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*BEFORE THE CALUMET TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES*

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THE CALUMET TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

GARY, INDIANA

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had at the meeting  
before the Calumet Township Board, reported by  
Kristen K. Stokes, CSR, Notary Public in and for the  
County of Lake, State of Indiana, taken at 610  
Connecticut Street, Gary, Indiana, on October 21,  
2019, scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. in the  
evening.

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APPEARANCES:

- Darren Washington, Board Chairman
- Jacqueline Holmes, Board Secretary
- James Piggee, Board Member
- Kimberly Robinson, Township Trustee
- Sherita Smith, Chief Deputy
- Romeka Bonds, Executive Secretary
- Deidre Monroe, Board Attorney
- Rinzer Williams, III, Township Attorney
- Steve Dalton, Financial Advisor
- Gladys Miller, Finance Manager
- and
- Members of the Public

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1 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Good evening,  
2 ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the  
3 Township Board Meeting for this evening.  
4 Can we stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

5 (EVERYONE STOOD FOR THE PLEDGE OF  
6 ALLEGIANCE.)

7 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: May we have roll  
8 call, Ms. Bonds?

9 MS. BONDS: Ms. Jacqueline Holmes?

10 MS. HOLMES: Present.

11 MS. BONDS: James Piggee?

12 MR. PIGGEE: Present.

13 MS. BONDS: Mr. Darren Washington?

14 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Present.

15 With three present, we have enough to  
16 have a meeting -- enough for a quorum.

17 First item on the agenda is the approval  
18 of minutes from September 16, 2019. The  
19 Chair will make a motion that we approve the  
20 minutes of September 16, 2019. Is there a  
21 second?

22 MR. PIGGEE: I'll second.

23 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Any discussion by  
24 board members?

25 MS. HOLMES: No.

1 CHAIRMAN LAY: Hearing none, Ms. Bonds,  
2 roll call.

3 MS. BONDS: Mr. Piggee?

4 MR. PIGGEE: Yes.

5 MS. BONDS: Ms. Holmes?

6 MS. HOLMES: Yes.

7 MS. BONDS: Mr. Washington?

8 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Yes.

9 With three ayes and no nays, the  
10 approval of minutes of September 16th, 2019,  
11 is passed.

12 Item No. 3, Resolution No. 2019-04, the  
13 2020 operating budget.

14 Madam Trustee, how are you?

15 TRUSTEE ROBINSON: I'm well. Thank you.

16 Good evening. We have -- well, I will  
17 defer to Steve Dalton for an explanation.

18 MR. DALTON: If you'll recall, last  
19 month we met and presented the budget, which  
20 needs to take place in a public hearing,  
21 which is required. This is the second  
22 hearing on this budget that's been proposed  
23 and advertised according to statute. It's  
24 been loaded into Gateway according to  
25 statute. And you know, it's in front of you

1 for final approval for the 2020 budget.

2 I can tell you this just for  
3 perspective. Each year over the last --  
4 what is it now -- 5 years of budget  
5 approvals we have attempted to cut costs,  
6 and we have attempted to hold our tax levy  
7 as small as possible because we, in fact, by  
8 ripple effect give to other taxing bodies in  
9 this community, the school system and the  
10 civil city and Gary Sanitary and the other  
11 units of government. So because we affect  
12 them, we want to stay as small as possible  
13 to have the least amount of circuit-breaker.  
14 We hope they are doing the same thing.

15 We made a smaller tax levy request by  
16 \$200,000 than the one that we asked for last  
17 year. So I think we're making progress and  
18 continuing to maintain our census, pay our  
19 people well but also keep our property tax  
20 impact on the taxpayers as small as  
21 possible. Therefore, I ask, as your  
22 advisor, for approval of this budget for  
23 2020.

24 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Thank you.  
25 Tonight is the night that -- well, is there

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1 anyone here that would like to speak for or  
2 against or just make comments regarding the  
3 2020 budget?

