

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

February 12, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE: Board Members Present: Steve Anderson, Peggy Simmons, Marcia Lomax, Claudette Peterson and Dave Willis. **Present:** Trustee Annette Johnson.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 8, 2019 MEETING MINUTES: It was moved by Marcia Lomax to approve the minutes. Steve Anderson seconded the motion; Claudette Peterson opposed. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT: Sonja Duelberg presented the 2018 Annual Report to the Board. Duelberg explained that the Township is required to keep books on a cash basis. Duelberg explained "summary page" of Annual Report and did overview of the four major funds: (1) Township Fund, (2) Township Administration Fund, (3) Fire Fund, and (4) Cumulative Fire Fund. Steve Anderson moved to approve the Annual Report; Peggy Simmons seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

2018 ENCUMBRANCES: Sonja Duelberg presented to the Board requested encumbrances for 2018. Reasons for requested encumbrances are as follows:

- Fire - A few fire fighters got sick at the end of 2018, but the health claims did not get paid until early 2019.
- General Fund - The Trustee's office began work on the front doors of the building in 2018; however, the project was not completed and billed until 2019. Additionally, a temporary receptionist was hired by the township at the end of 2018, but paid out in 2019.

Marcia Lomax moved to approve the requested encumbrances. Steve Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF 2019 TOWNSHIP ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS: No changes have been made to the 2018 Township Eligibility Standards, but Trustee Johnson put the Board on notice of her intent to revise the standards for 2020. Peggy Simmons moved to approve the 2019 Township Eligibility Standards; Marcia Lomax seconded. Motion carried.

REPORT FROM FIRE CHIEF: Chief Borel provided an update to the Board regarding the PTFD (see circulated documents from Borel). Chief Borel confirmed the fire department is properly staffed with EMS personnel. The new fire station is still under construction, but Chief is cautiously optimistic that it will be complete by March 15, 2019. The PTFD will have a new academy of recruits starting April 1, 2019. Steve Anderson moved to approve Chief Borel's report; Claudette Peterson seconded. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER: President Willis introduced the new Board member, Claudette Peterson, to the Board and public.

TRUSTEE'S COMMENTS: Trustee Johnson provided the Board with an update on her most recent initiatives:

- MLK Day of Giving -- Trustee organized a food drive for the community on MLK day. Some of the food items were donated to a local church, while the rest of the items were kept here at the Township for individuals in need. Trustee explained her long term goal of having a food pantry here in the Township Trustee's Office.
- Pike Coalition of Clergy -- Trustee has started organizing meetings with Pike Clergy members. The meetings happen every other month and are an opportunity for the Trustee to connect with the community and understand the needs of the local congregations. Over time, the Trustee is working to identify the resources that are provided by religious organizations within the Township and to identify ways the Trustee's office can help enhance those services.
- Furloughed Workers Initiative -- Andre Carson held an event during the government furlough to aid affected workers. The Pike Township Trustee's Office participated and was able to provide rental assistance to a handful of furloughed workers who reside in Pike.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Claudette Peterson advanced the following consecutive motions:
 - Moved to open the floor to tax payers
 - Moved to change title of Board to "Legislative Body" instead of "Advisory Board"
 - Moved to change date of next meeting
- The first two Motions were tabled. The Board agreed the next meeting would be held on April 16, 2019.
- Judge Stevens announced to the Board that he was seeking an opinion from the Attorney General's Office as to whether he could pay a Deputy Constable's litigation fees from the Court's budget. He will update the Board as he has more information.

MEETING WAS ADJURNED.

Secretary of the Board Marcia Lonax

Attested by Annette M. Johnson