Board Meeting Minutes

August 23, 2022

**MINUTES OF THE MEETINGOF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF PIKE TOWNSHIP,**

**MARION COUNTY, INDIANA**

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The meeting was conducted in person at the Pike Township Government Center.

**In Attendance:** Board Members Present: David Willis, Steve Anderson, Cynthia Oda, Burnice Head. Quorum was confirmed. **Present:** Trustee Annette Johnson, Beth Marsh.

**Absent:** Claudette Peterson.

**Absent:** Township Attorney Jeff Bellamy.

Meeting Minutes were circulated and reviewed by Board members. Meeting minutes approved from April 19, 2002 One correction was made.

Beth Marsh, Township Financial Advisor was in attendance via phone. Beth Marsh presented the Township Financial updates. Monthly financials were reviewed. Beth reported that the fund balances were good. She shared that spending was on track for the year thus far and the Township had adequate cash on hand.

Beth Marsh shared information on Townships Assistance and where we stand in that area thus far. Poor Relief is being serviced by all Township Caseworkers. Questions regarding burials were asked.

Budget Presentation for 2023 was given. Board members were given information to look over and if there are any questions, fell free to call.

Comment from Township Residents were allowed. Residents were reminded that this is only a Budget Presentation. Comments will be heard at next Month’s Public Hearing meeting.

President David Willis allowed Beth Marsh to speak on the agenda item regarding Additional Appropriation.

Fire Chief Chris Tragesser was in attendance and shared Monthly Fire Reports from June and July of 2022. Chief Tragesser noted numbers and emergency runs. Chief Tragesser asked the Board to look over all the information given regarding the Pike Fire Department, any questions feel free to give him a call. Chief Tragesser thanked the Board Members for their support. Chief Tragesser shared there is constant collaboration with the Trustee.

A Pike Township resident asked questions regarding Zoom meetings. Discussion of Hybrid Access for the community. Board member Steve Anderson gave feedback, along with others. Discussion centered on cost and need as board meetings are always open to the public. The cost to set up was a factor as it is very costly with set-up and management. Trustee Annette Johnson stated that she attended a recent Trustee’s Meeting and other Township Boards are not doing Hybrid meetings, due to costs. Board discussion was to put this item back on the agenda for the September meeting.

Board Member Cynthia Oda asked questions and shared she has the right to ask questions. Trustee Johnson shared that is always the main focus for our board members. We all have to work together.

Trustee Annette Johnson gave her Trustee’s Office report. Trustee Johnson shared that it has been a busy summer with outreach events and the process of school uniforms. The Pike Township Fire Department continues to participate in community outreach, education and risk prevention in collaboration with the Trustee in the areas of festivals and school educational events. The Public education vehicle is making its rounds in Pike Township.

Board President David Willis adjourned meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Next Board meeting – September 20, 222 – Public Hearing for budget and additional appropriations.