4 Hearing none.

5 Any questions by board members?

6 Hearing none.

7 The chair would like to make a motion  
8 for the approval of Resolution 2019-04, the  
9 2020 operating budget. Is there a second?

10 MS. HOLMES: I second.

11 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Being seconded by  
12 Ms. Holmes, can we have a roll call,  
13 Ms. Bonds?

14 MS. BONDS: Mr. Piggee?

15 MR. PIGGEE: Yes.

16 MS. BONDS: Ms. Holmes?

17 MS. HOLMES: Yes.

18 MS. BONDS: Mr. Washington?

19 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Yes.

20 With three yeas, zero nays, the motion  
21 carries.

22 Item No. 4, Resolution 2019-05, 2020  
23 salary budget.

24 Madam Trustee?

25 TRUSTEE ROBINSON: Mr. Chair, we will

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1 again refer to Mr. Dalton.

2 MR. DALTON: I'll just remind you, we  
3 looked at the same document -- it's not been  
4 changed in the last month. We looked at the  
5 same document a month ago. Madam Trustee,  
6 remind me if I say this wrong. The only  
7 change is a range for the Chief Deputy as  
8 opposed to a specific number for the Chief  
9 Deputy. That's the only change in this  
10 document from 2019's salary resolution.

11 TRUSTEE ROBINSON: It is.

12 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Any questions by  
13 the board members?

14 MR. PIGGEE: Yes.

15 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Mr. Piggee.

16 MR. PIGGEE: My understanding is that we  
17 were supposed to received the salaries of  
18 the staff because we were new on the --  
19 Ms. Hayes (sic) and I are new on the board,  
20 and we have no knowledge of salaries or  
21 anything of that magnitude. So I thought  
22 that was supposed to be done.

23 MR. DALTON: I can't speak to your data  
24 request, but I can tell you the answer to  
25 your question is really in this document

1 because each member of the staff holds one  
2 of these titles, and what they're getting  
3 paid is on this document, so because it's  
4 not being changed, this is really kind of  
5 the answer to whatever data request that you  
6 had made.

7 TRUSTEE ROBINSON: I'll take  
8 responsibility for that, Mr. Piggee. I did  
9 get your request, but we just -- I can have  
10 it for you tomorrow. We do have a sheet  
11 that is just out of our H.R.

12 MR. PIGGEE: Okay. Are you going to  
13 want us to pick it up, or are you going to  
14 send it out to us?

15 TRUSTEE ROBINSON: If you want me to  
16 bring it to your location as we do, I can do  
17 that.

18 MR. PIGGEE: Okay. That'd be fine.

19 MR. DALTON: A point of order on that,  
20 Mr. President, any time we give out salary  
21 information, it has the potential to have  
22 other confidential information on it, so you  
23 might treat it as a confidential document,  
24 Social Security numbers, etc.

25 MR. PIGGEE: Okay.

1 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Okay. Any  
2 questions?

3 MS. HOLMES: No, I don't have any.

4 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Also, as our  
5 attorney told me, you may do some redactions  
6 on that also.

7 MR. DALTON: I understand.

8 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: I have no  
9 questions.

10 The Chair would like to entertain -- not  
11 entertain, but the Chair would like to make  
12 a motion for approval of Resolution 2019-05,  
13 the 2020 salary budget. Is there a second?

14 MS. HOLMES: I second.

15 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Seconded by  
16 Ms. Holmes.

17 May we have a roll call, Ms. Bonds?

18 MS. BONDS: Mr. Piggee?

19 MR. PIGGEE: Yes.

20 MS. BONDS: Ms. Holmes?

21 MS. HOLMES: Yes.

22 MS. BONDS: Mr. Washington?

23 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Yes.

