave: I'm just like Dick, I will not accept it and you all know why I cannot, I cannot. I would nominate Dick for secretary.

Mark: I know you are with your wife. Do we have a second for that? I'm sorry it is your meeting, I shouldn't do that.

Peggy: No you go ahead you lead this one because I was not planning on being the chair.

Mark: For failure of a second for the nomination of Dave Pollard, his name is not being put in as a nominee for Secretary of the Board. We have a nomination for Secretary of the Board for Dr. Huber. Any discussion? All those in favor say Aye (Dave and Peggy said Aye). All those opposed say Nay (Dr. Huber said Nay). Ayes have won.

Dr. Huber: Is it proper to ask a question now?

Mark: During discussions.

Dr. Huber: Ok because I hope you guys are tolerant for a newbie because I have lots of questions. You keep minutes on a tape, but it is the board's responsibility also to keep actions on our business?

Mark: The way it normally works is that they transcribe the meeting, that transcribed meeting is put in your, you probably got a copy of the last one today. Did you give them to all or just...

Mary Lou Habicht: No, the only one whoever gets a copy is the chairman.

Mark: Ok. Here is the last meeting that is given to the chairman. Greg acted as secretary and president. Then the secretary composes condensed minutes from the transcribed notes. You will get the complete transcribed notes to make a condensed version.

Dr. Huber: It does not make sense that we are keeping two sets.

Mark: It is not two sets, ours are just strictly transcribed.

Dr. Huber: Ok.

Mark: Everything that is said gets written in there.

Dave: Everything that happens in here there is a record.

Dr. Huber: So this should be condensed?

Mark: Yes.

Dr. Huber: Normally this would have been condensed before this meeting.

Mark: We are not acting on that tonight because the board doesn't have the minutes unless you have prepared some. When Greg comes to the next meeting, we will act on these minutes and the last meeting.

Dr. Huber: But normally this would have been condensed prior to this meeting and sent to the other board members?

Peggy: Not necessarily.

Mark: Not necessarily, just brought to the meeting.

Dr. Huber: That is not fair to throw it out in front of them and say do you approve?

Mark: Well they do it.

Dave: We read them.

Peggy: We read thru them. They are condensed we were at the meeting before.

Dr. Huber: Ok.

Dave: We have an opportunity to question them at that time.

Dr. Huber: Were you (Peggy) secretary last year?

Peggy: I was the secretary but Greg did it all.

Dr. Huber: Why don't we continue that tradition?

Peggy: Oh no.

Mary Lou Habicht: Can he look at our books from last year and see the condensed notes?

Mark: He can always see those. Ok, do you want me to go on?

Peggy: You're running it.

Mark: Other business, with you being the Chairman of the Board I am going to present you with a couple of documents that I would have normally given Greg. That is who I have named as my designee for this year, Greg Rainbolt. In case I'm not able to do my duties for any reason Greg will step in and do my duties.

Dave: Is he aware of that?

Mark: Yes. I asked him.

Dr. Huber: Who do you let know about that?

Mark: I let the chairman know here, then I let the County Sheriff know, the County Sheriff will get that same letter and then the board knows.

Dave: Everybody who needs to know knows right now.

Mark: Yes. If something happens then the chairman is notified that the designee is doing my job and so is the Sheriff.

Dr. Huber: But the staff usually knows?

Mark: They are the ones who would notify people. Ok, here are the transfers that we made at the end of the year in order that we did not have any negatives in any funds and that is just a note that I give to the chairman. We didn't go red anywhere, we just moved funds around. I gave this to each and every one of you. See this report? (see attached Annual Financial Report). That is our annual report off of TOMS. That is not the annual report that gets submitted to the board nor is it the annual report that gets submitted to Gateway but it should be, unless we find errors, this should be the actual numbers you will get in a couple of weeks. As always Mary Lou puts together what our year-to-date numbers ended up on the number of appointments and stuff like that. That was the other piece of paper that I gave you.

Dr. Huber: What do you mean by appointments?

Mark: For Township Assistance, let's just look at the report. In January we had 16 appointments, 5 were rescheduled, 2 no-shows, 2 cancelled, 0 withdraws and we actually held 7 appointments. We did 0 investigations and we approved \$3982.00 and the community room was used 17 times. So every time we meet whatever month we are in you will get this saying what happened each month. That is just informational, it is not audited or anything.

Dr. Huber: Does this tell us how many people applied for assistance?

