

## Fairfield Township Board Meeting Minutes March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**Present:** Township Trustee, Julie Roush; Board Members Steve Needham and Margaret McCabe; Township Attorney, Cy Gerde; 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 January 19, 2009 meeting were read silently. A motion to approve was made by McCabe and seconded by Needham. The minutes were approved unanimously without corrections.

**Old Business:** Resolution was made to renew our contract for \$13,200 per year with Salvation Army. Contract is for support of the services they offer. We are still in the process of exploring other options for budget counseling. **Needham made a motion to renew the contract; McCabe seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.**

**New business:**

- A. Roush proposed that the township renew our bus token contract with LARA/WorkOne. Contract states that the township is to donate 225 bus tokens per quarter to LARA for Fairfield Township residents who are utilizing their services and need transportation to do job searches. **McCabe made a motion to approve the contract; Needham seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.**
- B. Roush opened discussion regarding the township's need for an updated brochure. Immediate need is for more positive literature to share with Leadership Lafayette participants at the YWCA on March 11<sup>th</sup>, and Parkinson will make changes to the existing brochure. Roush and Parkinson plan to attend Leadership Lafayette, participating in role plays with participants who are learning about referral services available in our community. The township will look into having a brochure done professionally in the near future.
- C. Roush opened discussion regarding a Fairfield Township newsletter, suggesting that the newsletter be produced monthly and distributed via e-mail. Discussion will continue.
- D. Roush made a request to drop 4-H club donations. Fairfield Township's contract with 4-H is intended to help disadvantaged children with membership dues and requires that they compete in the fair; but in recent years the township has not received reports back from many of the clubs regarding how donations have been spent. Reports received indicate that money is often being spent on parties, not membership, and that members are not competing in the fair. **Needham made a motion to discontinue support of 4-H clubs; McCabe seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.**
- E. Roush announced a Legal Aid Education Program and Golf Fundraiser on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at Coyote Crossing.
- F. Roush reported on legislative updates, handed out information from ITA, and handed out copies of articles submitted by Roush and Parkinson. Roush voiced concern that Indiana legislature seems to be against funding adult education. The Township sees a huge need for adult education and GED certification for those who are applying for assistance and for those recently laid off from jobs they've had for years.
- G. Roush shared with the Board that the Annual Report was not published on the day requested. It was sent in the first week of February via e-mail (to the J&C as well as the Lafayette Leader) and she requested that it be published February 12<sup>th</sup>. J&C called the day it was to be published and apologized for the mishap. Roush attempted to get credit towards the account for their error but J&C would not comply.

**Next Meeting: Monday, April 20, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.**

**Adjournment:** McCabe made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Needham. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

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Margaret McCabe, Secretary  
Fairfield Township

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