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BEFORE THE CALUMET TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
GARY, INDIANA

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had at the meeting before the Calumet Township Board of Trustees, reported by Beth A. Barnette, CSR and Notary Public, Illinois License No. 084-004727, at the Calumet Township Trustee Building, 610 Connecticut Street, Gary, Indiana, on the 22nd day of February, 2021, at 6:00 o'clock in the evening.

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1 APPEARANCES:
2 Darren Washington, Board Chairman
3 Jacqueline Holmes, Board Member/Secretary
4 James Piggee, Board Member
5 Sharita Smith, Chief Deputy
6 Kimberly Robinson, Township Trustee
7 Toyka Cunningham, Acting Executive Secretary
8 Daryl Jones, Board Attorney
9 Rinzer Williams, III, Township Attorney
10 Trista Hudson, Financial Manager
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12 Members of the Public
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CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Good evening, everybody. Welcome to the Calumet Township Board meeting. Can we stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance recited.)

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Thank you. Can we have roll call this evening, Ms. Cunningham? How are you?

MS. CUNNINGHAM: Great, thank you. Mr. Piggee?

MR. PIGGEE: Present.

MS. CUNNINGHAM: Ms. Holmes?

MS. HOLMES: Here.

MS. CUNNINGHAM: Mr. Washington?

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Here.

MS. CUNNINGHAM: With three here, we have enough for a quorum.

We go to Item No. 3, Approval of the Minutes from January 5. The Chair makes a motion for the approval of the minutes from January 5, 2021. Is there a second?

MS. HOLMES: I'll second.

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Is there a discussion by any Board members? Hearing none. Ms. Cunningham, roll call, please.

MS. CUNNINGHAM: Mr. Piggee?

MR. PIGGEE: Yes.

MS. CUNNINGHAM: Ms. Holmes?

MS. HOLMES: Yes.

MS. CUNNINGHAM: Mr. Washington?

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Yes.

Item No. 4, Resolution 2021-03, Amendment to Resolution 2020-09, the 2021 Salary Resolution. Is there a motion on the floor for this? Before we do that, excuse me, Ms. Robinson, if would you like to explain the resolution?

MS. ROBINSON: Yes.

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Sorry about that, go ahead.

MS. ROBINSON: Mr. Dawson was unavailable today due to the scheduling change. So I would just like to say we have put this motion forth, which is because two years, I understand, does not seem long, but two years, if we did two years, all of the employees, including the Board, would be covered. If we went more than two years, that would not include Board members, as we were trying to also add them to a longevity pay.

$1200 would be the same amount that we have for everyone; as mentioned in previous conversations, by yourself as well, Mr. President, that we give everyone the same amount. And then it is done, as longevity has never been done here, but it is just our effort to promote the morale and to show our appreciation for the great job that our staff and us, the elected officials, do on a day-to-day, 24 hours, seven days a week, especially during these unprecedented times.

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Any comments by Board members?

MR. PIGGEE: I would like to also hear Ms. Smith comment on this raise. It doesn't have to be long, just very simple, how it's going to be done, and these types of things. That's what I want to know.

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: I'll tell you what, Ms. Smith, let me do this first, let's make a motion first and second the motion, and then we'll open it up for discussion and then questions about the resolution can be handled.

So is there a motion for the

approval of this resolution?

MR. PIGGEE: Yes. So moved.

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Okay. And the resolution needs to be retroactive for today because it has 2-15 on there. Is there a second?

MS. HOLMES: I second.

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Discussion? All right, Ms. Smith.

MS. SMITH: Okay. When the program was put together, we took a look at what the county is doing and what other companies have been doing as well in terms of offering longevity pay to their staff. It's not always possible to give raises to individuals. So this is a way to because of them sticking through and being here, especially as the trustee said, during these unprecedented times, working over, working around the clock, you know, coming in during times where a lot of companies have had to shut down. The staff hasn't complained. They've worked above and beyond to make sure that the clients and people that are in need get what they need.

So in looking at different programs that were out there, there were some that set a stipulation of a monthly amount that could be given, and so the decided upon amount is that it would be $100 per month, so as not to exceed $1200. We also took a look at the years of service for the staff, and everyone that is part of our staff right now that is eligible has, at a minimum, the two years.

