

**Union Township Advisory Board – Monthly Business Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2007 - 7:00 PM
Union Elementary School**

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance – Chairman (Dan Montgomery)

Roll Call & Declaration of Quorum – Secretary (Jim Sanford)

Dan Montgomery	<u> X </u>	(check if present)
Craig Phillips	<u> Absent </u>	
Jim Sanford	<u> X </u>	

Approval of Agenda and Approval of Minutes - Dan Montgomery

Motion made by Jim Sanford to accept the agenda and minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Dan Montgomery. Motion passed 2 – 0.

Treasurer’s Report – Presented by Trustee, Candace Ulmer. Receipts for March are the COIT payment. COIT monies are now being put into the Firefighting fund. Jim Sanford made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report, seconded by Dan Montgomery. Motion passed 2 – 0.

Trustee’s Report presented by Candace Ulmer

April 9th Fire Board Meeting - Candace reported that the contract for ambulance service is between Worth Township and Witham Emergency Services. Union Township is not mentioned in the contract and therefore not liable.

Status of Land on 421 south of 200 S – APC hearing April 11th – The petition was to rezone the property as General Business. The proposed purpose is to put in a driving range. The matter was forwarded to the BZA as there needs to be a variance granted, not a rezoning.

Status of Woods Edge, 300 South & 421 - This property comes before the APC on May 2, 2007 for rezoning as General Business. The intended use is to construct medical offices by Witham Hospital.

April 11th Financial Meeting - A workshop was held with Paige Gregory of H.J. Umbaugh Associates to better understand township budgeting and funding with the focus on fire fighting funds and expenses. A motion was made by Jim Sanford to accept the minutes of this meeting and attach to the minutes of the April 19 meeting, seconded by Dan Montgomery. Motion passed 2 – 0.

Motion to terminate services with Baker & Daniels as Bond Counsel and secure the services of Ice Miller as Bond Counsel – There has been no contact with Baker & Daniels since the change of trustee. There had been previous bids from Ice Miller. There is no past correspondence as to why Baker & Daniels was chosen as Bond Counsel. Buddy Downs, who works for Ice Miller is a Union Township resident and has a more vested interest in township business. Jim Sanford made a motion to terminate Baker & Daniels as Bond Counsel, and to retain the services of Ice Miller pending the bid for services and approval by township attorney, Eileen Sims. Motion seconded by Dan Montgomery. Motion passed 2 – 0.

Motion to secure the services of Umbaugh & Associates as Financial Advisor – Candace reported that regarding what the township is facing with shortfall in funding for fire fighting, the interest payment on the bonds due in July 2007 that was not included in the 2007 budget the services that Umbaugh would provide would be very beneficial to the township, especially in appealing the budget with the DLGF. Umbaugh would also provide better counsel on investment opportunities on the bonds. Question arose from the public as to whether this service needs to be bid out. Township attorney stated that this type of service does not need bids. Jim Sanford made a motion to secure the services of Umbaugh & Associates pending the fee proposal and township attorney approval of the contract. The motion was seconded by Dan Montgomery. Motion passed 2 – 0.

Committee Reports:

Fire & Public Safety – Craig Phillips & Candace –

Motion to have RQAW release Stenz as the fire station contractor - As there have already been issues with the construction of the fire station, lack of proper building permits obtained, and other changes needed; there needs to be another look at what the township can properly build for under \$1.8 million. There needs to be a process of redesign and re-bidding the job. Jim Sanford made the motion to release Stenz as the contractor, seconded by Dan Montgomery. Motion

passed 2 – 0.

Motion to cancel the Interlocal contract with Worth Township as of June 30, 2007 - This contract states payment by Union Township for fire services is \$300,000 for 2007. This amount is onerous for Union Township, as the township would have to borrow funds in order to pay the contract. This is to be not a negative reflection of the people of Worth Township, but recognition that Union Township is not in position to participate in a contract of this size. The township would like to explore other opportunities for fire services with both Zionsville and Worth Township – a specified amount for services. Jim Sanford made a motion to authorize township attorney, Eileen Sims, to draft a letter to Worth Township to notify them of the intent of Union Township to terminate the contract on June 30, after the June 30 payment. The motion was seconded by Dan Montgomery. Motion passed 2 – 0.

Development & Planning – Jim Sanford & Candace

Resolution 2007-1 to explore the consolidation of municipal governments with the Town of Zionsville and Eagle Township – According to HB 1362, political subdivisions may share government. This is a fairly new bill and is still being explored. Eagle Township and Zionsville have both passed resolution to explore this sharing of government. The reasons for exploring are: 1). To shore up our borders to prevent unwanted annexation; 2). To protect green space and manage growth. The exploratory committees are composed of three people from each entity, thus there would be three people selected from Union Township to join with three from Zionsville and three from Eagle Township. The three from Union will be residents not necessarily board members. Jim Sanford made a motion to adopt Resolution 2007-1 to form a committee to explore the consolidation of municipal governments with Zionsville and Eagle Township. The motion was seconded by Dan Montgomery. Motion passed 2 – 0.

Cemeteries – Dan Montgomery & Candace –

Request from boy scout troop to clean cemetery – Matt Maher from the local boy scout troop has requested May 5th as the day for the troop to work in Johns Cemetery to mow and clean up.

Union Township has the deed to Johns Cemetery with an easement attached for access into the cemetery. There currently is a problem with the access easement as there has been a fence put across it by an adjacent landowner. Recommendation is to call the landowner and discuss moving the fence to clear the easement.

Old Business

2007 Pay Raises – In searching the records, on August 23, 2006 the salaries of the trustee and the board members was kept the same as in 2006.

The last increase in salaries for the township was approved in 2005.

Designated Trustee – Indiana Code 36-6-4-18 states that a trustee designate will be appointed and perform the duties of the trustee if the trustee is unable to do so.

Other Business –

Dan Montgomery reported that a neighbor on 1100E called about the green identification sign for the mailboxes. It seems that no one on 1100E had received these signs. He will follow up and find if these signs were overlooked.

Adjourn - motion made by Dan Montgomery, seconded by Jim Sanford. Motion passed 2 – 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.