

WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

March 19, 2020

ATTENDEES: Mark Messick, Margaret Young, Dick Huber, Dave Pollard, Mary Sue Kane and Mary Lou Habicht.

GUESTS: Bill Hart and Greg Rainbolt

MEETING - called to order at 6 PM by Chairperson Peggy Young followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

MINUTES – February 18, 2020 minutes distributed. Motion to approve minutes, adopted 3 - 0.

NEW BUSINESS - Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb recently declared a public health emergency to increase coordination among all levels of government in response to COVID-19. The Indiana Township Association developed draft resolutions for Township Boards to consider that would authorize the Trustee to use modified handling of Township Assistance during this emergency.

Resolution WRT 2020-02 “Resolution Concerning Township Policies Addressing Novel Corona Virus” will allow the Trustee to modify the application for emergency assistance intake procedures and remain in effect until revoked by the Township Board or the Governor declares the emergency has expired. This would allow the Trustee to gather application information without direct contact. Discussion was followed by a motion to adopt and was approved 3 – 0.

Resolutions WRT 2020-03 “Resolution Concerning Adoption of Electronic Meeting Attendance” would remain in effect until revoked by the Township Board or the Governor declared the emergency has expired. Our attorney is suggesting that one board member be present at the meeting. After discussion, a motion to adopt was approved 3 – 0.

Resolution WRT 2020-04 “Establishing Salaries of Township Officers and Employees” would allow the two clerks and the custodian to be salaried rather than hourly employment as was previously approved. This would allow closure of the office if needed and working from home and not clocking in at the office. The salaried amounts would be equivalent to the hourly amounts. This would remain in effect until revoked by the Board or the Governor declares the expiration of the emergency. Discussion, followed by a motion to adopt; approved 3 – 0.

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New Business continued

Resolution WRT 2020-05 "Resolution Concerning Township Policies Addressing Novel Corona Virus" would allow the Trustee to modify emergency assistance eligibility standards to extend the special condition to additionally cover more than one month of shelter and utility services for applicants. This would remain in effect until revoked by the Board or the Governor declares the expiration of the emergency. Details were explained in the discussion. Motion to adopt was approved 3 – 0.

President Young opened the meeting for comments from the public.

Next meeting anticipated when the emergency no longer exists.

Motion to adjourn approved 3 – 0.

Approved By: Margaret M. Young 7/21/2020
Margaret M. Young – Chairperson Date

Approved By: David S. Pollard 7-21-2020
David S. Pollard – Board Member Date

Approved By: Dick Huber 7-21-20
Dick Huber – Secretary Date

*A tape and transcript of the above meeting is kept in the Trustee's Office.

** Resolutions WRT 2020-2, 2020-3, 2020-4 and 2020-5 attached.