Mark: It tells you how many appointments and then the actual number of appointments was 7.

Mary Lou: That is a household, one appointment for however many people are in the household.

Dr. Huber: So appointments 16 means what?

Peggy: 16 people were trying to get assistance or looking into getting assistance and of those 16, 5 of them rescheduled.

Mark: 2 were no shows, 2 cancelled, 0 withdraw so we had 9 that came off of the 16 so we had 7 actual appointments.

Dr. Huber: Those were actually...

Mark: Showed up.

Dr. Huber: No the appointments were actually those who filed an application right?

Mark: The appointments were those who made an appointment to come in and fill out an application.

Dr. Huber: So they had not even filled out one?

Mark: Right. They have to hold the appointment in order for it to be an application.

Dr. Huber: Ok.

Mark: You can come in and we can talk to you about that.

Peggy: So that is a good question, of those 7 did any file?

Mary Lou: 7 households actually came in.

Mark: For actual appointments they did file.

Peggy: Ok.

Dr. Huber: We don't know how many of those were approved?

Mary Lou: I didn't put approve, that is one thing I could add.

Mark: What we did out of the seven, \$3932.00 was given out in assistance.

Peggy: With no investigations, correct?

Mark: Right because that month we did not have an investigator.

Dave: That is a good idea you ought to put that in there (number approved and denied).

Mary Lou: Ok.

Mark: That is all I have to present to you guys, oh I do have this for the chairman. You are required to keep records (Mark handed Peggy a binder for 2019). That is all I have.

Peggy: Greg spoiled us.

Dave: Isn't there something, what am I thinking about, some kind of a financial officer or something of that nature.

Mark: The chairman serves as Chairman of the Financial Committee; the secretary serves as the Secretary of the Financial Committee.

Dave: And all 3 of us are on the committee.

Mark: Yes on the Financial Committee.

Dave: Ok.

Mark: Because we are a small township we don't have to meet, there are times in other townships where the Financial Committee meets. They meet just strictly to go over the finances and we could do that but we are small enough that we can at any meeting go over the finances. Usually I gave you a financial report to that date which is giving you a financial report. The other thing if you wanted to under Other Business I can talk to you about what is going in the legislature.

(Mark gave an update on what is being presented to the statehouse regarding townships. He commented about one that would be eliminating township boards in 2020, he stated the ITA is going to fight it and he said that he was going to fight it. Mark also stated there was also legislation out there which they want to take cemeteries away from the townships that they are taking care of and turn them over to the counties. In talking to the commissioners they don't know where they would get the funding to take care of the cemeteries. Other things that are coming up is that if the county has an additional local income tax that the township gets a share in the distribution of that. The other things that came before the legislature are mainly to do with volunteer fire departments. There is also a study that is going to happen about what should we do with township government. This would be a study that the legislature probably will adopt. The ITA supports it and I support it. Should there be consolidation, should there be elimination, should there be duties added or subtracted. It is a study of how the township governments work in the 92 counties.)

Dave: Who are our commissioners now besides Ron West?

Mark: Ron West, Baird and Walls.

Dr. Huber: You know we may be sitting in a township where we think everything is working fine but I went to the meeting for the newly elected township people and to hear because there is what?

Mark: 1001 now, used to be 1004.

Dr. Huber: Some of the horror stories that you hear about some of those townships. I can see why the legislators are...

Mark: There is one other piece of legislation I forgot, since you brought that up, that I totally support. That is if you have a township trustee who does not offer an applicant an application and by not offering them an application to fill out that is the same as a denial and they can appeal straight to the commissioners. It is going to be law. We have a township in Johnson County, Needham Township that just tells people I don't have money, so she doesn't even take applications. I got involved because a lady called me and said they won't even let me put an application in. I said I'm going to give you an application and I want you to take that application, fill it out and take it over there and give it to them, call them and ask them if they are going to act on your application. When she doesn't act on your application we will consider this a denial and I will go with you to the commissioners for your appeal and she won the appeal. Now she didn't win any money because all the commissioners did was tell her that she had to act on that application according to her standards. She ended up helping with the rent and some of the utilities but she had been telling people that she just didn't have any money and she did. That has been a few years ago. Now it is going to be by the legislature that if a trustee does not do their job, they can appeal to the commissioners immediately. Now the only thing I have left for you is to set the meeting to receive the Annual Financial Report.

Dr. Huber: I have some things, I have a whole list but I will not bore you with all of them now.

Mark: Go ahead.

