

**Fairfield Township Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 18, 2009**

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

**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 September 24th, 2009 meeting were read silently. **A motion to approve was made by McCabe and seconded by Fitzgerald. Needham found error in the date. Date should be September 24<sup>th</sup> and not the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The minutes were approved unanimously with the correction of the date.**

**Old Business:**

- A. In response to Fairfield Township's appeal to raise the Maximum Tax Levy, the DLGF (Department of Local Government Finance) contacted the township on November 6, requesting ten-year financial and TA-7 report histories. Tippecanoe Township Trustee Bill Jones delivered the requested documents to the DLGF on November 13<sup>th</sup> on behalf of the township. Roush expressed concern that the TA-7 reports do not provide a complete accounting of the numbers of people served by this office or all of the services provided and may not adequately support our appeal. DLGF should make a decision on the appeal by December 1<sup>st</sup>. The township has the option to testify.

**New Business:**

- A. Discussion was held regarding a proposed additional appropriation of \$456,000 for Fairfield Township's Fire Fund. Roush announced that a representative of the Lafayette Fire Department informed her that the Fire Chief is in need of another fire truck and other miscellaneous items. The appropriation proposal will be published in the Journal & Courier, as well as the Lafayette Leader, on November 26, 2009, as required by Indiana Code.
- B. Discussion was held regarding the township's contract with Riggs Community Health Center. Roush shared quarterly emergency medication assistance statistics with the Board. During the months of July through September, the Clinic assisted a total of 57 patients with \$3457.16 in emergency medication assistance. (See attached letter from Nancy Jara.) Roush expressed concern that in 2008 Riggs spent approximately \$4,000 less than our \$20,000 contract with them on Fairfield Township patients. She expressed additional concern that not all patients served were legal residents, which by Indiana Code they must be in order to receive township assistance. For these reasons, and because of the financial difficulties that the township is currently facing, Roush proposed that the township cancel the \$20,000 contract with Riggs and instead pay the Clinic per each approved referral.
- C. **Resolution was made to cancel the current contract with Riggs Community Health Center and go into negotiations for a new contract. Needham made a motion to accept the resolution; Fitzgerald seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.**
- D. Roush announced that the township is hosting a free, brown-bag lunch presentation for staff and guests from the community on Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. (See attached flier.) The presentation is entitled "Immigration 101," and will cover documentation to determine legal immigration status. The presenter is

Susan Brouillette, Assistant Director for Constituent Services from Senator Richard Lugar's Indianapolis office.

- E. Roush shared a flier with the Board that the township has available in the lobby for applicants who are having trouble with their Food Stamps. (See attached flier.) The contact numbers for Senators and State Representatives can also be used by applicants who want to call in support of township government.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

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Margaret McCabe  
Fairfield Township Board Secretary

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