CALUMET TOWNSHIP BOARD

610 CONNECTICUT STREET

GARY, INDIANA 46402

The regular meeting of the Calumet Township was held on October 16, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 4:01 P.M.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP BOARD:

James Piggee - Present Michael Protho - Present Jacqueline Holmes- Present

TRUSTEE STAFF:

Trustee Kimberly K. Robinson - Present Chief Deputy Sherita Smith - Present Finance Manager Gladys Miller -Present

ATTORNEY:

Attorney Rinzer Williams III - Absent

ACCOUNTANT:

Steve Dalton, Accountant – Absent Daniel Dalton, Accountant- Present

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING SEPTEMBER 25, 2023:

Michael Protho moved to approve the minutes, seconded by James Piggee. The Vote: Mr. Piggee- (Y), Mr. Protho- (Y), Ms. Holmes- (Y). (3) Yes and (0) No. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-06: Budget Resolution (State Budget Form 4) Michael Protho moved to approve Resolution 2023-06, seconded by James Piggee. The Vote: Mr. Piggee- (Y), Mr. Protho- (Y), Ms. Holmes- (Y). (3) Yes and (0) No. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-08: Holiday Schedule for 2024

Michael Protho moved to approve Resolution 2023-08, seconded by James Piggee. The Vote: Mr. Piggee- (Y), Mr. Protho- (Y), Ms. Holmes- (Y). (3) Yes and (0) No. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-09: Standards of Eligibility of Township Assistance.

Michael Protho moved to approve Resolution 2023-09, seconded by James Piggee. The Vote: Mr. Piggee- (Y), Mr. Protho- (Y), Ms. Holmes- (Y). (3) Yes and (0) No. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Severia Scott asked will the meetings next year be held on Mondays? A vote will be taken by the board, and it depends on everyone's availability.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Kimberly K. Robinson mentioned November 9, 2023, at Save More Grocery, the Township will partner will the grocery store and pick 2 clients for a Grocery Game. The clients will have one minute to pick out whatever they want and can put it into one basket, in one minute. She is also working with the store for a Holiday Food Drive.

Trustee thanked Elder Scheeringa at Ross Reform Church for the \$40.00 gift cards. He also put them in touch with a shoe store in Dyer that has shoes for children.

The Township is partnering with Pastor Regan Robinson at St. John's Baptist Church for The Gift of Warmth. They are also partnering with Centier Bank, to assist seniors with Nipsco. They will also assist with those that need coats and underwear during the winter months. It is open to all who apply and brings in approved documentation.

Trustee Robinson mentioned that the State Board of Accounts Audit was concluded, and we had a clean audit. We had no issues, and we must sign the exit form. Everything was in order and many thanks were given to finance and the C.P.A. on a job well done.

The cemetery is making changes. Township is responsible for the cemetery on Grant St. They are currently putting up a wall in front of the cemetery, and it looks very nice.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Piggee asked about student uniforms. He was informed that uniforms are over now. The only exception is if they have just moved to the area and starting a new school and will need uniforms. \$119,000 (roughly) was spent on uniforms this year.

Mr. Piggee gave acknowledgements to the Trustee on Tuesdays WLTH radio show.

Mr. Protho mentioned he gets calls all the time regarding Nipsco bills. He stated he sends the people to the Township to see if they qualify for assistance.

Ms. Holmes stated she had a good time and learned at the I.T.A. conference.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Jackie Holmes motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Michael Protho.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:32 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 1:00 P.M.

Jacqueline Holmes (Chairman)

Michael Drothe (Columbia)

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