

WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
TRUSTEE'S NOTES  
FEBRUARY 18, 2020

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

Before the meeting was called to order Mark said that the Board Members had a copy of the minutes and that will be the first thing that we act on. We gave you two things that are just informational. One is the information about what we have been doing. Underneath that is the bank statement which you have to look at Peggy, but the rest of them it was just given to them because they asked for copies. The other thing that you have before you, I printed off the deal from Gateway that basically says that we submitted this, there are no errors and there are no warnings even on this submission. If there was anything that looks at all funny, they would give you an error report and also a warning. So, what that is telling you is that this Annual Financial Report as far as DLGF is concerned is balanced and budget and also balanced in all the numbers that they see in there so there was nothing for them to review unless someone calls and asks them to review something. Then we have one other thing that we are going to have to do tonight that we will talk about when we start the meeting and that is Pass a Resolution regarding Capital Asset Threshold applicable to WRT.

Meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Peggy Young followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Peggy: The first order of business is the approval of the January 6, 2020 minutes. Do I hear a motion for discussion?

Dick: Since I wrote them will you make the motion?

Peggy: I will make a motion.

Dick: Second.

Peggy: Is there any discussion? I think you wrote them so no. I wasn't here. Oh, the meeting was suspended?

Mark: Until Dave got here.

Peggy: Okay, hearing no discussion do I hear a motion to approve? I approve.

Dick: Second.

Peggy: All in favor say Aye (both Peggy and Dick said Aye and they both signed the minutes).

Mark: I am going to jump ahead on you a little bit.

Peggy: Go ahead Mark.

Mark: Now that we are on the Annual Financial Report, I bring your attention to the Gateway information that I gave you as far as there are no errors and there are no reasons to question the numbers. I would present to you the Annual Financial Report as you have in front of you. It is a 22-page report and I would ask that you would adopt it as presented.

Peggy: Do I have a motion for discussion for the Annual Financial Report?

Dick: So moved.

Peggy: Any discussion?

Dick: I just feel if Center Grove School can have somebody embezzling money which they did recently how would I as a Board Member know if something wasn't going on right?

Mark: You get the bank statement.

Dick: But I would have to spend hours.

Mark: No, not our bank statement you wouldn't. Our bank statement is pretty cut and dry and then you get the back up information on the bank statement from TOMS, we have our Internal Controls which they didn't in their payroll system.

Peggy: Plus, we don't have the number of employees either.

Mark: If you remember right most of the time Peggy after she looks at the bank statement, she will ask a question or two or Dave will or you will. I think that is the best thing that you can do. Then you are always welcome to come in and look at our books. Our financials are not anything but public record. Can't let you always look at the information as far as assistance but our actions on assistance are open to you.

Peggy: Applications are not.

Mark: I would ask that you adopt it with Option 1 which is as presented.

Dick: I so move.

Peggy: Second. All in favor say Aye (both Peggy and Dick said Aye.)

Mark: While you are signing that since we are done with that for right now, I will read to you the resolution that I am presenting to you (see WRT Resolution 2020-01 Regarding a Capital Asset Threshold Applicable to WRT).

Dick: Is this something we do every, can we have capital improvements?

Mark: No, we don't usually have it. I don't know when we would ever buy anything more than \$2000. We established the \$2000 back in 2016 when we had to have Internal Controls. The attorney suggested \$2500 and that is fine for somebody else but we need to be consistent with what we did before so I took it down to \$2000. I ask that you adopt that tonight so that we have that policy in place.

Peggy: Hearing the presentation do I have a motion for discussion?

Dick: I so move.

Peggy: I second. What do you want to discuss?

Dick: Nothing.

Peggy: Okay, so let's move to a motion to approve.

Dick: I move that we approve the adoption of Resolution 2020-01.

Peggy: All in favor say Aye (both Peggy and Dick said Aye).

Mark: Peggy you are good to go if you want.

(Peggy had another event that she needed to attend at 7:30.)

Mark: We will continue to discuss this Annual Financial Report while you are gone.

Dick: I'm also going to ask him to give us an update on the judgement deal that is going on.

Mark: There is no update.

Dick: And anything that is dealing with the excess funds, how we are going to handle that.

Peggy: Okay, goodbye.

Mark: There is no update there either.

Mark then shared information about the 22-page Annual Financial Report. He explained all of the numbers, how much money we received and how much money we distributed. He explained the investments and Rainy Day. He covered the report line per line answering any questions that Dick had.

Mark then shared information about the Declaratory Judgement. He said he had talked to the attorney just before Dick got here. He called Jeff and asked what was going on. Jeff said he had submitted a list of dates because their attorney Quakenbush said that they wanted to know if they could meet with Mark and the attorneys. In other words, the two attorneys and both sides could just get together and talk about this to see if there was an agreement that they could come to. Mark said he was open any time. For whatever reason the school has not come up with any date that they could meet. Dick wanted to know if Mark had to meet with them. Mark said no he did not have to meet with them but he wanted to take the high road and if they want to meet, let's meet. Dick asked if the court knew Mark was waiting for a meeting. Mark said that at some point and time when they do their reviews and stuff like that that will be part of what our attorneys talk about. So, there is no update there.

Mark then talked about the capitalization as far as having to have a plan. He said the statute was cleaned up by the legislative system. They put in their language that whatever capitalization plan that we would come up with would have to be completed within 3 years. If we have \$630,000 right now, 150% of our budget would be about \$250,000, so we would have to come up with a way of spending that difference, \$285,000 or \$290,000 whatever it turns out to be in a 3-year period. If it is not spent then there is another deal where you have to come in and re-submit a revised plan. Mark said he is going to have a meeting that he was gathering some quotes right now on fixing up some stuff in the building and he will need an additional appropriation to award any of those contracts so once he gets his numbers gathered together he will call a meeting to that do and then we will know the true number of what we have left to spend. There are things in the building that are totally worn out and need to be replaced now and taken care of. He said he will go ahead and do those because we don't usually budget for that. Then we will look at how else do we want to spend this money. Dick asked if he had any details yet on what you can and cannot spend it on? Mark said it has to be for capital improvements. Mark can't spend it on Little League. He has to decide if we are going to build a shelter or that we are going to have a food pantry or enter into an agreement with Healthy Johnson County or an agreement with a shelter somewhere. It has to be something that would benefit all taxpayers in WRT of Johnson County. Mark said he will submit several ideas and the Board will have to decide which ones they like or they can make suggestions and he will see if it will work. He said he will ask for an additional appropriation for this year and will probably do it within the next 2 months. Mark said he had a bid on painting the community room and he is

going to get a bid on tearing the carpet out of there and replacing it with tile and when we do that, we will replace the entry way and go into the kitchen and both bathrooms. Whatever we put in the Community Room the whole front of the building will have the same material. He said he had enough money in the budget to take all of the lights, take out the fluorescents and put in LEDs.

Dick then asked Mark what did he have in mind if the courts say we can rent? Mark said if that happens, we will have a second hurdle to go over. This property is zoned R1 so the only thing we can put in here with us is another local government. Mark said he has already asked what was the likelihood that we could get a zoning variance and they said it was a pretty high likelihood that we could mainly because of the Wellness Center and also because the school got a variance to have a daycare on their property. If they give us a variance then we can put any form of business in here that we want that is in the zoning and it would be small commercial.

Mark said the next meeting will be before March 15 or after April 6.

Having no other business, Dick adjourned the meeting.

(a cassette containing the entire meeting is in the Trustee's office)