24 With three yeas, zero nays, the motion  
25 carries.

1           Item No. 5, Resolution 2019-07,  
2 temporary loan extension.

3           TRUSTEE ROBINSON: That will be  
4 Mr. Dalton again.

5           MR. DALTON: Thank you.

6           TRUSTEE ROBINSON: Thank you.

7           MR. DALTON: Thank you, Madam Trustee.

8           You may recall that one of our very  
9 first actions earlier in the year is you  
10 allowed the Trustee to take an emergency  
11 loan from the Rainy Day Fund so that the  
12 General Fund and the Community Service Fund  
13 had enough money to get to June when we get  
14 our property tax dollars. We've been doing  
15 this year over year. And actually, the  
16 amount we needed to borrow has decreased  
17 year over year. The good news is we don't  
18 pay any interest since we're borrowing from  
19 ourselves. And the better news is it's been  
20 decreasing over the last few years as we've  
21 been able to build the reserves in each of  
22 the funds.

23           As you may recall, Mr. President, there  
24 was four funds that had to borrow money four  
25 years ago and it was in excess of a million

1 dollars. So that's come down quite a bit,  
2 and we're continuing to make progress.

3 We're required according to the original  
4 resolution you passed to pay the loans off  
5 by December 31st. And that's entirely  
6 possible. We may be able to do it, but  
7 because we don't have a lot of meetings on  
8 December 31st and that would be a  
9 last-second decision, we're asking you to  
10 pass this resolution that gives the  
11 bookkeeping staff the opportunity to pay it  
12 off in January instead so we know we've  
13 received all of our property tax dollars and  
14 all our revenues for the year, close our  
15 books and then pay the Rainy Day loans back  
16 in January as opposed to paying them back in  
17 December on the 31st. So this resolution is  
18 merely allowing one extra month to pay the  
19 loans back.

20 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Are we going to  
21 run into any issues if we don't pay it  
22 before the end of the year?

23 MR. DALTON: This is actually the  
24 statutory requirement --

25 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Okay.

1 MR. DALTON: -- that would allow us to  
2 not pay it back by the end of the year.  
3 That you have allowed us the opportunity by  
4 way of this, quote, unquote, emergency order  
5 to walk across the dateline into January.

6 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Okay.

7 MR. PIGGEE: Mr. Chair, that was my  
8 concern because when I first came on the  
9 board, I asked you why do we have to make  
10 that loan and this type of thing. And they  
11 explained it to me, and they said that we  
12 had to pay it back by the end of the year,  
13 which was December 31st.

14 MR. DALTON: That's right.

15 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Do you  
16 understand --

17 MR. PIGGEE: I'm good with it now.

18 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Ms. Holmes, are  
19 you okay?

20 MS. HOLMES: I'm okay.

21 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: The Chair would  
22 like to make a motion for the passing of  
23 Resolution 2019-07, temporary loan  
24 extension. Is there a second?

25 MR. PIGGEE: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: It has been  
2 seconded by Mr. Piggee.

3 May we have a roll call, Ms. Bonds?

4 MS. BONDS: Mr. Piggee?

5 MR. PIGGEE: Yes.

6 MS. BONDS: Ms. Holmes?

7 MS. HOLMES: Yes.

8 MS. BONDS: Mr. Washington?

9 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Yes.

10 With three yeas, zero nays, the motion  
11 carries.

12 Item No. 6, Resolution 2019-08, the 2020  
13 holiday schedule.

14 Madame Trustee?

15 TRUSTEE ROBINSON: Yes. This is just  
16 basically our same schedule that we present  
17 to you every year. We have not made any  
18 changes, just only the days of the week that  
19 the days fall on for next year. And we just  
20 have to have it in place so that we can  
21 begin on January 1st, 2020.

22 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Any questions?

23 TRUSTEE ROBINSON: It's the same amount.  
24 There was no days added or taken away.

25 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Any questions by

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1 the board members?

2 MR. PIGGEE: Not me.

3 MS. HOLMES: No questions.

4 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Ms. Holmes?