So it wasn't excluding anyone. It also wasn't taking a look at a person's position. It didn't matter what your position is, because all of our employees are valuable to the staff and everyone contributes in their own way to help the trustee and to help this run the way its been running under her administration, like a well-oiled machine.

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Okay.

MS. SMITH: One more thing. The $100 is paid out at the end of the year. It's paid out the last paycheck of the year. But let's say you got another opportunity and you decided to leave, you would still receive credit for however many months you worked. So

if you left in June, you would still receive $600, because you had been accruing it each month that you had been working.

MR. PIGGEE: I've got a question for her, Mr. President.

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Let me ask a question real quick based on the presentation. So you're saying that if a person that's here two years and six months, at the end of the year they would get $600 because the $100 starts after they've been here two years.

MS. SMITH: You have to have completed two years of service in order to be eligible. But this program, since it's just starting in 2021, it's starting as of January. So if you stay until June, yes, you will receive a check for $600 because you were here from January through June, and it's $100 per month.

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: And that is if you already have that two years.

MS. SMITH: Yes. As I stated before, all of our employees have two years.

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Okay.

MR. PIGGEE: Mr. President?

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Mr. Piggee.

MR. PIGGEE: Ms. Smith, suppose you just recently hired somebody. They won't get the $1200, but they would get the minimum.

MS. SMITH: No, because they don't have two years.

MR. PIGGEE: Okay. Because the reason I ask that question, last year people got the minimum.

MS. SMITH: But that was a totally different thing. What we received last year at the end of the year, that was like a bonus-type pay. It was a one-shot deal. Elected officials were not eligible for it and everybody received the same $800.

MR. PIGGEE: Okay.

MS. ROBINSON: And we told you at that time we would be working towards crafting a resolution that would give us longevity that could go throughout our term for our time here.

MR. PIGGEE: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Any questions, Ms. Holmes?

MS. HOLMES: No. These employees

are on the sidelines and I think are well-deserved of that bonus.

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: All right. I'm going to give you my opinion. I'm going to be voting no on this resolution tonight. The reason why I'm voting no is because I believe this resolution should not have anybody that's an elected official. No disrespect to Mr. Piggee, Ms. Holmes, and Ms. Robinson. Especially to us as Board members. It's public knowledge we make $25,000 a year and we have maybe four to six meetings a year. I cannot -- as these fine people have been here for years and worked, I agree with the resolution to provide the pay for them at the end of the year. I have no problem with that. But Ms. Robinson, myself, Ms. Holmes, and you, we make a considerable amount of money and taking $1200 at the end of the year for the little meetings that we have, and if you divide the meetings that we have and what we get paid, I cannot accept that. And again, I don't have a problem in reworking this resolution and taking the elected officials out and distributing it to its

employees, but I will not be voting for this resolution as is. For me to take $1200 from the Trustee's Office, the taxpayers, and I'm already making 25,000, to me, it's not right.

So that being said, can we have a roll call? Is there any questions based on what I said; if not, can we have a roll call.

MS. CUNNINGHAM: Mr. Piggee?

MR. PIGGEE: Yes.

MS. CUNNINGHAM: Ms. Holmes?

MS. HOLMES: Yes.

MS. CUNNINGHAM: Mr. Washington?

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: No. With two yeses, one no, the motion carries.

Item No. 5, Resolution 2021-04, Authorizing a Temporary loan from the Rainy Day Fund to the Civil Township Fund. Madam Trustee?

MS. ROBINSON: Yes. So the Rainy Day loan of $500,000 operating cash to the General Fund, this must be paid back by the end of the year or in the event that we have an emergency declaration by the Board or it will be carried over until June of 2022. Each year, you know, we borrow money from the Rainy

Day, and the amount borrowed that we have been borrowing has lessened year by year as we have improved our reserves. And we, of course, would much rather borrow from ourselves than a bond, bank, or anyone else. So the declining amount each year of the loan is a testament to the improvement of our financial picture, our financial record.

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Any questions by Board members?

MS. HOLMES: I have none.

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Okay. The Chair makes a motion for the approval of Resolution 2021-04, authorizing a temporary loan from the Rainy Day Fund to the Civil Township Fund. Is there a second?

