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LOCAL BOARD OF FINANCE

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BEFORE THE CALUMET TOWNSHIP
LOCAL BOARD OF FINANCE
GARY, INDIANA

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had at the meeting
before the Calumet Township Local Board of Finance,
reported by Beth A. Barnette, CSR and Notary Public,
Illinois License No. 084-004727, held at 610
Connecticut Street, Gary, Indiana, on the 3rd day of
January, 2023, at 4:09 o'clock in the afternoon.

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APPEARANCES

Jacqueline Holmes, Board Chairwoman

Michael Protho, Board Secretary

James Piggee, Board Member

Deidre Monroe, Board Attorney

Kimberly Robinson, Township Trustee

Sherita Smith, Chief Deputy

Rinzer Williams, III, Township Attorney

Toyka Cunningham, Executive Secretary

Gladys Miller, Finance Manager

Steve Dalton, Financial Advisor

and

Members of the Public

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1 CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: So now we have
2 the meeting of the Local Board of Finance for
3 2023, I.C. 5-13-7-6. We are going to turn
4 that over to --

5 ATTORNEY WILLIAMS: You have to do
6 the officers again for this part.

7 ATTORNEY MONROE: At this time I
8 will take nominations as it relates to
9 Chairperson as it relates to this Board for
10 the 2023 year. We have to nominate again.

11 MR. PROTHO: I nominate Chairwoman
12 Holmes.

13 MR. PIGGEE: I second.

14 CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: And I accept.

15 MS. CUNNINGHAM: Roll call.

16 Mr. Piggee?

17 MR. PIGGEE: Yes.

18 MS. CUNNINGHAM: Mr. Protho?

19 MR. PROTHO: Yes.

20 MS. CUNNINGHAM: And Ms. Holmes?

21 CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: Yes.

22 ATTORNEY MONROE: And as it relates
23 to the Secretary of the Board, we will open
24 that for nominations at this point too.

25 MR. PIGGEE: I will nominate

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1 Mr. Michael Protho.

2 ATTORNEY MONROE: Mr. Protho, do you
3 accept?

4 MR. PROTHO: Yes, I do.

5 CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: Second.

6 ATTORNEY MONROE: Roll call, please.

7 MS. CUNNINGHAM: Mr. Piggee?

8 MR. PIGGEE: Yes.

9 MS. CUNNINGHAM: Mr. Protho?

10 MR. PROTHO: Yes.

11 MS. CUNNINGHAM: And Ms. Holmes?

12 CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: Yes.

13 ATTORNEY MONROE: Mr. Williams, do I
14 need to swear them in?

15 ATTORNEY WILLIAMS: I don't think in
16 the past that we have. The vote is
17 sufficient, I believe.

18 ATTORNEY MONROE: And they've
19 already been sworn in as members of this term.

20 ATTORNEY WILLIAMS: That's correct.

21 ATTORNEY MONROE: Okay.

22 MS. CUNNINGHAM: Resolution?

23 CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: So next on our
24 agenda is the Board of Finance report.

25 MR. DALTON: Madam Chair, can I

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1 explain? Would that be okay?

2 CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: Sure.

3 MR. DALTON: You have in your
4 packets a landscaped five-page document, which
5 is a preliminary financial report on the year
6 of 2022. You'll recall that in February we
7 will look at the full annual financial report,
8 the 40-page document that you're going to get
9 in your packet next month. This is a very
10 preliminary summary of last year's activities.
11 The only statutory requirement is that we
12 report, as the trustee, to you as the Board
13 how much money was made in investment
14 revenues. You'll find that answer on the
15 second page, which is kind of the inside of
16 the first page.

17 And you'll note, if you look at the
18 very last column, in 2022 we had a substantial
19 increase in interest earnings. Interest rates
20 went up, that's why. The Trustee's office has
21 done a good job of managing those dollars,
22 your property tax dollars and the taxpayers'
23 dollars, to such an extent that the earnings
24 went up from \$8,700 to \$129,000 in a single
25 year. So, kudos to the team. That is the

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1 only thing that is required to be reported to
2 you. The rest of the document is just a
3 preview of what we'll go over in February, and
4 I would ask that you adopt the resolution
5 attached that says you have reviewed the
6 report.

7 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you very
8 much.

9 MR. PIGGEE: I have a question. You
10 said it went up a hundred and how much?

11 MR. DALTON: \$120,000 in one year.

12 MR. PIGGEE: Now where does that
13 come from?

14 MR. DALTON: Interest. You've got
15 cash sitting in the bank and the bank is
16 paying you interest on the cash.

17 MR. PIGGEE: So the 120 and some
18 thousand is interest.

19 MR. DALTON: Interest earnings.

20 MR. PIGGEE: Okay. Thank you.

21 MR. DALTON: Yes.

22 MR. PROTHO: I make a motion that we
23 accept the finance report as indicated.

24 MR. PIGGEE: I second it.

25 MS. CUNNINGHAM: Okay. Roll call.

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1 Mr. Piggee?

2 MR. PIGGEE: Yes.

3 MS. CUNNINGHAM: Mr. Protho?

4 MR. PROTHO: Yes.

5 MS. CUNNINGHAM: Ms. Holmes?

6 CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: Yes.

7 ATTORNEY WILLIAMS: Attorney Monroe,
8 the Board needs to set a date for the February
9 meeting. Do they have one in mind?

