Board Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2022

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 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 and began at 5:40 pm.

**Board Members Present**: Burnice Head, Steve Anderson, Cynthia Oda, Claudette Peterson. Quorum was confirmed. **Present:** Trustee Annette Johnson, Chief Tragesser, Beth Marsh and Phyllis Robinson.

**Absent:** David Willis

Meeting Minutes were circulated and reviewed by Board members. Meeting minutes were approved from September 27, 2022 with corrections made as noted by Claudette Peterson. Motion to approve minutes as amended given by Burnice Head and seconded by Cynthia Oda, all approved.

Public hearing was held for the Additional Appropriation. Beth explained that the Medic Unit was a capital outlay approved in the 2021 budget but was not spent. To spend in 2022 must be re-appropriated in 2022. No comments or questions from public that were present. Claudette Peterson still has concerns with a general contractor on the project and how many Blacks and Hispanics are awarded what percentage part of bid. She would like to stay on top of it seeing that payment is on time and reaching out to minorities. Claudette also mentioned she would love to see a report to know how and where the general contractor is using due diligence with inclusion.

Motion made to approve Additional Appropriation by Cynthia Oda, seconded by Burnice Head.

Next on agenda was approval of the budget. Beth explained that this had been presented at the last two meeting and the Public Hearing was held at the September 27, 2022 Meeting. Prior to the resolution, Claudette Peterson wanted to know if the Salary Resolution was included in the budget. Beth responded that it is included in the budget but requires a separate resolution to approve. Bernice Head made a motion to approve the Resolution for Appropriation and Tax Rates, Cynthia Oda seconded.

Beth explained that the Salary Resolution was three percent across the board for all Pike Township employees, also that the union contract for Fire employees is 3%. Cynthia Oda made a motion to adopt the Salary Resolution for the Township, seconded by Burnice Head.

Chief Tragesser presented the Board with a list of Surplus items. Requested that the board approve a resolution so he can dispose of items, see if other fire stations interested in outdated TNT equipment or give to Earl’s auction. A resolution to surplus outdated excavation equipment for the Fire Department was made by Cynthia Oda and seconded by Burnice Head.

Trustee Annette Johnson gave the Trustee office update. Trustee Johnson reported they have been involved in fall events. The Fire Department was honored as part of the Public Safety Appreciation Day at Lowe’s Home Improvement store at 82nd and Michigan Road. The Trustee’s office participated in a food drive held at Pike Township’s Government Center. Trustee Johnson also reported that Christmas is a big time of the year. Case workers will adopt a family that has received assistance from the Township. Lots of opportunity for Holiday assistance events.

Beth presented the September Financial Statements, noting the percentages spent through September 30th. Cynthia Oda commented that if we only spent 52% in Other Direct Poor Relief and the year is almost up, are we over budgeting or not spending until end of year. This triggered much discussion. Claudette said some Township boards receive $20,000 for service and other board members chimed in that they also get PERF, pensions and life insurance.

Chief Tragesser wanted to thank the community and Trustee for the support and comforting words during a difficult time. Pike Township Fire Department experienced the lost three of their firefighters in the last two weeks.

Claudette Peterson also commended Chief Tragesser for his detailed reports. Claudette felt on the Trustee side, she did not get the same detail on how the assistance is spent.

After much discussion, Cynthia Oda made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Burnice Head. Acting President, Steve Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:45p.m.

Next Board meeting – January 2023, date to be determined.