MS. HOLMES: I second.

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: There is a second by Ms. Holmes. Ms. Cunningham, could you please give us a roll call.

MS. CUNNINGHAM: Mr. Piggee?

MR. PIGGEE: Yes.

MS. CUNNINGHAM: Ms. Holmes?

MS. HOLMES: Yes.

MS. CUNNINGHAM: Mr. Washington?

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Yes. With three yeas, zero nays, the motion carries.

Item No. 6, Resolution 2021-05, Adoption of a Capital Improvement Plan for the Years 2022 through 2024. Madam Trustee?

MS. ROBINSON: So most of you are familiar with this as this has come to us. We're not really sure if we even have to adopt the plan, but we're just asking to do so just in case, you know, the General Assembly is always kind of off center when it comes to Cal Township and the bills downstate are always attempting to take away our cash reserves or punish us for being good stewards. So we're going to do it. Some of the townships are definitely required to adopt the capital plans, but we really don't have to unless the law changes, and it may be something closer -- or something more so next year that causes us to move the reserves once Griffith is over in with North Township.

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Any questions? I'm sorry.

MS. ROBINSON: No, go ahead.

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Any

questions by Board members? Hearing none. The Chair makes a motion for the approval of Resolution 2021-05, adoption of a Capital Improvement Plan for the years of 2022-2024, retroactive to tonight. Is there a second?

MS. HOLMES: I second.

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: There is a second by Ms. Holmes. May we have a roll call, Ms. Cunningham?

MS. CUNNINGHAM: Mr. Piggee?

MR. PIGGEE: Yes.

MS. CUNNINGHAM: Ms. Holmes?

MS. HOLMES: Yes.

MS. CUNNINGHAM: Mr. Washington?

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Yes. With three yeas, zero nays, the motion carries.

Item No. 7, Resolution 2021-06, Affirmation of the 2020 Annual Report. Madam Trustee?

MS. ROBINSON: Yes. So each year, again, the Board is asked to review and affirm the annual report. Once again, we had yet another solid financial year, even with the global pandemic and the other economic effects of 2020. You're welcome to inquire about any

expense, but every fund was positive balance and even underbudget. So, yay us.

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Any questions by Board members?

MR. PIGGEE: Ms. Robinson, that means we don't have to make any loans, or anything, this year; right?

MS. ROBINSON: No, that's not what that means.

MR. PIGGEE: What does it mean?

MS. ROBINSON: We already just did a temporary loan to ourselves from our Rainy Day Fund to ourselves. This is only your annual report that is in your packet that we have to submit every year. It's already on its way and gone. So anybody is free to see it. If they choose to, they can get a copy from us or they can go on Gateway and see it. But it just tells the year -- it's like a snapshot of the year, what we spent money and how we spent money, and we have to submit that to the Board.

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Any questions?

MR. PIGGEE: No.

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: You good?

MR. PIGGEE: I'm good.

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: All right. May we have a roll call, Ms. Cunningham?

MS. CUNNINGHAM: Mr. Piggee?

MR. PIGGEE: Yes.

MS. CUNNINGHAM: Ms. Holmes?

MS. HOLMES: Yes.

MS. CUNNINGHAM: Mr. Washington?

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Yes. And also, that is retroactive for today, for tonight, with all the resolutions that have passed. Let me say that for the record.

ATTORNEY WILLIAMS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Yes.

ATTORNEY WILLIAMS: For the record, it's retroactive back to February 15.

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: February 15, thank you. At this time do we have any comments by the public? If so, you can come to the mike.

MS. BACKUS: I have something to say. Good evening, everyone.

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: State your name for the record.

MS. BACKUS: My name is Kimberly Backus, and I'm an employee here, Calumet Township Trustee, and have been for 20 plus years, and it has been an honor to work with the staff and administration. I had the pleasure of working at the shelter the day we had the bad snow, and it's amazing to actually see people in the shelter have to go shelter to shelter and to be able to help out.

I appreciate being part of the staff and the people that we work with and just giving trustees -- just working with the people and helping out with the clothing, food, whatever she had to do, her and Ms. Smith. It has been a pleasure to work here and continue to be able to work here. So I hope everybody can come together and just get different things resolved for employees and just for the public. So, thank you.

