

Union Township Board Monthly Business Meeting  
August 21, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.  
Union Elementary School  
11750 East 300 South  
Zionsville, IN 46077

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance** – Chairman Dan Montgomery

**Roll Call & Declaration of Quorum** – Secretary Jim Sanford

Dan Montgomery –	Present
Jim Sanford -	Present
Craig Phillips -	Absent

**Approval of Agenda** – Dan Montgomery

Jim Sanford made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Dan Montgomery.  
Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes for July 10<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing and July 24, 2008 Board Minutes**

Jim Sanford made a motion to approve both the July 10, 2008 minutes and July 24, 2008 minutes, seconded by Dan Montgomery. Motion passed.

**Accept Treasurer's Report for February, March and April, 2008** – Candace pointed out that the largest expenditures in July were \$30,185.00 to Vectren Energy for the gas-line to the fire station from 200S. The first estimate was for \$55,000.00 to \$50,000.00 for this project. The \$30,185.00 figure was welcomed. Also, the balance of the Fire Contract with Zionsville, \$125,950.00 for the remainder of 2008 was paid. A discussion was also held on the ongoing cost of Public Assistance. It was also noted that the Township had their first burial through Township Assistance for some time.

**Trustees' Report** – The Board was advised about the changes in the budgeting process. The budgets are due to the county Council by September 15, 2008. However, the acceptance date by the Township Board has been changed from September 30<sup>th</sup> until December 1, 2008.

We are waiting for determination from DLGF as to repayment of the \$134,418.38 from the Bond proceeds. The proceeds were distributed as follows: Donation Fund - \$6,636.65; Parks Fund \$7,781.73; Worth Township \$120,000.00. The money from the Donation Fund and the Park Fund were used for payment of architectural fees for the construction of the Fire Station. The \$120,000.00 was for contractual services for fire protection with Worth Township and was not involved with the Union Township fire station construction which was the purpose of the bonds. Other governmental entities that used the proceeds of Bond funds for something other than what the Bonds were

purchased for, have had to re-pay the “loan”. Since this happened in 2006 the repayment is unclear at this time.

It seemed the tax levy for the Emergency Fire Loan was at first denied, but may since have been allowed. Professional opinion from Umbaugh is being sought for this instance and how it will affect the 2009 budget process.

It was noted that some Re-Appropriations need to be advertised and re-appropriate money from the General Fund to the Township Assistance and Professional Fees. There is money in the General Fund to cover this re-appropriation. Also it was suggested that excess money in the General Fund be transferred to the Rainy Day Fund. Money could be then spent from the Rainy Day Fund without loans from one Fund to another.

Notification was made of a Public Hearing which is to be held September 2, 2008, 6:00 pm. At the Zionsville Middle School regarding the widening of US 421.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- **Fire & Public Safety** – Updates on the construction of the fire station were given along with the attached of the Zionsville Fire Departments Monthly Activity Report. This report will be posted on the website along with the other monthly reports.
- **Development & Planning** – Re-zoning for the Southside of 146<sup>th</sup> and US 421 which is in Eagle Township, was approved by the Boone County APC, 6-0.
- **Cemeteries** – Arlan Hilterbrand has been mowing the John’s Cemetery in Union Township.

**Old Business: Re-organization** - Each entity is working on publicizing reorganization to the residents of Eagle and Union Townships and the Town of Zionsville during the Fall Festival. Plans are underway to be in the parade and have a booth to disseminate information to the residents.

**Public Input/Concerns** – Mike Deiss of Country Wood discussed the APC vote on the development planned for the Intersection of US 421 South and 146<sup>th</sup> Street. Mike stated that while not liking the development, some concessions were given by the developer, but they would not consent to remove the possibility of a gas station on the corner. Mike asked would the Township officials express their opinion on the matter. Discussion was held that the proposed development would go before the County Commissioners and this was another time to express concerns regarding the gas station. Mr. Deiss also expressed his concern of water contamination and asked about having his well tested. Mr. Deiss was advised by resident John Ulmer of the lab to do the testing and what they would be testing for. Resident Carla Sanford also told Mr. Deiss to have his water tested before and construction of a gas station so that there would be a benchmark as to the water quality before any construction began. Mr. Deiss also inquired as to when Property Taxes would be mailed out. That answer is unknown.

Jim Sanford made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Dan Montgomery.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully Submitted

Candace L. Ulmer, Trustee