5 MS. HOLMES: No questions.

6 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Okay. Chair would  
7 like to make a motion for the approval of  
8 Resolution 2019-08, the 2020 holiday  
9 schedule. Is there a second?

10 MR. PIGGEE: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: That's been  
12 seconded by Mr. Piggee.

13 May we have a roll call, Ms. Bonds?

14 MS. BONDS: Mr. Piggee?

15 MR. PIGGEE: Yes.

16 MS. BONDS: Ms. Holmes?

17 MS. HOLMES: Yes.

18 MS. BONDS: Mr. Washington?

19 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Yes.

20 Motion carries. Three yeas, zero nays.

21 Item No. 7, Resolution 2019-09,  
22 standards of eligibility.

23 Madam Trustee?

24 TRUSTEE ROBINSON: Thank you.

25 This is our Bible that we have here in



1 the Township, and these are most of the  
2 standards that we are able to put in and  
3 place residents in accordance with the  
4 Township code. So every year we have to  
5 present this to the board.

6 You guys probably -- you have a copy in  
7 your folder, but I'm sure you got a copy  
8 when you first came on. And if you don't --  
9 even if we don't make any changes, it just  
10 has to be adopted every year. So there were  
11 no changes to it for this year.

12 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Any questions by  
13 board members?

14 Hearing none, Chair would like to make a  
15 motion for the approval of Resolution  
16 2019-09, the standards of eligibility. Is  
17 there a second?

18 MR. PIGGEE: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: It has been  
20 seconded by Mr. Piggee.

21 May we have a roll call, Ms. Bonds?

22 MS. BONDS: Mr. Piggee?

23 MR. PIGGEE: Yes.

24 MS. BONDS: Ms. Holmes?

25 MS. HOLMES: Yes.

1 MS. BONDS: Mr. Washington?

2 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Yes.

3 With three yes, zero no, resolution  
4 carries.

5 At this time do we have any public  
6 comments from the audience this evening?

7 (NO RESPONSE.)

8 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: So thank you for  
9 coming out.

10 Item No. 9, Madam Trustee, your  
11 comments?

12 TRUSTEE ROBINSON: Yes, I have some  
13 comments. I just want to give you guys a  
14 little rundown -- or, first, I want to just  
15 suggest that you go through the standards  
16 and just, you know, read it at your leisure.  
17 Sometimes that would save Coach Piggee -- or  
18 Mr. Piggee from making a call down to the  
19 office when it's something that you can, you  
20 know, answer yourself instead of looking for  
21 me.

22 We've had a few things going on here at  
23 the office, mainly our fitness challenge. I  
24 think it was September 9th that we began.  
25 It's ten of us here who voluntary paid into

1 one fee, and if we gained, we pay. If we  
2 stay the same -- so by December 19th, I  
3 think it is, which is roughly 90 days,  
4 whoever has lost the most weight -- it's  
5 just all with our health and wellness that  
6 we're doing. We have Ms. Holmes who has  
7 volunteered her time on Thursdays. She  
8 comes here, and we do some line dancing,  
9 break into a little sweat.

10 MR. PIGGEE: Can I come?

11 TRUSTEE ROBINSON: You certainly can.

12 MS. HOLMES: Absolutely.

13 TRUSTEE ROBINSON: Again, all a part of  
14 our health and wellness.

15 We had six people to attend the ICA's  
16 fall conference, and we took some  
17 investigators from our service department.  
18 The wealth of knowledge was shared. They  
19 enjoyed it, appreciated the opportunity.

20 We will probably be going in with the  
21 Military Toy Drive, and there's another  
22 organization that has helped us -- or asked  
23 us about a coat drive. We usually go along  
24 with the City of Gary when they have their  
25 giveaway. And, again, Ms. Holmes through

1 her real job, she has asked that we invite  
2 some of our customers here to a dinner where  
3 last year they served 750 free meals, and  
4 this year they're trying to juggle that to  
5 1,500. So we are busy making fliers and  
6 inviting those people who may not have a  
7 place to eat on that day to join us there.