Dr. Huber: On our website there is a place where you can send in an email.

Mark: It is not working.

Dr. Huber: Ok. I tried it over the last 4-6 months, I have tried like 4-6 times and I never get a response.

Mark: It is not working.

Dr. Huber: If it is not working, to me we either need to get it working or take it off of there so that people don't keep trying to email the township.

Peggy: Who created that website because I didn't want any part of it.

Mark: I created it.

Peggy: Wasn't it somebody else, the Veldkamps?

Mark: The Veldkamps are our web masters. It worked and for some reason right now, I have an email out to Jody Veldkamp and I have had since Dr. Huber brought this up to us at the last meeting that it is not working and he is working on it to see, it is just a matter of linking it back to the caseworker's email so that they see the emails. Usually the only time anybody uses that

is to not make comments but to reserve the Community Room. Most of the time when it doesn't work they call. I go in and test it and there are like 4 characters, letters and numbers and stuff at the bottom that you have to put in exactly and if you don't get it put in exactly the way it shows it won't transmit. Most of the time when I do that as a test it works, but the last time I did it, it didn't work.

Dr. Huber: When I get finished and submit it...

Mark: You have to do those 4 or 5 digit numbers.

Dr. Huber: Yes but then it says your email has been successfully submitted.

Mark: Well it is not submitting to us.

Dave: Jody is getting it.

Peggy: I don't want it. I don't need another email.

Dr. Huber: But this is not coming to you, this is coming to...

Mark: This is a community room and it is not a major concern, they can call us, we have great hours.

Dr. Huber: You could have other people trying to email you.

Mark: Who?

Dr. Huber: Like me.

Mark: And you don't have a phone? On the website you have my email address too. So if you don't get a response you might want to call me or send me a direct email.

Dr. Huber: I was just testing it and there may be some other people who are testing it too and waiting for a response.

Mark: If we can find out who they are we will apologize. Right now I haven't been able to get ahold of Jody to correct the problem. If you would look at my calendar in my office right now you would see where I have tried to get ahold of Jody.

Mary Lou: Can't they just take it off from there.

Mark: That is probably what we will have to do.

Mary Lou: I would rather have people call because we have had people call and say I sent the email in and I tell them we don't get them and they'll say I sent it last week.

Mark: We tell them not to send an email for an appointment.

Mary Lou: It is always the Community Room that is what people are calling for. They don't know that we are not getting their emails.

Mark: But we have not had a conflict yet where somebody says hey, I didn't get the room because you didn't let me do it thru email. What is your next thing?

Dr. Huber: Some of the things that we are supposed to do and I don't mean to say when are we, but the credit card use policy, travel policy, cell phone policy. Do you guys do those annually?

Mark: It is just established once, we have a book in the office and it has all of the township policies and you are welcome to look at it.

Dr. Huber: Are we supposed to review it every once in a while, annually?

Mark: We have never changed it. It would have to be changed by board approval. Our credit card policy is that we don't have one. Our cell phone policy is we don't have one. You can't have a credit card and you can't have a cell phone. What is the other policy? Our travel policy...

Dr. Huber: Investment fund.

Mark: Investment fund, I don't think there is a policy that is required. We follow the SBA that we use an Indiana approved depositor and we have an investment and we keep a log on our investments both when we make them and when they get redeemed.

Dave: That gets reported every month too.

Mark: Right, it is part of what you will see on here.

Dr. Huber: There is a website Indiana Gateway.

Mark: We use that. You can go in and look at all of our reports.

Dr. Huber: Do we have to have a password?

Mark: You don't have to have a password, as a person of the public you do not have to have one. The trustee is the only one who has one because I'm the only one that is responsible to put stuff on Gateway. No board member is allowed to do that because we could not allow the board members to change something.

Dr. Huber: So we can see all of the reports without a password?

Mark: Yes.

Peggy: You can see Center Grove Community Schools.

Mark: Right.

Peggy: I think everybody has to be on Gateway now right?

Mark: All political units that have tax money have to.

Dr. Huber: I would like to see other people made aware of what the township is doing.

Dave: I have begged them for what 8 years, 12 years, however long it has been.

Peggy: You have all the time in the world go for it.

Dave: Come to our meetings. If you want to know what is going on, come. You and the Veldkamps are about the only ones we have ever seen.

Mark: Why do you think that I created a website?

Dr. Huber: I'm not criticizing you.

