

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF PIKE TOWNSHIP, MARION  
COUNTY, INDIANA

**October 8, 2019**

**Attendance:** Peggy Simmons, Marcia Lomax, Steve Anderson, Claudette Peterson and David Willis.

**Present:** Annette Johnson.

- 1) **Approval of September 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes.** Minutes were reviewed by the Board. Members of the public requested copies of the minutes, which Trustee Johnson distributed. No proposed changes to minutes by the Board. Peggy Simmons moved to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Steve Anderson. Motion carried without opposition.

- 2) **Budget Adoption**

President Willis opened the floor for public comment.

PTFD Union President, Ron Hendrix, complimented Trustee Johnson for her transparency during the union negotiation and budget process.

Peterson asked Hendrix whether the issues with the RHIF were resolved. Hendrix explained that the Union and Township agreed to put issues related to the RHIF on hold until the Committee has had an opportunity to study it in 2020. The Committee will work on proposed solutions to the RHIF's insolvency in 2020 and will report back to the Township Board.

Peterson says budget isn't detailed enough. Steve Anderson made comment that this Budget was the most detailed he had seen.

Judge Stevens echoed Hendrix comments that this budget was very detailed and the process was very transparent. Stevens reported the numbers presented in this year's budget are closer to real numbers as what has been done in the past. He, too, was pleased with how the budget process went from the Court's perspective.

Peterson asked Township Counsel whether she could abstain tonight and then change her vote at a later time. Counsel responded that was impermissible.

Public portion of the meeting was closed by President Willis.

Board took a vote on budget. Budgeted was unanimously approved, 5-0.

- 3) **Salary Resolution.** Deputy Trustee explained that salary resolution is forthcoming. Township is still negotiating PTFD Union Contract.
- 4) **PTFD Report.** Written report circulated by Chief Borel. Board given time to review.
  - President Willis asked about EMTs. Chief Borel responded that the Department is fully staffed and does not need to mark out anyone.

- President Willis asked if there were ongoing concerns about the dive team. Chief Borel reports that there are no ongoing issues with dive. The Department plans to sell off the old dive equipment that cannot be repurposed at a public auction.
- Peterson requested a breakdown of the diversity on the Fire Department. Chief Borel did not have figures off the top of his head, but promised to provide the Board with a breakdown of this information.
- Peterson asked about whether the Township was giving business to minority vendors. Chief Borel explained that the Department and Township have engaged minority owned businesses for cleaning and lawn care services.

**5) Trustee Updates**

- a. Trustee thanked community for attending the meeting.
- b. Trustee explained that the week of Oct. 8 is fire prevention week. A billboard has been donated to PTFD at 71<sup>st</sup> and Georgetown Road in recognition of fire prevention week.
- c. Trustee thanked the board members for passing and adopting the budget. She explained that she worked very hard to be transparent with all parties to make sure the Judge, Fire Department, and Union were all at the table during the budget process.
- d. Upcoming Fall Festival – Oct. 11 – Riley Center Fall Festival. The Riley Center provides before and after school care to students in the Township. Its goal is to teach life skills to kids. The Riley Center is located at 4040 West 71<sup>st</sup> street.
- e. Trustee gave information about a Community Cleanup in Trustee's neighborhood.
- f. Trustee explained that HOA meetings continue to occur here at the building.

Meeting Adjourned.

Board Secretary: Marcia Lomax

Attested by Annette M. Johnson