## In The Matter Of:

## BEFORE THE CALUMET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## February 12, 2018 REGULAR MEETING

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2	COUNTY OF LAKE )
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5	BEFORE THE CALUMET TOWNSHIP
6	BOARD OF TRUSTEES GARY, INDIANA
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8	REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had at the meeting
9	before the Calumet Township Board of Trustees,
10	reported by Beth A. Barnette, CSR and Notary Public,
11	Illinois License No. 084-004727, at the Calumet
12	Township Trustee Building, 610 Connecticut Street,
13	Gary, Indiana, on the 12th day of February, 2018, at
14	6:00 o'clock in the evening.
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1	APPEARANCES:
2	Clorius Lay, Board Chairman
3	Darren Washington, Board Member
4	Mary Ann Canty-Reedus, Board Member/Secretary
5	Sherita Smith, Chief Deputy
6	Denise Roberts, Deputy
7	Kimberly Robinson, Township Trustee
8	Romeka Bonds, Executive Secretary
9	Deidre Monroe, Board Attorney
10	Rinzer Williams, III, Township Attorney
11	Steve Dalton, Finance Consultant
12	and
13	Members of the Public
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CHAIRMAN LAY: What I'm going to do is give a summary real quick as to what we have completed prior to your arrival.

Roll Call was called for the Board. Mr. Washington, Ms. Reedus, and myself are present. That was an official number to do business of the Township. The minutes of January 2, 2018 were approved unanimously by the Board.

The first item I should have indicated to you is there was an Executive Session that was held prior to this meeting under I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1, and no final action was taken. It had to do with pending litigation, ongoing litigation. That's the end of the summary. I'm now going to turn the tape back on.

The next item on the agenda,

Item No. 3, is Resolution 2018-01,

Authorizing a Loan from the Rainy Day Fund to
be Repaid by December 31, 2018. Do I have a

motion to put this on the floor? I need a

motion to put it on the floor.

MS. REEDUS: I make a motion that you put Resolution 2018-1 on the floor.

1	MR. WASHINGTON: I second it,
2	Mr. Chair.
3	CHAIRMAN LAY: It has been
4	properly moved and seconded. Madam Trustee,
5	do you want to address the resolution?
6	MS. ROBINSON: I will defer to
7	Mr. Dalton.
8	MR. DALTON: Good evening,
9	everyone. I direct your attention to
10	Resolution 2018-1, which you have in your
11	packets. Each year you'll recall that we
12	endeavor to borrow money temporarily from the
13	Rainy Day Fund. I might point out maybe I
14	haven't in years past, but this might be
15	handy to think about. Many communities
16	borrow temporary funds from banks. It's a
17	way to get from today until June, when we
18	first get our property tax dollars. It's a
19	long six months to not have any revenues
20	coming in while we're trying to operate the
21	business of the Township. In this case we
22	have the blessing of having some reserves on
23	hand in our Rainy Day Fund, which is good use
24	of the Rainy Day Fund, so we borrow from
25	ourselves.

1	The Trustee is bringing you a
2	request for three borrowings; \$750,000 to the
3	Civil Township Fund, \$75,000 to the Community
4	Service Fund, \$750,00 to the Township
5	Assistance Administration Fund, for a total
6	of \$1,570,000, to be borrowed today or
7	tomorrow, after your approval, and would be
8	returned by the end of the year to the Rainy
9	Day Fund; in essence, saving us all the
10	interest that would be incurred during the
11	year if we borrowed that same amount from a
12	bank.
13	CHAIRMAN LAY: That concludes
14	it?
15	MR. DALTON: That concludes my
16	presentation.
17	CHAIRMAN LAY: Ms. Reedus, do
18	you have any questions?
19	MS. REEDUS: No.
20	CHAIRMAN LAY: Mr. Washington,
21	do you have any questions?
22	MR. WASHINGTON: No, sir.
23	CHAIRMAN LAY: I have none.
24	Roll call.
25	MS. BONDS: Mr. Washington?

1	MR. WASHINGTON: Yes.
2	MS. BONDS: Ms. Reedus?
3	MS. REEDUS: Yes.
4	MS. BONDS: Mr. Lay?
5	CHAIRMAN LAY: Yes. By a vote
6	of three to nothing, Resolution 2018-01 has
7	been approved.
8	The next item on the agenda is
9	Resolution 2018-02, Approve Annual Report.
10	Could I have a motion to put that on the
11	floor?
12	MR. WASHINGTON: Yes,
13	Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion
14	to put on the floor Resolution 2018-02,
15	approval of the annual report.
16	MS. REEDUS: Second.
17	CHAIRMAN LAY: It's been
18	properly moved and seconded. Madam Trustee,
19	you or Mr. Dalton can explain.
20	MS. ROBINSON: I will defer to
21	Mr. Dalton, please.
22	MR. DALTON: Thank you.
23	Resolution 2018-02 is this Township Board's
24	approval of the annual report. The annual
25	report is a document required to be submitted

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online through the Gateway System to the State Board of Accounts. It has to be submitted before the end of this month. It has to be advertised, and also a copy has to be delivered to the County Auditor each year. You can ask me any question you want. I may not have an answer to some of the more detailed questions about the individual expenditures, but I'd be happy to give you a summary.