8 We have two vendors that have asked me  
9 how can they help during the holidays, so we  
10 will probably at Thanksgiving time take  
11 usually between 12 and 15 clients, however  
12 many turkeys we get, and we provide the  
13 sides. So if you guys have any names or any  
14 families that you know that you would like  
15 to receive on our -- our behalf, please let  
16 me know. And I think --

17 MR. PIGGEE: Ms. Robinson?

18 TRUSTEE ROBINSON: Yes.

19 MR. PIGGEE: How many persons can we  
20 present?

21 TRUSTEE ROBINSON: I will take your  
22 guys' names first, so whatever you want to  
23 give to me. Just be fair. If I say we only  
24 have 14 or 15, you can't have 14 to you and  
25 they only get to choose one so --

1           But my most important announcement I  
2           have here before me that has now been made  
3           public was our State Board of Accounts  
4           review. I have a copy for everyone, and I  
5           just want to just holler out loud to the top  
6           of the ceiling at how proud I am of my staff  
7           and you-all as a board, especially Chairman  
8           Washington who was here in the progress that  
9           we made. Even the, you know, auditor made a  
10          comment that she was really proud of how we  
11          were able to overcome all of the dings that  
12          we walked into four years ago. So it does  
13          my heart well to share the good news that we  
14          have no dings and no negatives and doing a  
15          great job as presented in this.

16                 Here is the last one. (Document  
17                 tendered.) I think you had asked for that,  
18                 Mr. Washington. So those are the ones that  
19                 when we first got here, everything that we  
20                 were facing. You can see in the page count,  
21                 it went from about 28 pages to just 15. So  
22                 that's the first one. The second one you're  
23                 getting, Mr. Piggee.

24                 So I will be sharing this with the  
25                 Crusader newspaper, as you know. Again, I'm

1 super proud of us and the work that we have  
2 done and not just me, myself, but our whole  
3 team as we are here as well. So  
4 congratulations to us and kudos. Let's keep  
5 up the good work.

6 (APPLAUSE.)

7 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Board members?  
8 Mr. Piggee?

9 MR. PIGGEE: First of all, I would like  
10 to congratulate Ms. Robinson on her work,  
11 how well she has done this. I love being on  
12 this board because it seems like we're  
13 working together instead of against each  
14 other. And Mr. Washington and I were here  
15 when the State Board of Public Accounts  
16 were -- you know, we presented to them.

17 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: So was Ms. Holmes.

18 MR. PIGGEE: Oh, and Ms. Hayes (sic).  
19 And we were very proud -- she was very proud  
20 down in Indianapolis of what Ms. Robinson  
21 and her staff are doing, and I'm very proud,  
22 and I'm very proud to be on this board.  
23 Thank you.

24 TRUSTEE ROBINSON: Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Ms. Holmes?

1 MS. HOLMES: Well, I had an opportunity  
2 to go to an ITA conference, and I received a  
3 certificate that I would be so proud to  
4 present.

5 (APPLAUSE.)

6 MS. HOLMES: But they had so much  
7 information, and I took, like, the  
8 beginner's class like from the beginning to  
9 the end, and it was kind of heart-breaking  
10 in some of the stories that they told us,  
11 but it's real and what the clients have to  
12 go through and what some of the takers, you  
13 know, case managers have to do. And they  
14 have to kind of set their feelings aside in  
15 order to serve. So I think they're doing a  
16 great job.

17 I came back here and shadowed a couple  
18 of them one time, and they did an extremely  
19 wonderful job, and I'm so proud of them.  
20 And -- oh, and then also, Mr. Piggee, you  
21 asked about the class. Do you have weight  
22 to lose?

23 MR. PIGGEE: As skinny as I am?

24 MS. HOLMES: Okay.

25 MR. PIGGEE: I thought maybe you-all was

1 eating.

