

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

**April 16, 2019**

**In Attendance:** Board Members Present: Peggy Simmons, Marcia Lomax, David Willis, Steve Anderson, Claudette Peterson. **Present:** Trustee Annette Johnson.

**Approval of February 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes:** Meeting minutes were circulated and reviewed by the Board. Marcia Lomax moved to approve the minutes. Steve Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Comments from Board Member Claudette Peterson:** President Willis gave the floor to Ms. Peterson who made the following points:

- Ms. Peterson believes the Board is not having enough meetings and suggested the Board meet more frequently. Peterson asked that the Board start meeting every other month.
- Ms. Peterson requested a list of the employees who work in the Trustee's Office. Trustee Johnson agreed to send that list to Ms. Peterson as requested.
- Ms. Peterson requested an itemization of expenditures from January 2019 – Present.

**Presentation by Township Counsel, Russ Sipes:** At the February 12, 2019 meeting, various technical and legal questions were raised by Ms. Peterson. Attorney Sipes researched those questions and presented his findings in writing and via oral presentation to Board. The following is a brief recap of Mr. Sipes presentation:

- The proper name for the Board is the Pike Township Board
- Per statute, the Board is only required to meet four (4) times per year
- At her discretion, the Board secretary may delegate her duties of recording the meeting minutes.
- Township residents may comment on any item on the Township Board's agenda

After Sipes' presentation, Steve Anderson moved that the Board meeting minutes continued to be written by the Chief Deputy. Marcia Lomax seconded the Motion; Claudette Peterson opposed. Motion carried.

**Salary Resolution (Township Form No. 17)** was presented to the Board. Trustee Johnson evaluated the salaries of the Township caseworkers and wanted to ensure consistency in pay. Steve Anderson moved to approve the resolution. Marcia Lomax seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

**Report from Fire Chief:** Chief Borel circulated a report to the Board that included updates from the various Division Chiefs. Chief Borel also gave an updated on ongoing construction of Station 61. Various code violations have caused ongoing delays; however, the violations have been remedied as promptly as possible.

**Trustee's Comments:** Trustee Johnson provided the Board with an update on her most recent initiatives:

- PTFD Banquet: Banquet was very successful. Trustee is considering a different venue for next year to accommodate the increased crowd. Everyone seemed to be happy with the event and the food. There was a technology glitch that prevent PTFD from displaying pictures highlighting the Departments successes.
- Pike Township Clergy Coalition: – Pastor Webster hosted the most recent coalition meeting, with roughly a dozen attendees. The meetings have been a good time for clergy leaders to interact with each other and share what each congregation is doing within the community.
- Handouts: Trustee circulated two handouts to the Board: (1) New Pike Trustee Pamphlet and (2) flyer for Rep. Pryor's town hall forum.
- Earth Day Cleanup: Trustee Johnson and Deputy Fire Marshall Ric Vega coordinated with a local Scouts Troup to do a community cleanup. The event will be held on Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The group will meet at 4301 West 52<sup>nd</sup> Street.
- Firefighter Department Instructor Conference (FDIC) – The FDIC convention was held in downtown Indianapolis from April 8 – April 13. Trustee Johnson went down to check out the festivities. Trustee Johnson was proud to report that PTFD won the pumper pull.

**Meeting was adjourned.**

Secretary of the Board

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Attested by

Annette M. Johnson