

Fairfield Township Board
Meeting Minutes
December 10th, 2009

Present: Township Trustee, Julie Roush; Board Members: Steve Needham, Margaret McCabe and Marjorie Fitzgerald; Tippecanoe Township Trustee, Bill Jones and Township employee, Susan Parkinson.

Meeting Called to Order: Chairman Needham called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Minutes: The Minutes from the November 18th, 2009 meeting were read silently. **A motion to approve was made by McCabe and seconded by Fitzgerald. The minutes were approved unanimously without corrections.**

Old Business:

- A.** Roush announced that the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) granted 78% of Fairfield Township's appeal for an excessive tax levy for 2010 due to an Emergency. The Township's request (petition) was for \$270,000, and a modified approval was granted in the amount of \$211,505. (See letter from DLGF.) Roush expressed special gratitude to Tippecanoe Township Trustee Bill Jones and to Senator Brandt Hershman for their assistance and support and also to Senator Ron Alting and Representatives Sheila Klinker, Tim Brown and Randy Truitt. In anticipation of a possible denial of the request, Roush detailed ways in which she has cut township expenditures this year: reconstructing a new contract with Riggs; spending less on attorney fees and office cleaning; and cancelling personal Health Savings Account and health/dental insurance coverage.
- B.** Roush proposed changes to the existing contract with Riggs Community Health Center for 2010. Proposed changes are that all medication requests must be referred from Riggs to Fairfield Township to determine eligibility as per Fairfield's Standards; Fairfield Township will reimburse Riggs monthly for approved expenditures *after* unused township funds that have been paid to Riggs in 2008 and 2009 have been used; the Township will provide Riggs with copies of all client documentation (proof of mailing address, photo ID, Social Security cards, and proof of household income for all members 18 and older) by fax; and clients may be assisted every 30 days (rather than Riggs' current standard, which allows clients to be served every three months). **Needham made a motion to approve the contract with Riggs, as proposed; McCabe seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.**
Fitzgerald commented that Blessed Sacrament's Catholic Church also helps people with their prescription purchases.

New Business:

- A.** Additional appropriations: **Resolution was made for an additional appropriation of \$500,000 to be made to the Fire Fund for 2009 (publicized in both local newspapers), as the Lafayette Fire Department has expressed a need for a new fire truck and other miscellaneous items. McCabe made a motion to accept the resolution; Fitzgerald seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.**
- B.** Rainy Day Fund: Discussion was held regarding unexpended funds from the 2009 budget. **Resolution was made to transfer 10% of all unexpended and unencumbered 2009 funds from the fire fund (\$67,500) to the Rainy Day Fund. Needham made a motion to pass the resolution; McCabe seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.**
- C.** Resolutions made to transfer monies to and from the following funds:
 - 1. **\$4,500 to 0101 3L (Community Svc). \$787 transferred from 0101 1AB (Salary of Clerical), \$1,280 from 0101 1AD (Pt. Clerk) & \$2,433 from 0101 1BD (insurance).**
 - 2. **\$6,945 to 0840.1 (\$4,649 to 1AC, \$100 to 1BD, \$300 to 3A, \$368 to 3B, \$398 to 3C, & \$1,130 to 3E). \$6,945 transferred from 0840.3 1A****Needham made a motion to pass the resolutions; McCabe seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.**

.Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 5th at 2:00 p.m for Officer Elections.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Needham; seconded by McCabe. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Margaret McCabe
Fairfield Township Board Secretary

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