

# Board Meeting Minutes

## October 17, 2023

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

President David Willis called the Board meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** David Willis, Steve Anderson, Cynthia Oda, Claudette Peterson. Burnice Head was absent. Quorum confirmed.

Also present were Trustee Annette Johnson, Phyllis Robinson, Jeffrey Bellamy, Township Attorney, Beth Marsh, CEO of Bookkeeping Plus and Jeffrey Beam, Fire Chief.

Chairperson David Willis gave the Board members time to review the minutes from the August 22, 2023 meeting. Claudette Peterson noted that on Page 3, 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence should read, “Claudette felt that the burial assistance number was low considering many people were dying.” instead of, “Claudette felt that was low and many people were dying”. Also last paragraph on Page 3, replace Mrs. Wolley with Donna Forbes and the beginning of sentence 3 in the same paragraph.

Motion by Claudette Peterson to approve the August 22, 2023 minutes with noted corrections. Seconded by Cynthia Oda.

Board also reviewed the minutes for the September 27, 2023 minutes. Motion by Cynthia Oda to approve the September 27, 2023 minutes. Seconded by Claudette Peterson.

Next on the agenda was the Budget Adoption for 2024.

Beth Marsh, CEO of Bookkeeping Plus noted that the total budget was \$42,034,409 that needs to be adopted. Motion by Claudette Peterson to adopt the 2024 budget of \$42,034,409. Seconded by Cynthia Oda.

Approving the Salary Resolution was next on the agenda. Claudette asked about Fire Fighters pay for those who are also Ambulance employees. Chief Beam said they receive Fire Fighters pay for the day and not moved for that day, they continue at the Fire Fighter pay. Motion by Cynthia Oda to approve the Salary Resolution as presented. Seconded by Steve Anderson, and unanimously approved.

Next, Beth Marsh presented monthly financials for September 30, 2024, Worksheet by Function. We are three fourths of the way through the year, so far doing okay with everything.

The Township is currently at 48% and Small Claims Court at 65%, overall only at 59%. Welfare Administration is 39% and Other Direct Poor Relief at 65%, overall 51%. Fire spent 76%, does

not include the additional appropriation approved for health insurance, so we will be less than that.

Beth also let board members know the Annual Financial Report (AFR) was included in the board packet for them to review. The AFR reflects totals through September 30 and shows expenses in each category by Fund. The budget is in line. Please feel free to contact Beth if questions.

Chief Jeffrey Beam said he would give a few items since the board received the Fire Report for September in advance to ask questions if they had any.

Chief Beam mentioned that apparatus that were out of service are starting to get traction on getting them repaired.

Service Anniversaries were:

The Class of 1991 with 32 years of service, has 9 members

The Class of 1996 with 27 years of service, has 5 members

Quarter Master Brandon Moss has 8 years of service

The Fire Department participated in the following community events in September.

Smoke detector installations as well as car seats installations. September was a big month for Fire Drills, random with the schools.

With no additional questions for Chief Beam, moved to next agenda item, Trustee Johnson's update.

Trustee Annette Johnson wanted to thank the board for attending board meetings and the support they give for all the things she is doing.

Trustee Johnson has a new Fall Newsletter to pass around for everyone to review. In addition, Trustee Johnson hired a new Outreach Coordinator that started last week. She is doing a fabulous job already. The Outreach Coordinator has completed many flyers and posted at the library so the public will know what is being done at the Trustee's Office.

Some of the upcoming events are:

November - Thanksgiving Meal Partnership

December – Toy Drive with LeRoy Robinson

January 15, 2024 – MLK day of Giving

Trustee Johnson also wanted to thank the residents for coming and taking time out of their busy schedules.

Chairperson David Willis called for Public Comment.

With no Public Comments, Chairperson David Willis adjourned the meeting at 6:35 pm.

Next Board meeting:

February 20, 2024