

Union Township Advisory Board – Monthly Business Meeting
July 19, 2007 -6:00 PM
Indianapolis Executive Airport
Minutes

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance led by Jim Sanford.

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

Dan Montgomery _____ (check if present)

Craig Phillips X

Jim Sanford X

Approval of Agenda –Craig Phillips made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Jim Sanford, all approved.

Approval of Minutes – Craig Phillips made a motion to dispense with the reading of the May minutes and approve as written. Jim Sanford seconded the motion, all approved.

Accept Treasurer’s Report – Craig Phillips made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report, seconded by Jim Sanford, all approved.

Trustee’s Report – Candace Ulmer reported receiving a thank you note from the Johns Family for the recent maintenance of the Johns Cemetery. She also wanted to thank the Union Township representatives on the "Communities of the Zionsville Area for Better Government" committee, Jay Parks, Alan Townsend and Joe Turk, for their work. The next meeting of the committee will be July 21, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. There are openings for volunteers to serve on sub-committees. The committee has a web site on the Boone County Community Network, www.ibccn.org/reorg

We are still waiting on some accounting from Boone County Fire for an accounting of actual expenses to determine what Union Township's share under the contract is. This was the agreement between the attorneys for Union and Worth on June 27, 2007. The funds due can be transferred between township funds to cover the first six months costs, however that transfer must be replaced before the end of the calendar year. She has talked to Zionsville regarding an interlocal agreement for the last six months of 2007. Zionsville has provided a contract which would be effective in August until December 31, 2007. Zionsville is asking for 30 days from the date of contract approval by Union Township in order to staff for this additional coverage.

RQAW has completed redesign of the proposed fire station decreasing the square feet from 13,000 to 7,000. The job is ready to be re-bid. Re-bids are necessary as the cost have changed more than 5%. The Board needs to approve the RQAW contract so that the project may be let for bid.

Looking ahead to the budget and current finances, there is a need to apply for an emergency loan to cover fire protection costs for the year. The amount of property taxes received is woefully short to cover actual expense of fire protection. If an loan is applied for, received and paid back every year for a period of three years, then a tax rate will be established to allow for the amount necessary to pay for fire protection. In light of the current situation, it appears that this action should have been done in years past in order to get the better tax rate for fire protection. The amount of the loan would be

\$221,000. National City Bank and the State Bank of Lizton have both offered an interest rate of a little over 5%. We have met with the Department of Local Government & Finance and they have tentatively approved our request to acquire a loan for fire and emergency services.

New Business

Public Discussion of Need for Emergency Fire Loan

Question arose if the township could establish a line of credit for \$221,000 and drawing only the amount necessary at the time to pay the costs. The Umbaugh representative did not know, but would research to see if a line of credit is possible and would serve as the same purpose as a loan. (Trustee will investigate and report back)

Also, was mentioned publicizing the fact that the township needed more funds in order to pay for fire protection so that any resident who wanted to provide additional funds could do so. That would provide the monies but would do nothing to alter the tax rate situation and require that fire and emergency protection be funded by donations continuously.

Public discussion closed.

Motion to table Resolution 2007-3, Additional Appropriation Resolution to the Township Budget for Fire Protection, was tabled until a special meeting on August 2, 2007 when all board members would be present, was made by Craig Phillips, seconded by Jim Sanford. Motion passed.

Motion to approve Firefighting/Emergency Service Contract with Zionsville Fire Territory – Craig Phillips made a motion to accept the contract subject to legal counsel's approval and resolution of the two questions raised. Motion seconded by Jim Sanford. Motion passed. The contract would cost approximately \$114,000 for the remainder of the year. The amount was based on Union paying pro rata 10% of the budget of Zionsville Fire Territory.

Discussion of possible relocation of proposed Fire Station

Other locations besides the current location on U.S. 421 and 100 S. mentioned were the Woods Edge property, the old Union School property, and a possible location on the airport property. The former Woods Edge property is cost prohibitive and the ZCS is not ready to give up ownership of the Union School property. The Hamilton County Board of Aviation had previously offered a site on the airport property which was on the west side of the airport. That site is now taken and if offered the location would be on the east side of the airport. The land would be offered as a lease with Hamilton County retaining ownership.

Mike Evans, a consulting engineer with Hamilton County Board of Aviation, spoke and said that it is possible to locate a fire station on the airport property, but it is not an easy process. He stated that the process would take six months to one year to complete with no guarantees that a fire station would be approved.

Other public comments were that the current location for the fire station was the best choice. The question was asked if the township could put off building the fire station as repay the bonds. Legal

counsel, Eileen Sims, stated that the earliest pre-payment on the bonds is Jan, 2016; so the answer would be that that is not a viable option.

Public discussion closed.

The matter of the location of the proposed fire station was tabled until the Special Meeting (August 2, 2007) when all of the board members would be present. Craig Phillips made the motion to table, with Jim Sanford seconding, both approved.

Other Public Input/Concerns

John Ulmer reported that Great Lake Chemical has asked for a variance from the BZA to recycle oil to #2 diesel fuel at a location north of 32 on 1100 N. The BZA tabled the request until August.

Also, soon the township website should have a link to the county property record cards, so the township residents may review their property assessment.

Adjourn – Craig Phillips made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim Sanford. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Tiefel, Clerk

Approved: Dan Montgomery

Craig Phillips

Jim Sanford

Date: September 27, 2007

