

Fairfield Township Board
Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2009

Present: Township Trustee, Julie Roush; Board Members Steve Needham, Margaret McCabe and Marjorie Fitzgerald; Township Attorney, Cy Gerde; township employee, Susan Parkinson; and Betty Townsend, from the public.

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 May 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. A motion was made by Needham to accept yearly pay raises for Township employees as presented. Seconded by McCabe. Motion passed unanimously.** K. Lewis received a partial health benefit for her spouse in lieu of a raise.
- B.** Historic Five Points Fire Station request for \$8,000 to be used for the purchase of an interactive "Buzz E. Smoke Alarm and Safety House" was again tabled, pending responses for contributions from other townships, as well as civic organizations. Roush sent e-mail requests to all Tippecanoe County trustees on 6/22. (See attached.) McCabe will present the request to the Optimists on 6/30.
- C.** Roush announced the purchase of a PDL projector from Typewriters Plus for \$300 so as to use for training purposes for staff and to teach the community about trustee offices.

New Business:

- A. Resolution was made to transfer \$880 from Welfare Administration 3G (Other) to 4A (Office Equipment) for the purchase of four (4) computers and five (5) monitors from Purdue Salvage Warehouse. McCabe made a motion to accept the resolution; Fitzgerald seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**
- B.** Roush presented a Proposed Inventory Disposal for 2009. (See attached) **Motion was made by McCabe declaring this equipment as redundant surplus total value at less than \$500; Fitzgerald seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**
- C.** Roush met with Family Services, Inc. this morning (6/23) and shared program brochures for the Board to review. Roush made particular mention of a Life Skills program, suggesting that the township might consider appropriating funds to support this program in the future. (See attached brochures.)
- D.** Roush sent an e-mail to legislators on 6/23 concerning the Maximum Tax Levies, asking them to re-establish the authority of townships to make an appeal with the Local Government Control Board by making the amendment to House Bill 1001 to remove the section about levy appeals. (See attached.) Without raising the maximum tax levy, Fairfield and other townships will have to go into debt in order to meet the needs of Township-Assistance requests.
- E.** Roush shared a memorandum from the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) regarding the 2010 budget process, including important dates. (See attached.) Additional dates: submit budget publication 7/15, Budget Workshop 7/21, and print dates 7/23 and 7/30.

Adjournment: Chairman Needham called for adjournment. McCabe made a motion to adjourn; Fitzgerald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Margaret McCabe
Fairfield Township Board Secretary

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