2 MS. HOLMES: No. Exercising.

3 MR. PIGGEE: You're trying to lose, and  
4 I'm trying to eat. I want to come to the  
5 dance class, Ms. Holmes. I want to do line  
6 dancing.

7 MS. HOLMES: We have to vote on that.  
8 We are in there seriously exercising.

9 MR. PIGGEE: Okay.

10 MS. HOLMES: That's all I have.

11 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: All right. Thank  
12 you.

13 MS. HOLMES: Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: No questions, but  
15 Ms. Trustee, I know the session is coming  
16 up. If you haven't, we probably need to  
17 look at any possible roadblocks we may face  
18 during the legislative session and then if  
19 we begin to think, Steve, and other things  
20 that we can put together to go on offense.

21 One thing I'm very concerned about, me  
22 and Mr. Piggee was having a conversation  
23 today, and we found out through the  
24 coroner's office that the majority of the  
25 deaths that is happening in Gary are from



1 people who come from Chicago. It's not Gary  
2 people but Chicago people.

3 MR. PIGGEE: That's right.

4 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: And again, I don't  
5 say this from a discriminatory standpoint  
6 but from the standpoint that people can  
7 leave another state and come here and  
8 immediately benefit and get township  
9 assistance. And I don't know how it works,  
10 but there needs to be some type of litmus  
11 test or something put in place because the  
12 dollars you have to work with are far and  
13 few between. And I think it's very unfair  
14 that people can come here with the motive  
15 just to, you know, get money. And they are  
16 going to go somewhere else, and that takes  
17 from us. I know it has to be germane for  
18 the entire state, but that's just one of the  
19 things I was thinking about.

20 Next thing, congratulatories to every  
21 staff member here at Calumet Township for  
22 the great job for the audit and kudos to  
23 that.

24 The last thing is that there will be no  
25 meeting next month. So I want to entertain

1 a motion to this board that the meeting that  
2 was scheduled for Griffith next month, that  
3 we cancel that meeting because one of the  
4 things that I do know is that they continue  
5 to seek legislative remedy to not be a part  
6 of Cal Township. And I think we've  
7 extended, more than enough, the olive branch  
8 to do that. But no matter what we do, they  
9 want to leave. And so again, if they want  
10 to find out what's going on since they want  
11 to leave, they can come here.

12 So at this time I just want to make a  
13 motion that the meeting for November, which  
14 would have been our last meeting unless the  
15 Trustee called an emergency meeting or some  
16 other meeting, my motion is that we cancel  
17 the November meeting that was scheduled for  
18 Griffith. Is there a second?

19 MS. HOLMES: I second.

20 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Seconded by  
21 Ms. Holmes.

22 May we have a roll call, Ms. Bonds?

23 MS. BONDS: Mr. Piggee?

24 MR. PIGGEE: Yes.

25 MS. BONDS: Ms. Holmes?

1 MS. HOLMES: Yes.

2 MS. BONDS: Mr. Washington?

3 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Yes.

4 With three yes and three no, the meeting  
5 for next month in Griffith is canceled.

6 And at this time I have nothing else to  
7 say.

8 Mr. Attorney Rinzer Williams?

9 ATTORNEY WILLIAMS: On that note,  
10 Mr. Chair, as I'm sure you're aware,  
11 you're statutorily required to have the  
12 reorganization meeting on the first Tuesday  
13 following the first Monday, which by my  
14 calendar is January the 7th, 2020. It may  
15 be appropriate to set that day by way of  
16 motion today as well.

17 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Okay.

18 ATTORNEY WILLIAMS: And the time, if you  
19 so choose.

20 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Okay. What was  
21 the date again?

