

Eagle Township Board
January 14, 2009 6:30 pm
Zionsville Town Hall
Zionsville, Indiana 46077

Minutes

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 6:35 by Secretary Jeff Papa; President Rob Schein arrived shortly thereafter.
2. **Minutes.** The December 11, 2008 and January 6, 2009 minutes were presented. Jeff Papa made a motion to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Ralph Stacy. Motion carried.
3. **Financial Report.** The Total Funds October balance is \$518,406.35. The expenditures totaled \$10,181.93. The receipts totaled \$32,516.72. The advanced draw for the Fall Tax Settlement was \$23,321.55 and that was deposited December 31, 2008.
4. **Annual Report.** Trustee Essex presented the 2008 Annual Report for approval. The Board reviewed the report, then Mr. Schein made a motion to accept the report. It was seconded by Jeff Papa. Motion carried.
5. **Fire Territory.** The November Monthly Activity Report and the Year End Report was presented for review. Trustee Essex reported that the fire coverage for western Eagle Township Fire/EMS services was discussed by the Fire Territory Executive Board. On February 26, 2008 the Whitestown Town Council had requested that the fire chiefs of Eagle, Perry, Worth come up with a proposal for fire protection and emergency service for Southeast Boone County. That report was emailed to all elected officials 1/13/2009. The fire chief's proposal was to form a Fire Territory serving Eagle, Perry, Worth and Union Townships. The report was signed by Chief VanGorder of Zionsville Fire Territory and Chief Doug Everett, Perry Township Fire Department. Chief Vinson of Worth Township Fire Department was advised by legal counsel not to sign the final report for unknown reasons to the committee.

It was reported that Worth Township had presented an interlocal agreement to Whitestown for that community to take over fire services for the all of Worth and Whitestown. The Whitestown Town Council is holding a special meeting on January 24, 2009 to consider that option. Andy Buroker will follow-up with Whitestown Counsel Mr. Chris Janak on how that will affect our coverage of western Eagle Township for 2009. Mr. Buschmann will talk with DLGF regarding the levy for fire protection in Eagle Township.

Because of the increase in emergency medical calls, the Zionsville Fire Department is hiring three EMS/Firefighter/Paramedics. Three of the current EMS/Firefighters are obtaining their paramedic certification at St. Vincent's.

Krieg Devault is being retained as legal counsel for the Fire Territory. The Executive Board approved the bidding process for replacement of the Rescue Truck.

6. **Cemetery.** Mr. Stacy reported that he has an estimate for removal of about 28 trees at three cemeteries: Jones, Clarkston and Regular Baptist Cemetery. Angel Oak quoted \$2,023 and Michaels Landscaping was \$2,590. Both businesses provided a certificate of insurance. Mr. Stacy questioned whether Eagle Township is still responsible for Jones Cemetery, since it is inside the corporate limits of Whitestown. Mr. Buschmann will research and get the information to us.

7. **Government Reorganization** President Schein reported that he had met with Matt Price, President of the Town Council and Union Board member Jim Stanford regarding the reorganization. The first meeting will be January 20, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the Zionsville Town Hall. At that meeting they will organize, elect officers and review the preliminary agenda prepared by Andy Buroker of Krieg DeVault.

8. **Other Business** Trustee Essex reported that she had the exit interview with the State Board of Accounts on Monday, January 12. She plans to file an appeal regarding the findings on the 2007 appropriations.

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 8 p.m. The next meeting will be February 11 6:30 pm. at the Town Hall.

Rob Schein, President ___x___

Jeff Papa, Secretary ___x___

Ralph Stacy, Bd. Member ___x___

Judith Essex, Trustee ___x___

Guest: Attorney Steve Buschmann, Valerie Swack [candidate for Town Council] and several High School Government class Seniors.