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Thank you. Anymore comments by the public? Hearing none. Madam Trustee?

MS. ROBINSON: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair. So what we have also been working on on top of the sheltering is House Bill

1476, and that was trying to authorize the city or towns that hold 70 percent or more of the township's population to essentially annex without representation the entire township. Take all assets, transfer township assistance to a nonprofit, and totally eliminate the township. All of this with no input or vote from the township.

So we were online for two weeks. We have been calling and asking support of our local legislative team, in which Representative Hatcher and Representative Harris sat on the committee, and they were very helpful to us in testimony that led them to believe or understand that every township is not the same. One size does not fit all. It was Representative Engleman -- I'm not sure where she was from, but she got up and she said, well, they just clean up cemeteries and they just have fire protection.

And Representative Bartley from Indianapolis reminded her of how many times, you know, we've gone through this and trying to get rid of township government. And she was like, well, all it takes is a clerk, you

1 know, to do the job. And Ms. Backus
2 mentioning that, I was so wanting to take
3 pictures of our shelter all last week, all the
4 week before, because we have been working with
5 the City of Gary during this frigid weather
6 and trying to keep people safe.
7 So needless to say, it was a
8 valiant effort put forward by the ITA as well,
9 because it represented a few more of them this
10 time and not just Calumet. So they came back,
11 because it was a snowy day, the first week and
12 then they came back the following week after
13 the holiday, that Tuesday, and they were
14 expecting to take a vote and it was dead. The
15 chairman announced that he was holding the
16 bill and so it didn't even come out of
17 committee, for now.
18 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Right.
19 MS. ROBINSON: So we are now just
20 waiting, kind of trying to get ourselves in
21 front of it, rather than find ourselves always
22 behind it, but I just had to mention that.
23 Then Mr. Coach Piggee, do you know or do any
24 of you know of anyone -- we have gift
25 certificates for parents, now that school has

restarted, to go to our vendor at This Is It. It's $150 per child to get uniforms, we hope they'll get underwear and socks, because we did get some calls and complaints from educators and parents who have said since they have been off work, they have not, you know, had to buy, but they really don't have any money to buy. So they just need to come here or call the office and we just have a short COVID '21 application for them to file and fill out and we'll give them the gift certificate. They must show their I.D., and everything, when they go to the store at This Is It, and they can get uniforms and the other necessities, like I said, underwear and socks. Because at Christmas we bought 100 $100 gift certificates that we gave out for COVID and, again, they could get underwear socks and boots. And now they can get -- yes, sir?

MR. PIGGEE: School started today. They went into the building.

MS. ROBINSON: Some of them.

MR. PIGGEE: Some of them. Did you make the principals and the --

MS. ROBINSON: We were working --

this started because we were working with Lea Hogan who gave us a call from Banneker, I believe she said.

MR. PIGGEE: Yes.

MS. ROBINSON: But Ms. Robinson, my sister who's also at Williams, who we share the information with their school, as we usually do with Ms. Henfield at the girl's school.

MR. PIGGEE: What about --

MS. ROBINSON: Right, so --

MR. PIGGEE: (Inaudible.)

MS. ROBINSON: Well, you know, if we don't have a representative that we know, we tell -- Ms. Hogan initially asked for 70 applications. We gave her 100 and she said she was going to share within the principal's chat. So, I mean, we still have them.

MR. PIGGEE: That's total, a hundred total.

MS. ROBINSON: No, we bought -- yeah, we bought a hundred, but that's only for people like in a quick, fast emergency need. Anybody is welcome to do an application, and that's for a family if you have three children

or less, you can get that right away, but if you're over three children, we just ask you to complete the full application and you'll still get the same amount.

MR. PIGGEE: Okay.

MS. ROBINSON: Then we, as we mentioned, we were -- we're a warming center, we're a cooling center, warming center everyday at the Multipurpose Center, 1900 West 41st Avenue, but because the City of Gary -- we do this in conjunction with the City of Gary, and so they decided to change the Ambridge Mann Center into an actual overnight. So when the weather is 32 and below, the people are able to spend the night there at the Ambridge Mann Center, sleep on cots from 7:00 a.m. until -- no, they have to be there from -- they have to be in there by 10:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. and they come out and then they come to us.