22 ATTORNEY WILLIAMS: January 7, 2020.

23 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: The Chair would  
24 like to make a motion that we arrange our  
25 reorganization meeting for the

1 reorganization of this board for Monday,  
2 January 7th --

3 ATTORNEY WILLIAMS: Tuesday.

4 MR. PIGGEE: Tuesday.

5 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Tuesday. Let me  
6 reiterate that. Make that motion for  
7 Tuesday, January 7th, for our reorganization  
8 meeting for the Calumet Township Board. Is  
9 there a second?

10 MR. PIGGEE: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Seconded by  
12 Mr. Piggee.

13 May we have a roll call, Ms. Bonds?

14 TRUSTEE ROBINSON: What time?

15 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Oh, 6:00 o'clock  
16 is the time. Thank you.

17 MS. BONDS: Mr. Piggee?

18 MR. PIGGEE: Yes.

19 MS. BONDS: Ms. Holmes?

20 MS. HOLMES: Yes.

21 MS. BONDS: Mr. Washington?

22 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Yes.

23 The motion carries.

24 Anything else?

25 TRUSTEE ROBINSON: Excuse me, I just

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1 want to go back to what you were saying  
2 about the deaths or -- I think you were  
3 saying that the people who were killed over  
4 here maybe are originally from Chicago. The  
5 reason why our burials have gone up is  
6 because we now just include the \$1,000 that  
7 the family could pay into themselves because  
8 it became so much confusion, and funeral  
9 homes were trying to do a lot more and make  
10 people, you know, be on the hook for that.

11 But when we got here, there was a  
12 statute or just one of -- a standard that  
13 was written by the former Trustee that if  
14 you had not lived in the property -- or in  
15 the Township within the last six months, we  
16 could not service you. You had to establish  
17 residency. But down State they told us that  
18 that was not true. That was not something  
19 we could do. Once a person comes into your  
20 township and say that they actually live  
21 here, you have to service them. You cannot --  
22 and you have to actually help them get new  
23 IDs, find, you know, a place to stay, so --  
24 but I don't know if we really -- we have  
25 kind of gone down on our numbers because I

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1 think we are increasingly making it a little  
2 more difficult or maybe we're just being a  
3 little more firm on who does get the service  
4 and who doesn't.

5 So it just still happens to be NIPSCO is  
6 one of our biggest expenditures, and the  
7 burials just went up for some reason. So we  
8 have made an appropriation in the budget.

9 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Madam Trustee, why  
10 I said that, I'm very clear on the role of  
11 the executive branch. You-all are here on a  
12 day-to-day basis, and your staff with your  
13 knowledge would be better able to assess  
14 that. Again, I say that I don't want to  
15 discriminate against anybody receiving  
16 services. Again, when it comes to the  
17 entire state and the entire 92 counties, I  
18 would say our county would receive the bulk  
19 of those new residents that come here. If  
20 you think there is a remedy in some way,  
21 form or fashion that can help tighten things  
22 up and not deny services, we're all for  
23 supporting services.

24 MR. PIGGEE: Mr. Chair?

25 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Yes, Mr. Piggee.

1 MR. PIGGEE: Madam Trustee, please  
2 include the board members in on the  
3 Thanksgiving giveaway and the Christmas  
4 giveaway. I'd like to be involved.

5 TRUSTEE ROBINSON: Okay.

6 MR. PIGGEE: Okay.

7 TRUSTEE ROBINSON: Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Thank you.

9 Anything else?

10 TRUSTEE ROBINSON: No.

11 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Hearing none,  
12 Chairman would like to make a motion for  
13 adjournment of tonight's meeting. Do I hear  
14 a second?

15 MR. PIGGEE: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Seconded by  
17 Mr. Piggee. All in favor signify by saying  
18 aye.

19 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

20 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: No nays. The ayes  
21 have it. Meeting adjourned.

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23 (TOWNSHIP MEETING CONCLUDED AT 6:27 P.M.)

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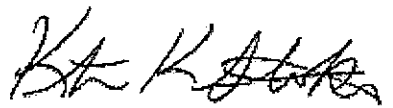
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