



FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 6:30 PM
Fairfield Township Trustee's Office
718 Wabash Avenue, Lafayette IN 47901

Minutes

Present: Township Board: Susan Schechter, Perry Schnarr; Trustee Monica Casanova; Township Bookkeeper Rocky Hession; Legal Counsel Kayla Sears; LFD Chief Brian Alkire; Paul's Plan Ministries, Jake Malhke. Absent: Township Board Member, Arissa Beck.

- I. Call to order- Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Minutes, July 16, 2024, August 13, 2024, & September 10, 2024
Will need to be approved on October 8, 2024, Board Meeting
- III. New Business
 - a. Paul's Plans Ministries, Jake Mahlke, provided an update about the shelter house currently being leased by Paul's Plan Ministries, a nonprofit agency to help men leaving the carceral system reenter the community. There are three men, two aged 19 and one 40+ residing in the shelter house. They pay Paul's Plan Ministries \$50 per week to be saved until the end of the 90-day program which then gets returned to them to help them secure housing. During their stay at the shelter house, they are required to find employment, maintain employment, stay sober, and save money. Paul's Plan Ministries has a six-month contract with the Township and is asking for an additional six-month extension. The board made no decision at this time.
 - b. Chief Alkire LFD
The new engine for LFD station #6 will be ready sometime this fall. The Chief invited the Township board to attend the station's unveiling of the new truck when

it becomes available. The Chief noted that runs have been down 450, something he attributes to the decline of opioid overdoses.

- c. Indiana Township Association Education Conference & Trade Show 2024, Sunday, September 15-Wednesday, September 18, 2024, Embassy Suites, Noblesville, IN.

All office staff will be attending, and two board members, Susan Schechter and Perry Schnarr, will also be in attendance. Trustee Casanova will confirm that the Board Chair, Susan Schechter, is registered for two days. The office will be closed during this time.

- d. Possible Additional Appropriation 2024

Trustee Casanova explained that 70% of the general fund has been spent down and she and the bookkeeper will continue to monitor the fund in case an additional appropriation needs to be done before the end of the year.

IV. Old Business

- a. 2025 Budget

- i. Revenue data, Rocky.

Rocky provided financials YTD, including expenditures and receipts.

- ii. Deadlines

October 8, 2024, regular monthly board meeting and public meeting for 2025 budget

October 22, 2024, adoption of 2025 budget

- b. Tree of Heaven

Board chair, Susan Schechter, approached the Tippecanoe County Historical Association about the abundance of tree of hope at their museum. The museum is happy to receive assistance in eradicating the tree of hope (TOH). Board member Perry Schnarr, found out from Purdue Extension that although TOH is invasive it is not considered noxious in Indiana.

V. Trustee Report

Trustee participated in several outreach activities such as playing as a celebrity player for Joyful Journey's fundraiser, "Playing for a Purpose" and introduced public officials at a recent cultural event, "Mexico en el Corazon." Trustee Casanova met with the Mayor of Lafayette to discuss housing concerns. The mayor shared that they are looking at different options including land trusts. Trustee Casanova shared with the mayor about the current use of the shelter house. The mayor was unaware of Paul's Plan Ministries.

VI. Calendar

- a. October Board Meeting, Tuesday October 8, 2024, 6:30 pm
 - i. Budget Adoption meeting, Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 7 pm
- b. ITA Education Conference & Trade Show 2024, Sunday, September 15-
Wednesday, September 18, 2024, Embassy Suites, Noblesville, IN

VII. Public Comments

VIII. Adjournment

Adjournment at 7:17. Susan Schechter moved, Perry Schnarr 2nd.

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Susan Schechter
Board Chair

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Arissa Beck
Board Secretary

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Perry Schnarr
Board Member