Mark: Greg said the same thing so we created a website so that people can see. On that website our standards are there. Our cemeteries are on that website. Our board meetings are there. Our annual reports are there. A list of who our board members are is on that website. We try to do a good job to keep the people aware of what we have done.

Dr. Huber: Who makes out the agenda for the meetings?

Mark: The chairman.

Peggy: I guess I do.

Dr. Huber: I have been on some boards where the board will not allow any visitors, they won't acknowledge them, they won't let them make any comments. The school board you can comment but you can only comment about what is on the agenda and then they used to have it where the comments were at the very end of the meeting where we have already voted on it and now do you have any comment?

Mark: I have been a board member or a trustee since 1999. I can say this about all of our boards including the last 8 years that these 2 have served we have always accepted all comments and allowed all discussion to the point of being ridiculous at times from the public. Back when we had the reorganization we really let people just take off and go with it as long as they wanted to. I don't think we ever shut anybody down.

Dr. Huber: Could we have that on our agenda each month?

Mark: What?

Dr. Huber: To acknowledge guests and ask for any brief comments.

Mark: I think we do that.

Dave: We have. Greg himself did every time.

Dr. Huber: Should it be a part of our agenda so that nobody ever questions well...

Mark: That is up to the chair person.

Dave: Who is going to see the agenda?

Peggy: Whoever looks at the newspaper I guess.

Dr. Huber: It is on the front door out there.

Dave: My point is why advertise it when we do it anyway?

Dr. Huber: Ok, just as long as we do it.

Mark: We always do.

Dave: How many times did you speak to us when you were out there in those seats rather than up here?

Dr. Huber: I just want to make sure that it is official that we do it.

Mark: What else do you have?

Dr. Huber: At our annual report meeting that you are talking about, that is when you are going to be reporting what happened in 2018?

Mark: Right.

Dr. Huber: Ok. In the primary we had 2 other people who wanted to be on the board and then in the general election there were 2 other people who wanted to be on the board. Is there any problem with the board if I would invite those 4 people to come and listen to the report and make comments?

Peggy: You can invite whomever you want.

Dave: What you need to do Doc is put an ad in the Daily Journal because that is the most circulated copy around that I know of.

Mark: Unless it involves a hot point like reorganization did, you are not going to see anybody.

Peggy: Like tonight, I bet if you went to CGHS you are going to have a lot of people because of the redistricting.

Dr. Huber: I'm just wondering if it is ok.

Peggy: You can invite whomever you want.

Dave: Anybody, everybody, I'm serious.

Dr. Huber: I had somebody come up to me this week and said when do you start on your position and I said this week and I said why don't you come? They said you mean the meetings are open? So the general public does not know that the meetings are open meetings.

Dave: Any government meeting is open.

Dr. Huber: I know that.

Dave: Unless it is a closed door meeting which they can have.

Dr. Huber: I would just like to see more people a little more concerned about the township government.

Mark: Good luck.

Dr. Huber: Well don't discourage me too much before I ever invite someone. The other little problem I have is that we were told that if 2 board members privately talk about things that the board should be discussing, that is a board meeting.

Dave: You can't do it.

Mark: You can't discuss.

Dr. Huber: That bothers me a little bit because if I want to talk to either one of you about some issue I can't do that.

Peggy: No.

Mark: I'll tell you when I was Chairman of the Board I'll tell you how we handled it. If you have the Annual Financial Report that I just gave you and you want to call Dave, you say Dave are you aware that we have \$616,582.93 as a yearend amount of monies that the township is controlling? Dave could say yes. If you say Dave I don't think that is right, now you have broken the law.

Dr. Huber: Ok. So if I just bring it to his attention.

Mark: All you can do is state facts; you cannot state any opinion zero. If it ever comes out, that happened over at Pleasant because I'm filling in as an advisor for them right now and at their last meeting their chairman says well John and I and Tom talked about this and we feel this way. Bill Hart says I've heard no discussion. Well we did it over the phone. He said you can't do that. You have broken the law. They broke the law. So any action they take after that can be contested by the public and actually the State of Indiana can come down and say that's negated.

Dave: I had a problem with the club I'm in, we had a President in the club that I'm Chairman of the Board in and this President was calling board members and getting a vote from a board

member over the telephone. I told him you cannot do that that is not acceptable in any government or any club, that is called polling and you can't do that.

