

WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
July 21, 2020

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

GUESTS: Greg Rainbolt and James Baca; introduced.

MEETING – Called to order at 12 noon by Chairperson Peggy Young followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

MINUTES – March 19, 2020 minutes distributed. Motion to approve minutes, adopted 3 - 0.

NEW BUSINESS - **Resolution WRT2020-06**, Lease with Center Grove Community School Corporation.

Past History - The White River Township Trustee and the Center Grove School Corporation were not in agreement with details of the potential leasing of space in the WR Township Building and therefore a Declaratory Judgement was filed to obtain the court's decision. During a required mediation session, Mark Messick, trustee, proposed a lease agreement with the CG Schools for the extra space for rent payment of one-third of the total utilities costs.

Detailed Discussion by Trustee, board members and guests – The average costs for all utilities (gas, water and electricity) for the past several years are \$9,000 annually. The lease would allow use of the common area (bathrooms and hallways), the rental space to be used for education purposes or in support of such education purposes, and the use of the community room with scheduling and discretion of the trustee. The Township would provide custodial services, trash disposal and ground maintenance. The school corporation will be allotted 15 parking spaces. The term of the lease would commence on September 1, 2020 and continue until terminated by either part with at least 90 days' notice. Total legal fees thus far are about \$8,000.

Motion to approve **Resolution WRT2020-6** was made and adopted by a voice vote of 3 – 0.

Other Business –

Mark indicated that we may need to consider additional appropriations later. Two cemeteries have had natural and vandalism destruction, with trees damaged and removal as well as upset headstones. Mark will report to the board when actual costs can be determined, probably at a September meeting.

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Other Business continued -

Excess unappropriated funds – previously, about \$200,000 - \$300,000 would need to be included in the 2021 budget. Now the excess funds do not include funds for direct assistance so about \$60,000 will need to be included in the 2022 budget, a delay of one year due to the pandemic virus, unless that amount is spent prior to 2022. Mark suggested the possibility of remodeling the bathrooms, kitchen and community room but further details and other recommendations will be considered at a later meeting.

Year-to-date statement through June indicates 70% for operating supplies and 87% for Repairs and Maintenance have been spent but it is not anticipated these items will run over-budget for the year.

Motion to adjourn approved 3 – 0.

Approved By: Margaret M. Young 9/22/2020
Margaret M. Young – Chairperson Date

Approved By: David S. Pollard 9/22/2020
David S. Pollard – Board Member Date

Approved By: Dick Huber 9.22.2020
Dick Huber – Secretary Date

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

** Resolutions WRT 2020-6 attached to official minutes.