

WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
Special Meeting/ Budget Hearing
July 11, 2008
10:00 am.

Chairperson, Ms. Sims called the special meeting/budget hearing to order.
Trustees present: Timothy Kratzer, Carolyn Sims, James Likley.
Also present was the fiscal officer, M. Evans and resident Ronald Oiler.

2009 PROPOSED BUDGET

The fiscal officer gave a brief explanation of how the proposed budget is a tool that is purely an estimate going by previous history of income and expenses and if any proposed large expenditures are being proposed by the trustees and department heads.

Mr. Likley questioned why are we spending more in general fund than we receive. The fiscal officer explained the past two years had been abnormally high. The expenditures of taxes withheld for prior years, interest and penalties. Zoning expenses and wages are taken from general fund because zoning fees do not cover zoning expenses. In the year 2007 a transfer of \$13,500 from general fund to zoning fund occurred because of prior years audit adjustment. To put it simply there is just not enough revenue received to cover the cost of general fund expenses. The other funds are self supporting. A discussion was held to keep paying zoning expenses and wages out of general fund with the program code of 130 or to transfer to zoning fund. It was the consensus of the board to use the transfer method, which will require a resolution at the beginning of 2009 when the transfer would occur.

Mr. Kratzer moved to approve the amended proposed budget by adding \$20,000 transfer from general fund to zoning fund, seconded by Ms. Sims. Discussion: Sims- feels it would be easier for her to track the zoning expenses in the zoning fund and not as part of general fund. Likley- expressed the same as Sims.
Roll call: Kratzer, aye; Sims, aye; Likley, aye.

A motion by James Likley offered the following resolution and moved the adoption of same, which was seconded by Timothy Kratzer. RESOLUTION 2008-12 A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE MATCHINGS FUNDS EQUAL TO OR MORE THAN GRANT FUNDING. No discussion
Roll call: Kratzer, aye; Sims, aye; Likley, aye.

Discussion concerning e-mail addresses. When someone responds to an e-mail, their e-mail address appears on the communication. The township does not give out that information therefore the township cannot control the fact that a resident e-mails the board members.

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MINUTES:

Amendments are underlined.

May 19, 2008 revised draft reviewed.

Page 2 - 4th sentence needs to read: The township gave a letter to Westfield Center that they are the rightful owner of the 2 cemeteries within the village limits.

Page 3 - No decision was made regarding land acquisition.

Page 4 - insert the paragraph that Ms. Sims wrote in place of what the fiscal officer wrote before the adjournment statement.

Ms. Sims made a motion to approve the revised draft with the above addendums, seconded by Mr. Likley.

Roll call: Kratzer, No; Sims, yes; Likley, yes.

May 28, 2008

Amendments are underlined

Page 1 - Add attendees: Wm. L. Thorne, Assist. Prosecutor, Heather Sturdevant, Gary Harris, Mike Sweeney, Rocko, Ron Oiler, Kim Ferencz, Willie Carrasco, Orlando Carrasco, Lee Evans, Mike Schmidt.

Sample of a plan by Willie Carrasco for Joe Hanna to approve.

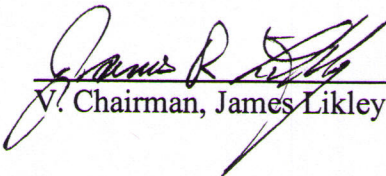
Limited to no information on site plan. Carrasco presented a revised parking plan with dimensions.

Mr. Likley made a motion to approve the May 28th, 2008 minutes with the above amendments, seconded by Ms. Sims. No discussion.

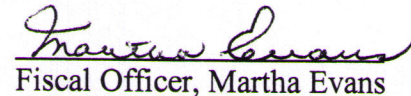
Roll call: Kratzer, aye; Sims, aye; Likley, aye.

Mr. Kratzer made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Sims seconded the motion. Unanimous.

Approved August 4, 2008


V. Chairman, James Likley

Trustee, Timothy Kratzer


Fiscal Officer, Martha Evans