

**Union Township Board – Business Meeting  
August 21, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.  
Union Elementary School  
11750 East 300 South  
Zionsville, IN 46077**

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance – led by Board President, Dan Montgomery at 7:07 p.m.**

**Roll Call & Declaration of Quorum – Secretary Jim Sanford, quorum declared.**

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

**Public Hearing in 2008 Township Budget – This item is postponed due to the change of the meeting date from the published meeting date. The published date was August 16, but had to be changed due to a conflict with events taking place at the school. The notice must be published again on August 28 and September 4 with the public hearing to be held on September 13. Candace Ulmer did give an overview, for information purposes only, of what the budget will look like using the old NAV and the new NAV just received.**

**Trustee’s Report: Candace Ulmer presented the July treasurer’s report and the August report as of August 1, after having moved the monies from the various funds to the firefighting fund in order to pay for firefighting services. Craig Phillips made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report, seconded by Jim Sanford. Unanimous vote to accept. Candace reported that the check written to Worth Township for the 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2007 fire protection services in the amount of \$124,568.00 was given to legal counsel, Eileen Sims on August 8. Eileen had drafted the letter but had not sent the letter and check as of August 20, as she thought the board wanted to receive the proper accounting of expenses from Worth Township before submitting the check. Candace instructed Eileen that the board was not waiting for the accounting, to please send the letter and check to legal counsel for Worth Township.**

**On August 16, Candace sent a letter to Sheriff Ken Campbell informing the department of the contract with Zionsville Fire Department for fire and emergency services effective August 17. EMS services will still originate with Witham Hospital Services. Zionsville Fire Department will have their ambulance on September 1 and offer ALS services. They will run for two weeks in conjunction with Witham. The ambulance closest to a call will respond.**

**Candace reported that the developers for the property at US 421 and 300 S will have a hearing with the APC on Sept 5<sup>th</sup>. Brian Knapp will meet with Candace on**

**August 23 with a residential meeting scheduled for August 27 to discuss the proposed plans for the property.**

**Candace appointed John Ulmer as a deputy assessor for the township. This cost is funded by the county. John will attend Level I and Level II training in September and December. John will be more able to answer taxpayer calls regarding reassessment with this training.**

**Dan Montgomery reported that the Safety Chief for Zionsville Fire Department had been visiting businesses in Union Township to check fire needs and access to the buildings during non-business hours.**

**Old Business:**

**Approval of contract with RQAW:**

**Craig Phillips expressed a concern with the \$200,000 variation in the proposed cost estimates. He said that seemed to be a big swing and he would like to see better defined numbers and the whole contract. With that said Craig also stated that the board should move as quickly as possible to get construction of the fire station under way. Dan Montgomery agreed that the \$200,000 seemed to be a large variation and wanted more information regarding the contract. Jim Sanford wanted to see the board take the RQAW proposal and go to other builders and get a proposal for the fire station building. Jim stated that he did not see the need to rush this decision due to the bond money not being used. Jim Sanford made a motion to table the decision of the contract with RQAW until September 13 until more information is obtained. Motion seconded by Dan Montgomery. Vote in favor by Jim Sanford and Dan Montgomery, Craig Phillips abstained.**

**Opportunity for Public Input/Concerns:**

**Question from public concerning the delay of the fire station and how much it is costing the taxpayers from the original remonstrance with the former board, to the cost of canceling the original contract, to any costs of delay now. Response from the board included facts that the original plan had to be downsized as there was not going to be enough bond money to cover construction at that time, so that caused some of the delay in having to re-bid the project.**

**Adjourn – motion made by Craig Phillips to adjourn, seconded by Jim Sanford, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Beverly Tiefel, Clerk**

**Approved: Dan Montgomery**

**Craig Phillips**

**Jim Sanford**

**Date: September 27, 2007**