

Board Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2024

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF PIKE TOWNSHIP

MARION COUNTY, INDIANA

Secretary Cynthia Oda called the Public Hearing to order at 5:46 p.m.

Beth Marsh, CEO Bookkeeping Plus stated the purpose of this Public Hearing is to present the 2025 budget to the public. Secretary Cynthia Oda asked if there were any questions from the public attending. With no questions or discussions from the public, the Public Hearing was closed and opened the regular board meeting.

Secretary Cynthia Oda was filling in for President David Willis and Board Member Burnice Head who were stuck in traffic. Board members present were Secretary Cynthia Oda, Steve Anderson and Claudette Peterson. A quorum was present at the start of the board meeting. Also present were Beth Marsh, CEO, Bookkeeping Plus, Steve Mills, Union Rep for Pike Township Fire Department, Jeff Beam, Fire Chief, Jeffrey Bellamy, Attorney, Douglas Stephens, Judge, Annette Johnson, Trustee and Phyllis Robinson, Financial Administrator.

Secretary Cynthia Oda gave the board members a chance to review minutes and called for a motion to approve the Board Minutes from the August 26, 2024 Board Meeting. Cynthia Oda said Claudette was out of order for discussion, since she had called for a vote on the minutes.

Motion by Steve Anderson to accept the minutes as presented for August 26, 2024. Seconded by Claudette Peterson. Secretary Cynthia Oda then asked if there was any discussion.

Claudette Peterson asked if the question that Cynthia Oda asked at the last board meeting regarding allocation of funds for uniforms and the Trustee said she was going to take care of it the next day. Claudette asked if we addressed that and did the individuals on the list get assistance.

Trustee Annette Johnson said she gave the waiting list to the caseworkers the next day and it has been taken care of. Trustee said Beth Marsh, CEO Bookkeeping Plus approved the transfers and stated that the budget was also increased for next year. Secretary Cynthia Oda then asked Claudette if her question was answered and she said yes.

Secretary Oda then asked for the call, all in favor, none opposed. It's been moved that the minutes be accepted as presented.

Secretary Oda said next on the agenda is the presentation of July and August 2024 financials by Beth Marsh, CEO of Bookkeeping Plus.

The Township Fund with 8 months should be at 67% of budget. Personal Services are 37%, Supplies at 36% and Other Services was 29%. Capital Outlays for General were over but

approved additional appropriations have not been added in. The same is true for Small Claims Court.

Small Claims Court has Personal Services 53%, Supplies 19% and Other Services 16%.

Assistance is on target. Welfare Administration Personal Services was 30%, Supplies at 30% and Other Services at 60%.

Township Assistance for Medical, Hospital and Burials at 5%, pretty much burials, and Other Direct Poor Relief 38%.

Fire spent 60%. Personal Services at 60%, Supplies at 67%, Other Services at 71% and Capital Outlays were 25%.

Cumulative Fire finished at 11%. Everything is in line with the budget and we should be in good shape for the end of the year.

The preliminary AFR for August is also included which shows the details of Vendors spending by each category for General Township, Small Claims, Welfare Assistance, Other Direct Poor Relief, Fire and Cumulative that you receive every month.

President Dave Willis and Burnice Head arrived at the Board meeting.

President Dave Willis asked if there were any questions. Cynthia Oda asked Beth Marsh from the previous meeting that we can move funds within line items. Beth said we can move items within groupings. If short in supplies and other services has funds remaining, those items can be moved with Board approval. If within the same category like Assistance where we were short in Uniforms and there was extra in Housing, then this can be transferred to the short item since they are in the same category. Cynthia Oda said this question came up at last meeting since we were short for Uniforms and she didn't know we could transfer funds. Claudette said she knew that and was just wandering why we couldn't take care of those families. Beth said they did.

President Dave Willis then asked again if there were any more questions or concerns. Claudette mentioned from the minutes that we have always come in under budget and do we have funds sitting in reserve. Beth responded that if you spent all your money and need extra you can still do an additional appropriation.

Cynthia Oda moved that the Financials be accepted as is. Seconded by Steve Anderson. All in favor, none opposed.

Next on the agenda is Jeff Beam, Fire Chief.

Chief Beam said the Fire Department is under 10,000 incidences with 80% being EMS runs. That is 6.8% greater than 2023.

Engine 64 is out of service and shipped to Wisconsin to be repaired, expected to return in November.

Ladder 64 has structural damage and was sent to Evansville for repairs.

Starting the hiring process for EMS next week to complete in December, opportunity to bring on 4 more EMS's.

In August and September have attended various community events.

Chief Beam sent the August 2024 Monthly Report to Board Members. As always if questions reach out to Chief Beam.

Next on Agenda is Annette Johnson, Trustee. Thanks to the residence for attendance at the board meeting.

Trustee asked Steve Mills, Union Rep for Pike Township Fire Department to introduce himself again to everyone attending board meeting. Steve said he is happy to be a Pike Township Fire Fighter for 19 years, at Station 61.

Crystal Wilmot, our new Community Outreach Coordinator planned the Fall Festival event for last Saturday. The Fall Festival was well attended by vendors and public. Just been a busy summer and now it is fall.

With no Public Comments, Trustee Annette Johnson asked the public attending the board meeting to introduce themselves and the communities that they live in.

Angela Beverly – Fieldstone for 18 years

Pat Magneson – Deer Creek for 25 years

Debra Bluitt – Deer Creek as well

Lynda McIntyre – Woods of Eagle Creek for 17 years

Jeffrey Bellamy was a presenter at the ITA Educational Conference. He said Pike Township was well represented by your board, staff, and the Trustee. He was glad to see them all.

Judge Douglas Stephens also attended a Judicial Conference at the Convention Center.

After introductions by the public and no more comments, Chairperson David Willis adjourned the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Next Board meeting: TBD