

Fairfield Township Board
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 8th, 2014

Present: Township Trustee, Julie Roush; Board Members, Shane Weist, Kenny Rhode and Allen Nugent.

Meeting Called to Order: Chairman Weist called the meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all, followed by a moment of silent reflection.

Minutes: The minutes from the February 18th, 2014 meeting were read silently. A motion to approve was made by Weist and seconded by Rhode. The minutes were approved unanimously with the correction of the next meeting to be April 8th and not March 18th.

Old Business:

Roush reported that Alexander Tree Service has started again after the bad weather to remove the rest of the trees that we had agreed upon.

Roush submitted the 2013 Annual Report in Gateway on 2/27/2014.

2013 TA-7 report was shared with the board along with the 2013 Food Finders Food Bank Statistics (see attached). The TA-7 underreported the impact due to Food Finders report coming after the Annual Report was submitted.

New business:

- A. Roush presented an investment policy (see attached) that replaces a policy that was approved in 1997.
Weist made a motion to approve the Investment Policy; motion was seconded by Rhode. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. The Indiana Genealogical Society (IGS) approved a \$500 grant application for the preservation of Greenbush Cemetery. The money will be placed into the Cemetery Fund. LA Clugh accepted the award in Ft. Wayne for us on Saturday, April 5th.
- C. Weist shared his fundraiser idea with the board on bringing awareness and donations to the Greenbush Cemetery. His plan is to hold a Blue and Gray Ball at the Lafayette Country Club on November 8th from 6pm to 10pm. The plan so far is to raise \$500 Corporate Sponsorships and charge \$50 per ticket. Two corporate sponsors are committed thus far. The event would include dinner and dancing. He is working on a video, is in contact with multiple reenactment groups and the Indiana and Tippecanoe County Historical Societies. Ron Wilkins has agreed to help spread the word
- D. Roush announced that the 2014 Spring English Class at Purdue is working on designing a new website for the township.
- E. Our pop machines were vandalized around 2/19/2014. The machines had been emptied the previous week, so it is unlikely the thieves got very much money. Pepsi has decided to remove the destroyed machines and at this time the township does not have any plans to replace them. Ideas may be to add a park bench in their place.
- F. Roush was asked to meet with 3 Hippensteel representatives to whom she explained, amongst other things, the difference between township burials and burials of those involved with FSSA. They invited her staff, the board and other trustees to see their crematorium and their cheaper funeral service center at Simplicity.
- G. Upcoming community events are: Judicial debate at Hanna Center April 8th @ 7 PM; Matchbox Grand Opening, April 11th, from 2-4 PM; Wabash Township Pancake Breakfast, April 19th, from 7 AM – 11 PM; and Food Finders Blue Jean Ball is on Saturday, May 3rd.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 20th at 2:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Weist made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rhode. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ken Rhode, Secretary.

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Township Board:

Shane Weist, Chairman of the board

Ken Rhode, Secretary of the Board

Allen Nugent, Board Member

Board of Finance:

Shane Weist, President of the Board of Finance

Ken Rhode, Secretary of the Board of Finance

Allen Nugent, Board member