Mark: Here's something you can discuss. I can call a board meeting, I don't have to have anybody's approval to call a board meeting, as trustee I can call a board meeting. The chair person can call a board meeting without any discussion with anybody and any 2 members of the board can call a board meeting. So if you want a board meeting you can call Dave up and say Dave I think we need to have a board meeting. You can't tell him anything other than I want to talk about finances. You can't say I think Mark spent too much money on something. All you can say I want to talk finances. That you can do. Then you can talk about whatever you want to when you get in here as long as 3 have the ability to be here. You have to allow 48 hours for it to be in the newspaper so it usually is a 72 hour notice.

Peggy: Even an executive session?

Mark: Executive sessions can only be for a real estate transaction, a personnel matter or legal matter. So anything we do probably wouldn't fall in that area.

Dr. Huber: You cannot stop this meeting and go into an executive session.

Mark: You can do executive sessions if you put it on your agenda. Most executive sessions are held prior or after meetings. Anything done in an executive session has to be acted on immediately after the executive session in an open meeting. You can't take any action in the meeting.

Dr. Huber: I appreciate the professionalism that you're using by titles but I perfectly comfortable with Dick Huber.

Mark: What else do you have?

Dr. Huber: Well I have plenty more but I'm not going to go thru them tonight.

Dave: Why not?

Mark: You will meet again one more time before August. The next meeting is just to accept the Annual Report and approve minutes.

Dr. Huber: Are we bonded or insured?

Mark: I'm bonded with a security bond for \$30,000. You are insured by our liability insurance. The girls are not bonded but actually the amount of insurance we have over all of us in case we did something wrong is a lot greater than \$30,000, it is like \$100,000.

Peggy: I thought you had to have some type of insurance for handling money.

Mark: I have a security bond for \$30,000 that is required by law. We have a \$100,000 per incident, a \$1,000,000 umbrella for actions. We actually are covered by Workman's Comp.

Dr. Huber: On the office hours do you ever get comments that well you're closed for 3 days in a row?

Mary Sue: No, never.

Dr. Huber: Well it looks to me like people would say why aren't you open 2 days, closed 1 day, open 2 days.

Mark: The hours are approved when we set our standards and the standards we put in place in December. So for this year our hours will be Monday – Thursday 9:00 – 4:00 by appointment if you are wanting to apply for an application. We have been known it is very rare it was more in my first year; we have been known to do early appointments, late appointments, and Friday appointments. But the last time that we did a Friday appointment they didn't show. That was what we were finding out but we will do it by appointment only outside our normal hours if we feel like an emergency exist.

Dr. Huber: Do you two (board members) know about Workfare?

Dave: Know about what?

Dr. Huber: Workfare?

Mark: Do you want to know about Workfare? As trustee I have the authority to assign Workfare. Jay Marks used to do it; I don't think Danny ever did it. We rarely do it now because of insurance but if you're not working and you're of able body and you're younger than 65 and we give you assistance, I can assign Workfare and we have done it and people will have to come in here and pick up our yard, clean, dust. The one lady we have as custodian we hired her because we had her doing our cleaning and we ended up hiring her. So yes we can assign Workfare.

Dr. Huber: But it doesn't have to be work here, could it be at a voluntary organization?

Mark: It will be here. We would not do that. The only thing we would do is we could send them over to the school if we talked to Dr. Long and ask if we could have them go pick up trash around the sporting facilities, parking lots and stuff like that. There is no way our insurance would allow us to say hey you can go over and voluntarily clean out a creek or pick up on the side of a road and if they were to get killed, we would get killed, we would lose our insurance policy. They would cover it to the max and then we would lose it. So I would never assign outside of the building or the adjacent property.

Dr. Huber: Does it work ok?

Mark: What it does mainly it limits them on getting assistance in the future. Because most people will do the Workfare 2 or 3 different times and then they will just quit doing it. The only way they are excused from Workfare is if we don't have something for them to do. They have to call every day. If we don't have something for them to do, they don't come in. If we have something for them to do and they don't show up or they don't call, the next time they apply for assistance they are denied for 180 days.

Dave: I did know that too Doc, I just didn't know the name of it.

Mark: What I have found out more than anything is the number of people who qualify for Workfare are minimal, the number of people I would require to do Workfare because of children and stuff like that are minimal. Then the others are age excluded or disability excluded. We still have Workfare which is one of the things we talk about once in a while and it

is mainly in the spring when we have mulch beds, different things or trash out around the street.

Mark Sue: They have to sign on the application whether they will do Workfare yes or no.

Mark: If they sign no that is a reason they could be denied.

