

Eagle Township Board
June 18, 2008 7:30 a.m.

Old National Bank
Zionsville, Indiana 46077

Minutes

1. **Call to Order.** All members being present, President Rob Schein called the meeting to order.
2. **Minutes.** The April 2008 minutes were read and Ralph Stacy made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and it was seconded by Jeff Papa.
3. **Financial Report.** The Trustee distributed the April and May financial reports. The Receipts for April totaled \$8,321.55 and the Expenditures were \$1,558.98. The Receipts for May totaled \$8,259.00 and the Expenditures were \$2,865.87. It was noted that the Township Assistance Fund balance was \$959.24. The Trustee commented there has been a big increase in requests for assistance and 72% of the 2008 appropriation had been used. Ralph Stacy made a motion to transfer \$5,000 from the General Fund and it was seconded by Jeff Papa. All voted in favor of the transfer. The Spring Tax settlement has not been received, making the transfer necessary.
4. **Fire Territory.** Chief Van Gorder provided the Monthly Activity Report for May 2008 and this was distributed to the Board Members for review. Ralph Stacy asked if it was possible to get activity reports from similar fire departments as a means of comparison. A request will be made to Chief Van Gorder. President Rob Schein plans to discuss with Chief Van Gorder the effect of the new legislation on fire territories. It was noted by Jeff Papa that there is a summer legislative study committee to look at this issue, but the appointments have not been made. It is anticipated that the meetings will begin in August. The board reviewed the proposed ZFD budget for 2009, Union Trustee Candace Ulmer reported that at the Fire Territory Board Meeting the Fire Chief commented on the numerous house fires and lightening strikes during recent storms. The Chief believes that the lightening strikes can be traced to a type of flexible gas piping in the residential houses. The Chief plans to meet with Town Planner Terry Jones and Ed Mitro to review construction standards. It is believed that another community has recently enacted such standards prohibiting the use of this product.
5. **Government Reorganization** Joint Resolution 2008-2 for the Government Reorganization was put forward for consideration. The board discussed the possibility of a joint meeting for the Public Hearing. It was decided that it would be best for each board to have its own Public Hearing. It was felt that later in the Fall a Public Meeting for the purpose of educating the voters might be beneficial. There were no substantial changes recommended for the Resolution, but it was felt by the Trustee that the signature pages on the resolution should all be identical and it was noted that

Jeff Papa's name was spelled incorrectly. These changes will be forwarded to Krieg DeVault. After further discussion it was decided to move forward with the Second Reading of the Resolution. Ralph Stacy made the motion and it was seconded by Jeff Papa, all voted in favor. The Public Hearing will be scheduled for our next meeting on July 9, 2008. President Schein suggested that we try to obtain a larger meeting room for this meeting and to request that our legal counsel Steve Buschmann be present.

6. **Cemetery.** Ralph Stacy has requested that we move forward with Stone Savers to do the restoration at Cox Cemetery. There is private funding being held by Boone County Community Foundation for this project. Mr. Stacy will contact Mark Davis of Stone Savers and make the arrangements. He will also approach the landowner where Cox Cemetery is located about having the cemetery removed from the tax rolls. Trustee Essex presented a document from the Department of Natural Resources about a series of meetings taking place around the state that deals with cemetery preservation. Mr. Stacy and Trustee Essex plan to attend the meeting in Lafayette on July 28th at the Public Library.
7. **Park and Recreation:** President Schein has been in conversation with the homeowners association of Spring Knoll. There is concern in the neighborhood about the lack of access to the Rail Trail from Spring Knoll along County Road 875 East. It has been determined that the properties adjacent to the rail trail are in Eagle Township. The board discussed the possibility of obtaining these properties to create a trail head and providing a safe route to the trail. The Trustee reported that Park Board Members David Brown and Ralph Stacy have done some research about the proposed trail that extends north on Turkey Foot Road. The new bridge is nearing completion and it would be good to finish the trail north to Holiday Road. The property still belongs to the county, but has been abandoned. Mr. Brown will contact the county regarding this matter. Trustee Essex informed the boards that the Friends of Boone County Trails had some one meet our \$10,000 challenge and we will now be sending the other \$5,000 to the organization.

At 8:40 pm with no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Township Board Meeting will be held on July 9, 2008.

Rob Schein, President ___x___

Ralph Stacy, Secretary ___x___

Jeff Papa, Bd. Member ___x___

Judith Essex, Trustee ___x___

Guests, Union Trustee Candace Ulmer, Time Sentinel reporter Eric Smith