

**Union Township Board – Business Meeting
September 27, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.
Union Elementary School
11750 East 300 South
Zionsville, IN 46077**

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance – led by Jim Sanford at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Approve Minutes – July 19, 2007; August 2, 2007; August 21, 2007 and September 13, 2007: Craig Phillips made a motion to dispense reading the minutes and moved to approve all the minutes listed. Motion seconded by Jim Sanford, all approved.

Treasurer’s Report – July 2007 and August 2007 – Craig Phillips made a motion to accept both July and August, 2007 treasurer’s reports. Motion seconded by Jim Sanford, all approved.

Adopt 2008 Township Budget: Candace Ulmer stated that the differences between the 2008 and 2007 budget were that \$3,000 for office rent was taken out of 2008 and some additional funds for telephone expense were added. The emergency loan for fire protection and lease rental for the fire station were also added. The 2007 budget has still not been approved by DLGF, however Candace thought that the 2008 rate still would be around \$.18/100. Craig Phillips made a motion to approve the 2008 budget as it was presented, seconded by Jim Sanford. Motion carried.

Trustee’s Report: Candace reported that RQAW met with Brett Dodd, Brian Miller, Steve Mueller, Craig Phillips, and herself at Zionsville Fire Department. The plan is to solicit bids in January 2008 and receive final approval from the APC board. The winning bids would be awarded in February, 2008 with construction to start in March,2008.

The original fire station proposed by the former administration was for 14,000 square feet, but it was not scheduled to be finished inside the structure. The new station is reduced in size in order to completely finish the interior of the structure and be ready to house trucks and firefighters. Craig also reported that Chief Van Gorder is prepared to hire additional firefighters in January, 2008 to cover Union Township.

Any construction company is eligible to submit a bid, including Aspen Corp. All necessary permits will be obtained. All the APC needs is the elevation drawing to approve the construction.

Candace also reported that the reorganization committee for Zionsville, Eagle Township, and Union Township is proceeding well.

As on September 21, the last correspondence with Worth Township regarding the cancellation of the fire contract is that Union Township will offer the \$8,000 that seemed to be in dispute, relinquish all rights to the ambulance and the tanker truck is to be returned to Union Township. The tanker truck may remain at Worth until the Union Township fire station is complete and ready to house equipment. Township attorney, Eileen Sims, has been made aware that this is the final offer and a reply is expected by September 28, 2007.

The next meeting date for the Union Township board needs to be changed. Normally the board meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month, however Candace will be out of town. The next meeting date was set for October 25, 2007 at Union Elementary.

Public Input/Concerns

John McCullough raised the following questions:

- 1. Is there risk in the 2008 budget considering the current negotiations ongoing with Worth Township over the cancellation of the fire contract? Candace replied that she saw no risk to 2008.**
- 2. Has there not been additional cost to the taxpayers due to the canceling of the first contract with RQAW and having to start over with re-bidding the project? Candace replied that if the project changes by more than 5%, the state requires re-bidding the project. As stated before the project did change by more than 5% as the building size was reduced in order to complete the project with the funds available.**
- 3. Why was John Ulmer looking at property records for property in Union Township? John replied that the property records are public record and anyone has access to them. As Deputy Assessor for Union Township, he was looking at the records as response to questions those taxpayers had regarding the reassessment.**

Craig Phillips made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim Sanford. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.