

**Fairfield Township Board
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 18th, 2014**

Present: Township Trustee, Julie Roush; Board Members, Shane Weist and Kenny Rhode; Public, Bill Jones was also present. Allen Nugent was absent.

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 January 7th, 2014 meeting were read silently. A motion to approve was made by Rhode and seconded by Weist. The minutes were approved unanimously and without correction.

Old Business:

Roush reported that Alexander Tree Service began removing trees but the removal has been postponed due to weather.

New business:

- A. Roush presented the 2013 Annual Report to the Board for approval (see attached report). Legislation passed that moved the date back to 2/18/14 for the board to approve the report. There are now issues with publishing the report that will hopefully be fixed legislatively next year. According to IC 36-6-4-13(b), the Annual Report should be published “within four weeks after the third Tuesday following the first Monday in January...” However, in the past few years SBOA has wanted us to publish after the board has approved. Therefore, the report was published in the Journal & Courier on February 18th and will be published in the Lafayette Leader on February 20th after the board has approved. It will be submitted via Gateway before the due date of March 1st. **Weist moved to receive, accept and adopt the 2013 Annual Report as presented; motion was seconded by Rhode. Motion passed unanimously.**
- B. Roush briefly went through the 2013 gross totals for the Representative payees, without detail. Report is also included with the 2013 Annual Report and was also published.
- C. Roush presented the 2013 Township Activity reports (see attached).
- D. Roush proposed a resolution to raise the Fairfield Township Standard’s Maximum Gross Monthly Income Limit to 125% or the 2014 HHS poverty guidelines (see chart below). **Rhode made a motion to approve the resolution to raise the Maximum Gross Monthly Income Limit to 125% of the 2014 Federal poverty guidelines; Weist seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.**

Household Size	Maximum Gross Income
1	\$ 1,216.00
2	\$ 1,639.00
3	\$ 2,061.00
4	\$ 2,484.00
5	\$ 2,907.00
6	\$ 3,330.00
7	\$ 3,753.00
8	\$ 4,176.00

Each additional member add + \$ 423.00

- E. Roush was informed that the Greenbush Cemetery Fence incurred some damage when it had been hit by a car. The driver’s insurance company has settled on the repair. Mr. Fence It gave us an estimate for \$620 (see attached estimate). The work will be done in the spring.
- F. Roush shared the statistical reports from Salvation Army and Family Promise (reports are attached).

- G. Senator Hershman has authored SB 367 which states, “For a township that made a request for an adjustment in an amount not exceeding the limit prescribed by subsection (b), the Department of Local Government Finance shall make the adjustment a permanent adjustment to the township’s maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy.” In other words, the \$130,000 temporary fix will become permanent.
- H. Roush attended the ITA Legislative Convention. Attached is ITA’s Grassroots report. Jones talked about proposed legislation that would remove township boards and the merge of volunteer fireman in some areas. Roush shared that Republican Representative Sharon Negele from Attica proposed the elimination of townships. The bill did not pass.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 18th 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