



FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Tuesday July 11, 2023
6:30 PM

Fairfield Township Trustee's Office
Community Meeting Room
718 Wabash Avenue
Lafayette, IN 47905

Minutes

In Attendance: Board Members; Perry Schnarr, Arissa Beck, Susan Schechter; Trustee, Monica Casanova; Legal Counsel Beth Copeland (remote); Bookkeeper, Rocky Hession; Financial Consultant, Bill Jones; Kier Crites, Food Finders Executive Director, Fire Chief, Brian Alkire.

I. Call to order. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Minutes a. Approval of June 13, 2023, minutes with corrections: Spelling of Arissa and correction of counsel's last name. Beck moved Susan Schechter second, unanimously approved.

III. Old Business

a. Fairfield Investment Policy presented in April and tabled. SBOA definition of investment is that a purchase was made e.g. a CD. The interest-bearing Trust Indiana account that holds the rainy-day fund is not an investment as per Indiana code. Monica will bring corrected Resolution No. 23-07 for approval next month.

b. A proposed donation to the DARE program awaits a donation policy.

IV. New Business

a. Food Finders Back Program Funding Request, Kier Crites, Executive Director. Monica proposes that the township act as funder for Miller Elementary School backpack program at the level of \$24,000/yr. from the General Fund (to be included in 2023 budget proposal). Tabled until August board meeting.

b. 2023 Additional Appropriations was just advertised yesterday.

c. Chief Alkire reported the department is bringing in 13 new recruits. A new engine is on order.

d. 2024 Budget Projections to be addressed in August meeting.

e. Trustee Report June has been busy.

Vandalism at Greenbush Cemetary included all windows (6) and door stain glass being smashed, a portable generator was stolen. There is a \$500 deductible for insurance.

Rental assistance went way up.

Todd Burtron sent a draft strategic plan.

The shelter house has been in use with some problems with cats abandoned in the building on departure. A 'no pets' clause was added (apart from service animals).

A landscaping project.

Monica is now a notary.

Compassion training for Monica, Rose, and Brandy.

Records retention training.

Volunteer activities.

Attending council meetings.

Speaking with housing justice orgs in Indianapolis.

Attended Fire Chief transition.

f. Financial Consultant Report

Bill Jones provided summary amounts for the proposed total revenue with maximum levy and budgeted expenditures. The 2023 budget expenditure is greater than the revenue at maximum property tax levy and the difference can be comfortably covered by income on savings. It will be arranged with SBOA to record the 2023 budget that was delayed by circumstances beyond control of the current township officials.

Bill also presented a list of transactions that he cleaned up to reconcile previous budgets. Perry moved to accept the 2022 Resolution of transactions. Arissa seconded. **Unanimously approved.**

V. Agenda Items at Board's Discretion - None

VI. Calendar

a. Next Board Meeting, Tuesday, August 8, 2023, 6:30 pm

VII. Public Comments - None

VIII. Adjournment 8:53

Township Board:

Perry Schnarr, Board Member

Susan Schechter, Board Member

Arissa Beck, Board Member