Dr. Huber: I could see that there may be times when people are able to work but need some assistance right now.

Mark: If you say you will do Workfare it doesn't mean that we will give you assistance. Signing up for Workfare is not a deal and it says it right in there, it is not a thing saying you will get assistance. We don't pay you. So if you do Workfare it is \$7.50 an hour and we subtract that from the amount of assistance that we gave you. So if anybody wanted to know if we gave you \$200 and you worked 10 hours, that is \$75 and it shows that we only gave you \$125 of assistance. We have to count that for Workman's Comp, so when we have people do Workfare in our audit it shows that we paid somebody \$75 to do 10 hours of work.

Dr. Huber: Do you meet with the other county trustees?

Mark: I meet with the other county trustees at least once a year, I meet with some of them on a regular basis. I consult with them on a regular basis too.

Dr. Huber: Does any counties have the township boards meet as a group?

Mark: We have done this in the past and we can't get people to show up. We had posted here a township meeting which we invited all the trustees and all the board members and we had 5 trustees show up and no board members. None of our board members even showed up. We were just meeting to talk about standards. In Johnson County we have adopted the standard so that if you come to our office or any office in Johnson County the standards are identical with the exception of the amount of money for rent, the amount of income and stuff like that.

Dr. Huber: Do we as a board ever think that there will be a time when we are concerned about homelessness in White River, are we concerned about recycling, are we concerned about Meals on Wheels?

Mark: Recycling we have no legislative authority. We can do nothing about recycling according to Indiana Code. Homelessness, if they apply for assistance I can take them on a case by case basis. We refer people that are homeless to the shelters that we are aware of. We have no shelter in WRT but we do refer them to shelters and we get those phone calls on a fairly regular basis. Meals on Wheels we have nothing to do with Meals on Wheels.

Dr. Huber: Those programs do affect some of citizens.

Mark: We could refer, we refer senior citizens and different ones to CICA0 and we refer them to any other agency we think can help them. We are a great referral system that is probably one of our biggest jobs.

Dr. Huber: But if we as a board feel like there is going to be in the near future a problem with recycling because as I understand there probably is already a problem and it is only going to get worse.

Mark: It is not following the responsibilities of township government.

Dr. Huber: I don't mean that is our responsibility but...

Mark: Here is how it works, if I spend a dime on something outside what is township government by code, it doesn't come out of your pocket, it comes out of my pocket. So I can guarantee you this board will never be asked to approve any money for recycling and if you approve any money for recycling until it is in the legislature that it is our responsibility, I'll never sign a check because it would come out of my pocket when the SBA come in.

Dr. Huber: My concern is if we think there is going to be a recycling problem someday, shouldn't we as a board try to get others in the county like other boards or the commissioners or something to get something started, not that we are going to fund it.

Dave: You can go talk to the commissioners anytime you want to.

Mark: Yes, we do things like that. I talked to the commissioners mainly when they had the recycling over here and people were using it as a dump, I talked to them on a regular basis, you need to do something. When they bring the Christmas trees out here and dump them back on the school property and they stay out there too long I call the county and I call different ones to find out what they are going to do about the Christmas trees back here. The same as I do when our neighbor over here lets their yard go to heck, I call the county and say there are rodents and other things that are growing up in there and the same thing I do in your neighborhood when you had a neighbor down your street that had a big problem there. I got the Health Dept. involved and we got involved and different thing too. We act as a conduit and that is where you call your commissioners and the Board of Health yourself. There is a township manual that is on SBA on Gateway. You go down and find Townships, you find the manuals and it talks about all of our responsibilities and what we are supposed to do and how we are supposed to do it. The things we have done in the past we will continue to do and in August we will have a meeting prior to having our public hearing on what we are going to do with the budgets and then we will have our meeting for budgets and then we will have our approval for our budgets. The annual report is the next thing that we have to do as a board and I would ask that we set that meeting sometime after the first week of February. I'm planning to go on vacation the last week of January and will not return until the 2nd week of February. We have to complete that by the end of February. I would ask that you look at the dates and time.

Dr. Huber: Do you want us to look at the 2nd week or 3rd week?

Mark: The 2nd week.

Peggy: What about February 13th?

Dr. Huber: The 13th is fine.

Mark: What time?

Peggy: 6 o'clock. Wednesday, February 13th at 6. Do I hear a motion to adjourn?

Dr. Huber: I make a motion.

Peggy: I hear one do I hear another?

Dave: I second.

Peggy: Meeting is adjourned.