If you look at the very first page of the numbers, it's labeled Cash Investments Combined Statement. basically your balance sheet for your cash in your accounts. It shows where you started on January 1st of 2017. It shows your revenues for each of the funds. It shows your disbursements for each one of the funds, and your ending balance on December 31st of 2017. It's a starting point for trying to see whether funds are bleeding off cash, whether we're gaining reserves. And then we start to dig into the pages behind this balance sheet. We start to see the detail, the detailed revenues, the detailed disbursements.

1	In the case of the Township,
2	we're also required by law, and only
3	townships are, to list all disbursements by
4	vendor. So there's quite a bit more detail
5	required for a township in the annual report
6	than for other units of government. I would
7	attempt to answer questions or defer to those
8	who may have specifics if you want to get
9	into a lot more detail.
10	CHAIRMAN LAY: Mr. Washington,
11	do you have any questions?
12	MR. WASHINGTON: No.
13	CHAIRMAN LAY: Ms. Reedus, do
14	you have any questions?
15	MS. REEDUS: No.
16	CHAIRMAN LAY: I have none.
17	Roll call.
18	MS. BONDS: Mr. Washington?
19	MR. WASHINGTON: Yes.
20	MS. BONDS: Ms. Reedus?
21	MS. REEDUS: Yes.
22	MS. BONDS: Mr. Lay?
23	CHAIRMAN LAY: Yes. By a vote
24	of three to nothing, the annual report has
25	been approved for the year 2017.

1	The next item on the agenda is
2	Public Comments. Under Indiana statute you
3	can pretty much discuss anything you want to.
4	You're not confined to anything the Board has
5	discussed. All questions should be directed
6	to the Chair, though. Do we have anyone from
7	the public that would like to speak? Is
8	there anyone from the public that would like
9	to speak, or an employee? It doesn't matter.
10	Anybody here that would like to speak? Do
11	you have anything, Mr. Rinzer?
12	MR. WILLIAMS: I have nothing,
13	no.
14	CHAIRMAN LAY: Since there are
15	no Public Comments, we will move to Trustee
16	Comments.
17	MS. ROBINSON: Thank you,
18	Mr. Chairman. I just want to be very brief
19	and get this meeting over with. Concerning
20	the well, I just want to say thank you to
21	you all, first of all. Thank you for your
22	service, Happy New Year, all that. But
23	concerning the legal pending litigation that
24	the Board is facing, I would like to have
25	Attorney Deidre Monroe represent the Board in

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1	the litigation, and we go from there with it.
2	CHAIRMAN LAY: Ms. Monroe
3	represents the Township.
4	MS. ROBINSON: Okay. She
5	represents the Township for the litigation.
6	CHAIRMAN LAY: She has no
7	choice to take it. That's just
8	MS. ROBINSON: That's it.
9	CHAIRMAN LAY: Anything
10	further?
11	MS. ROBINSON: No, just thank
12	you. Thank you.
13	CHAIRMAN LAY: Ms. Reedus, any
14	comments?
15	MS. REEDUS: No. Well, Happy
16	New Year. I wasn't here to do that.
17	CHAIRMAN LAY: That's true.
18	Mr. Washington, any comments?
19	MR. WASHINGTON: I had a
20	question for the Trustee. When you get ready
21	to send everything, the final version of the
22	annual report, would it be possible to get
23	electronic copies to either on disk or
24	E-mail, to the Board members so we can have
25	them?

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1	MR. DALTON: Absolutely.
2	We'll do that in the next couple days, and I
3	can provide to Romeka the actual version that
4	goes online.
5	MR. WASHINGTON: Okay.
6	CHAIRMAN LAY: I have no
7	comments, other than one comment. The annual
8	report is a non-audited document. So
9	probably the Township may be audited, I'm not
10	sure.
11	All right. Hearing no further
12	questions, this meeting is adjourned, unless
13	the Board disagrees.
14	(No immediate comment.)
15	CHAIRMAN LAY: It's adjourned.
16	(Proceedings adjourned.)
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5	BOARD OF TRUSTEES GARY, INDIANA
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8	REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE
9	I, Beth A. Barnette, CSR and Notary
10	Public, do hereby certify that I reported in machine
11	shorthand the foregoing proceedings had in the
12	above-entitled matter, at the time and place herein
13	before set forth; and I do further certify that the
14	foregoing transcript, consisting of twelve (12)
15	typewritten pages, is a true and correct
16	transcript of my said stenographic notes, to the
17	best of my ability.
18	Signed this 23rd day of February,
19	2018.
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23	Beth Barnette
24	BETH A. BARNETTE, CSR
25	Notary Public My Commission Expires: 6/13/22

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Calumet Township Board Meeting February 12, 2018

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Clorius Lay adjourned with no objections from the board.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:23 p.m.

Darren Washington (Chairman)

Mary Canty-Reedus (Secretary)

Clorius Lav