

Union Township Board – SPECIAL Business Meeting
August 2, 2007 – 7:00 PM
Union Elementary School
11750 East 300 South
Zionsville, IN

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance – led by President, Dan Montgomery

Roll Call & Declaration of Quorum – led by Secretary, Jim Sanford.

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

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

Old Business:

Approval of Resolution 2007-3 (Emergency Fire Loan) and amendment to Resolution 2007-2:

The amendment to resolution 2007-2 allows an equity line of credit to be used as an emergency loan. Once DLGF gives notice of approval of the emergency loan, bids may be taken from the area banks for this line of credit. With a line of credit, only the funds needed at the time may be borrowed, thus saving interest expense. Craig Phillips made a motion to amend resolution 2007-2 and to approve resolution 2007-3 for the emergency fire loan, seconded by Dan Montgomery. All approved.

Approval of Fire Station Location (100 South and US 421): A letter from Chief VanGorder from Zionsville Fire Department was reviewed. It contained information regarding his view on the best location currently for the Union Township fire station. This also reviewed the site at 300 South and US 421. Dan Montgomery reported that Brian Knapp of Diverse Development Co. had contacted him regarding placing the fire station at 300 South and US 421 with the incentive of free land and \$100,000. Diverse Development Co. had previously tried to have this corner re-zoned for commercial use and was turned down by the Area Plan Commission. Chief VanGorder stated in his correspondence that the current location of 100 South and US 421 would serve Union Township better in fire protection coverage. Craig Phillips stated that he felt confident in relying on Chief VanGorder's assessment and that the township needed to get started on the fire station before too much more time passed by. Jim Sanford stated that he was glad to hear that someone wanted to work with the township board with alternative ideas and wanted to table the vote for 30 days to see what transpired. Dan Montgomery stated that the fire station needed to be started as the township already had the bonds and was losing some money while the station was not built. Craig Phillips made a motion to approve the current location of 100 South and US 421 and to proceed with construction, seconded by

Dan Montgomery. Craig Phillips and Dan Montgomery voted to approve, Jim Sanford abstained.

New Business:

Approval of contract with RQAW: RQAW was involved in the original bidding process for the fire station and had already received approximately \$173,000 from Union Township. To begin the bidding process again, RQAW was requesting additional funds in the \$70,000 range. In the original process there were problems with requesting proper building and drainage permits, which fell under RQAW's responsibility, which they faltered on and did not receive the proper permits. The question became as to why the township should pay more up-front monies when RQAW did not do a good job the last time, and is there negotiation possible with this contract? Jim Sanford made a motion to table this item until a board member and Candace Ulmer could meet with Brett Dodd to see if negotiation was possible. Motion seconded by Craig Phillips, approved by all.

Approval of Resolution 2007-4 (Funds Transfer): The resolution moves dollars from township funds to the Fire Fighting fund in order to pay currently for fire protection. Motion made by Craig Phillips to approve the resolution, seconded by Jim Sanford; all approved.

Approval of Resolution 2007-5 (Transfer of Dog Fund): The resolution allows the township to declare the dog tax fund dormant and move the monies into the General Fund. Motion to approve the resolution was made by Jim Sanford, seconded by Craig Phillips; all approved.

An Executive Session was held earlier in the evening to discuss the contract situation with Worth Township for fire protection. As a result of that discussion, Dan Montgomery made a motion to provide Eileen Sims, township legal counsel, with a check and for Eileen to draft correspondence to Tricia Lemminger, attorney for Worth Township, offering \$124,000 and acceptance of our check is contingent upon Worth's agreement to terminate the contract immediately with no further payments due, and return of the Union Township tanker truck, and we will forego our interest in the ambulance if the above terms are accepted. Response is asked for in ten days. Craig Phillips seconded the motion. All approved this motion.

Motion was made by Jim Sanford to adjourn, seconded by Craig Phillips.
Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.