They can either catch the bus, because the whole setup with the Gary Police Department, with Gary Public Transportation, they catch the bus out to the Multipurpose Center and they stay there from 8:00 to 4:00.

Some of them have been getting dropped off at 7:00. So we've had like an increase of like -- when we did Christmas Eve and Christmas day, we had no one except each other, and so I think one guy, or a tester from Marram, went back and said, hey, you guys don't know about the Multipurpose Center? So all of a sudden we started, but this past week we were packed between eight up to ten people. I'm looking at Ms. Scott and Ms. Hunter, who is the Multipurpose manager, and so we've been open from 8:00 to 4:00.

We have provided shelter, food, breakfast, lunch, dinner, personal hygiene items, blankets, and available clothing from the Kim's Closet in the back there, and then we've also had them watch television, had some spirited conversation. They brought cards and we did puzzles, and Edgewater did come out to do evaluations and Marram was always there to test every day. This week I just got a text earlier today and an E-mail, and I sent it to Ms. Hunter, that because the weather -- we just had our disinfecting today. So because the weather is supposed to be relatively above

32, we're just going to let our center rest and just, you know, kind of air out until we begin this again.

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Is Gary PD helping you out with security, or anything like that?

MS. ROBINSON: No, no. We have our own security, you know, our regular security that we have there daily and they --

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: What about overnight?

MS. ROBINSON: We don't do overnight. They have overnight security there. They have a security guard and the tester. We had considered it, but just seeing the people -- because we've also been doing our own intake and assessment trying to get them to understand that the Township has resources, but they're just like, okay, not really, not for me. And so I also got a list today of about five of them who have been banned because, you know, they can't follow the rules. They sign a customer contract with the City and we also have rules as well. So it's just -- I think we probably have about

two more weeks of this kind of maybe frigid weather, I'm hoping, you know, praying, and so that we can get back to our normal activities.

So we do have two interns that we just brought in. One is here tonight. I think he's been introduced to everyone, if he'd like to introduce himself, and with his finance background he has been placed in the finance department with Ms. Miller and staff, and the other one has been placed in the IT department, and they're just for now doing 20 hours a week just to see if this is something they might want to be involved in or, you know, call it a career. I think that is it. Yes. Any questions?

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: No, just a statement. I agree with not doing overnight and having security there during the day because I just want to make sure that staff is safe and that we don't have people that may have mental health issues or substance abuse issues and something breaks off. I also want to ask the two young ladies that's there, did you want to make a comment, let us know your opinion on how things are going there? We got

a report from the trustee describing all that's going on, but I know you raised your hand. So if you would like to say something, that's fine, if you'd like to say something about how things are going over there. You're doing a fantastic job. Give them a round of applause.

(Applause by all.)

MS. HUNTER: It's very enjoyable working and helping people. It just gets taxing at times, but I treat everyone as though they were my loved ones, you know. We could be -- miss a couple weeks or we could be homeless also. So I do have a very good staff, very patient and caring, and I appreciate that from my staff. We all work together and we get the job done. So I'm very thankful that the trustee is allowing us to assist.

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Thank you.

MS. SCOTT: Yeah, I just want to say -- I'm Severia Scott and I work at NPC. Basically, I want to say how I am so proud of my trustee on how she goes above and beyond. Like in my opinion, she didn't have to take

1 responsibility with the City to help out with
2 it because at this time our shelter was not
3 open. However, when they knew they needed
4 help, she didn't hesitate to give help, and
5 Ms. Hunter and our staff, we didn't hesitate
6 to help the people because it's just a good
7 feeling, and in my opinion, that's what the
8 Township is about, help the community.
9 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Absolutely.
10 (Applause by all.)
11 MR. PIGGEE: Mr. President?
12 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Yes.
13 MR. PIGGEE: Ms. Trustee?
14 MS. ROBINSON: Yes.
15 MR. PIGGEE: I'm really proud of
16 you when it comes down to helping these young
17 people --
18 MS. ROBINSON: Thank you.
19 MR. PIGGEE: -- get their uniforms
20 from This Is It, because I know when I was an
21 administrator in the school system, they were
22 very helpful in terms of helping these young
23 people because everybody, like right now, just
24 don't have the money, and these types of
25 things. So I'm really proud of you and your

staff for doing those types of things, but I really wish you would contact all of the elementary schools, please.