10 ATTORNEY MONROE: It's usually the
11 second week?

12 ATTORNEY WILLIAMS: I don't know, is
13 it the second week? That would be Valentine's
14 Day, however.

15 MR. DALTON: I think we've been
16 leaning towards Monday.

17 ATTORNEY WILLIAMS: Monday would be
18 the 13th.

19 ATTORNEY MONROE: Do we have to have
20 it before a certain date?

21 MR. DALTON: Before the 20th.

22 ATTORNEY MONROE: Do you guys want
23 it on the first Monday or would you rather go
24 into the second Monday so we don't run into
25 the holiday again?

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1 MR. DALTON: I'd rather have it the
2 second week.

3 ATTORNEY MONROE: That's the 13th?

4 ATTORNEY WILLIAMS: Yes.

5 MS. CUNNINGHAM: And the time?

6 ATTORNEY MONROE: What time do you
7 guys want? 4:30?

8 TRUSTEE ROBINSON: It doesn't matter
9 to me if you guys want to go earlier. We're
10 always here, and I know you're the only one
11 working, Ms. Holmes, Madam President. If we
12 can do like a noon meeting or 1:00 o'clock,
13 that would be great.

14 CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: Yeah, I can do
15 that.

16 TRUSTEE ROBINSON: That's just my
17 suggestion. I by no means want to tell the
18 Board what to do.

19 CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: That's fine.

20 ATTORNEY MONROE: Attorney Williams,
21 that's okay with you?

22 ATTORNEY WILLIAMS: That's okay with
23 me and Steve.

24 MR. PROTHO: Do we have to set a
25 date every time or what are we talking about?

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1 ATTORNEY MONROE: Just for this one,
2 and then towards the end of the year when it's
3 time to do the budget.

4 TRUSTEE ROBINSON: But, Mr. Protho,
5 you are open to call a meeting if you like.
6 You are. The Board can. We only have four
7 mandatory meetings.

8 MR. PROTHO: Thank you. We're good.

9 CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: I'd like to make
10 a motion to have the meeting on February 13th
11 at noon.

12 MR. PROTHO: I second.

13 MR. PIGGEE: At noon? That's fine
14 with me.

15 CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: Okay.

16 MS. CUNNINGHAM: Mr. Piggee?

17 MR. PIGGEE: Yes.

18 MS. CUNNINGHAM: Mr. Protho?

19 MR. PROTHO: Yes.

20 MS. CUNNINGHAM: And Ms. Holmes?

21 CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: Yes.

22 Do we have any comments from the
23 public?

24 MS. JONES: I have one.

25 CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: Okay. Stand up

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1 and say your name and your question.

2 MS. JONES: My name is Sandra Jones
3 (sic.), and I don't have a question. I
4 actually have a thank you. I know that I've
5 attended this meeting with James Piggee. My
6 son and his daughter recently ran into a
7 situation where they had no electricity in
8 their home and they didn't know what to do. I
9 reached out to pops and he told them to go to
10 Calumet Township. And I just wanted to say
11 thank you, because expeditiously you all
12 assisted them in the aid for them to get their
13 lights back on and other things. And I just
14 want to say thank you.

15 TRUSTEE ROBINSON: Thank you.

16 CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: You're so
17 welcome. Any other comments?

18 MS. JONES: And Happy New Year.

19 CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: Trustee,
20 comments?

21 TRUSTEE ROBINSON: No.

22 CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: Board comments?

23 MR. PIGGEE: Yes, I have a comment,
24 Madam Chair. The thing about it is, as for
25 the Trustee's office, is to be there when

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1 people need them, and you have done a
2 magnificent job. Madam Trustee, you and your
3 staff have done a magnificent job of helping
4 people. I have yet to hear somebody say
5 something negative, and that's what I like to
6 hear. You know the thing about it is, is
7 you've done a good job.

8 TRUSTEE ROBINSON: Thank you.

9 MR. PIGGEE: And that's what I like.

10 CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: Thank you.

11 Mr. Protho?

12 MR. PROTHO: I have no comment.

13 CHAIRWOMAN HOLMES: Well, thank you,
14 everybody, for showing up. Make a motion to
15 adjourn the meeting?

16 MR. PROTHO: So moved.

17 MR. PIGGEE: I second it.

18 TRUSTEE ROBINSON: Thank you.

19 (Proceedings concluded at
20 4:18 p.m.)

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11 above-entitled matter, at the time and place herein
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14 (11) typewritten pages, is a true and correct
15 transcript of my said stenographic notes, to the
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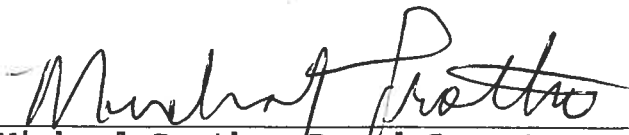
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THE CALUMET TOWNSHIP LOCAL BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING
GARY, INDIANA

These minutes of the Calumet Township
Local Board of Finance meeting, held on January 3,
2023, were approved by the Board of Trustees on the
3rd day of January, 2023.



Jacqueline Holmes, Board Chairwoman



Michael Protho, Board Secretary



James Piggee, Board Member

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