MS. ROBINSON: Okay. I will let you know, Mr. Piggee, that this is not new for us, that all of the school systems, including Lake Ridge because that is Calumet Township, Gary Community, they know about this.

MR. PIGGEE: Okay.

MS. ROBINSON: So they are aware.

MR. PIGGEE: Well, remind them because --

MS. ROBINSON: You're on the school board. Can't you remind them?

MR. PIGGEE: I sure will.

MS. ROBINSON: What I want to say also is that this is a good time actually because, historically, this time of the year is when we are slow because people are beginning to get income tax and they don't really need us. So, you know, we're still not seeing people on site, but we have them come down and sign for their paperwork and case managers are doing everything via telephone, and so it's a good time, if you know some

1 people, we're here 8:00 to 4:00, Monday
2 through Thursday. We're here.
3 MR. PIGGEE: Okay.
4 MS. ROBINSON: Okay?
5 MR. PIGGEE: All right.
6 MS. ROBINSON: 8:00 to 4:00,
7 Monday through Friday at the NPC. Okay?
8 CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Okay. Board
9 comments? Mr. Piggee, did you have something?
10 MR. PIGGEE: Yes, I do. Everybody
11 is aware of the Martin Luther King Day and how
12 it got started. City Hall and a Gary person
13 started Martin Luther King Day, and every year
14 she used to have her daughter, who's deceased,
15 for her daughter an event every year at the
16 Genesis Center, but because of this virus and
17 everything that's going on, it has been moved
18 to Indianapolis at the Statehouse. It's on
19 April 9th at 2:00 o'clock their time, 1:00
20 o'clock our time. And so --
21 MS. ROBINSON: We'll make you
22 copies. I'm just showing the flyer.
23 MR. PIGGEE: She has the flyer.
24 The governor will be presenting because he
25 gave the memorial award to Katie Hall. 19th

and Madison is where she lived at, and he will be receiving the Katie Hall award. So, any questions for me?

(No immediate response.)

MR. PIGGEE: Okay. They can only hold, you know, with all of this going on, 100 people and they can bring a person with them. So that's April the 9th, the Friday after Good Friday. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: Ms. Holmes?

MS. HOLMES: I'm off this Friday coming up, so if you need any volunteers, I'm volunteering myself.

MS. ROBINSON: Thank you.

MS. HOLMES: Just letting you know.

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: The work continues. You're doing a great job that you're doing. I'm really proud of you being on the frontline, and a lot of people don't really understand what you're doing. So when I see legislatures from the country, they come down to the General Assembly and they make those comments, that's because their trustee office has about three people in the office

and they work with ten people and that's literally what they do. They part ways and they think the entire county is that way.

I'm thankful that the trustee is working with our legislatures to get that heard, because I'm surprised -- Hal Slater is up to something and we got to keep watching him toward the end of the session because they try to sneak things in through him. So thank you for kind of watching that and making sure they don't try anything. So with that said, thank you, happy holidays, Happy New Year to you all. Continue to be blessed and continue to do the good work.

The Chair would like to make a motion for adjournment. Is there a second?

MR. PIGGEE: Second.

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON: There is a second by Mr. Piggee. The meeting is now over.

(Proceedings concluded at 6:33 p.m.)

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, Beth A. Barnette, CSR and Notary Public, do hereby certify that I reported in machine shorthand the foregoing proceedings had in the above-entitled matter, at the time and place herein before set forth; and I do further certify that the foregoing transcript, consisting of thirty-one (31) typewritten pages, is a true and correct transcript of my said stenographic notes, to the best of my ability.

Signed this 1st day of March, 2021.

Beth Barnette

BETH A. BARNETTE, CSR
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 6/13/22

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THE CALUMET TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

GARY, INDIANA

These minutes of the Calumet Township Board meeting held on February 22, 2021, were approved by the Board of Trustees on the_____ day of_____, 2021.

Darren Washington, Board Chairman

Jacqueline Holmes, Board Secretary

James Piggee, Board Member

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