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Brown Township Trustee

Hendricks County, Indiana

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September 26, 2024, 6:00 PM at 7455 E County Rd 1000N

Meeting of the Brown Township Board of Trustees

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Old Business: **Approval of prior meeting minutes: September 12, 2024**
4. New Business:
 - a. **Resolution 2024- 7: 2025 Budget Adoption**
5. Citizen Comments
6. Board and Trustee Comments
7. Adjourn

Minutes of the Brown Township Board Meeting, September 12th, 2024

Shari O'Riley called the meeting to order.

Roll call was taken, members in attendance: Mr. Jim Murphy, Mrs. Shari O'Riley and Mrs. Angela Delp.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Old Business:

Approval of minutes from February 15th, 2024

Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the minutes. Mrs. O'Riley seconded. Minutes were approved.

Citizen Comments

Johnathan Hibbard (8025 North Point Drive) asked if the fire chief would be present at the meeting. He asked if Brown Township and Lincon Township were going to merge. He asked why it was put on hold. Mrs. Delp stated that it was put on hold due to everything going on with the fire territory. Steve Patterson, Lincoln Township Trustee was the one who decided to put it on hold. Mr. Hibbard stated there was something fishy about the timing of the merger and annexation. He continued to state his opinions regarding communication.

John Patton (10812 E Co Rd 750 N) asked where people can go to find information on meetings and minutes. He would like to get the website information after the meeting.

Mrs. O'Riley asked where flyers should be made available to the township residents.

Mr. Patton suggested getting email addresses of the HOA presidents and getting the information to them.

Mr. Hibbard said that a website is great but not the best way to get information out to people. He suggested to open a Group Me or various chat systems. He stated the key is to over communicate.

Marvin Ward (925 E) stated that the Icon would be a good place to advertise. He stated that the Republican is not very well distributed, but the Icon is.

Mrs. O'Riley stated that she has some contacts with Connect and can also reach out to the Icon.

Tracy (1000 N) asked about a public education series and if one could be hosted. Mrs. Delp stated that would be something to ask at the county level.

There was a discussion about meetings being held in the conference room.

Chuck Neece (9719 N. Co. Rd. 650 E.) just wanted to echo what had already been said. He asked if there was a way for notifications to be sent out from the website. He also mentioned putting a sign out by the road.

Citizens comments were closed.

September 26th at 6:00PM will be the meeting for the adoption of the 2025 Budget.

Mrs. Delp stated the budget is very much the same besides adding some funds into Professional Services and Poor Relief.

Mrs. Delp explained that a lot of funds were given out in June and July due to the state making more stipulations to get funds. She also stated that the prosecutor's office held a meeting to educate the townships on child support and that we will be working with them going forward.

Mr. Murphy stated that he highlighted some things regarding what was spent this year. Mr. Murphy added up the total employee cost including taxes, he just wanted to reference that. He pointed out a few other items on the sheet. He questioned the amount listed for Township Assistance. He asked if we were still funding some local agencies like Family Promise and Hendricks Senior Services. He confirmed the amount of cash currently on hand. Mrs. Delp stated how much interest we make each month from the funds in the Money Market. Mr. Murphy had questions regarding LIT and how it was split. Mr. Murphy spoke on what the previous trustee did regarding zeroing out the tax rate. He said financially we are in very good shape.

There was a citizen comment regarding the surplus dollar amount the township currently has. He asked if the money could be used and what it could be used for. He asked if meetings could be streamed. Mrs. Delp stated that next year they will start being streamed. He suggested not using YouTube streaming but to use Zoom Meetings instead.

Mrs. O'Riley closed the public hearing.

New Business:

Resolution 2024-5: Dormant Fund Resolution. Mrs. Delp explained why the fund needs to be closed and the money remaining would be moved to the Rainy Day Fund. The amount in the fund is \$7535.06.

Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the resolution, Mrs. O'Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Resolution 2024-6: Salaries and Pay, per SBOA Form 17. Everything regarding salaries and pay will remain the same as they are in 2024.

Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the resolution, Mrs. O'Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mrs. Delp stated that the audit is closed but not published. Once it's published, she will post it on Facebook.

Mr. Murphy wanted to make a comment that the audit cost the township \$8500.

Mrs. Delp talked about the Fire Territory Board and the growth appeal vote. Mrs. Delp stated she really wanted it to be a joint meeting, the meeting will be held the week of September 30th. Mr. Murphy and Mrs. O'Riley are not available October 3rd but are all other days that week.

Mrs. Delp explained what LIT is and how it is figured. She stated the only reason Brown Township receives LIT is because of the Fire Territory. This year our LIT amount was \$86877.00 next year, because of the \$.15 increase it will go to \$130,318.00. Lincoln Township will go from \$230,084.00

to \$273,353.00. The town is currently at \$10,234,679.00 and will go to \$12,730,746.00. Mrs. Delp's suggestion is that each township and the town give the same amount of money to the Fire Territory for the hiring of the new station instead of raising taxes.

Mr. Murphy requested that Board and Trustee Comments come before Citizen Comments.

Mr. Murphy handed out his own document.

Mr. Murphy explained why he is against the merger of the two townships. He stated there is no benefit to merging, stating it will do away with the inter-local agreement. He asked what it costs us to operate our current township. Mr. Murphy stated that it's costing the township \$0 to run because of our \$0 tax levy. Mr. Murphy stated that he proposes a resolution that the Trustee does not move forward with the merger.

Mr. Murphy discussed the Fire Territory and the proposed tax increase to fund the hiring at the new fire station.

Mr. Murphy handed out a second document.

Mr. Murphy stated he has his own personal stipulations for the tax levy (2nd document handed out).

Mr. Hibbard had some questions regarding the Fire Territory.

Tax rates and increases were discussed.

Meeting was adjourned.

X

Chair

X

Secretary

X

Member

ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES

Ordinance / Resolution Number: 2024-7

Be it ordained/resolved by the **Brown Township Hendricks County Board** that for the expenses of **BROWN TOWNSHIP, Hendricks County** for the year ending December 31, **2025** the sums herein specified are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year, unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided for by law. In addition, for the purposes of raising revenue to meet the necessary expenses of **BROWN TOWNSHIP, Hendricks County**, the property tax levies and property tax rates as herein specified are included herein. Budget Form 4-B for all funds must be completed and submitted in the manner prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance.

This ordinance/resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the **Brown Township Hendricks County Board**.

Name of Adopting Entity / Fiscal Body	Type of Adopting Entity / Fiscal Body	Date of Adoption
Brown Township Hendricks County Board	Township Board	09/26/2024

Funds				
Fund Code	Fund Name	Adopted Budget	Adopted Tax Levy	Adopted Tax Rate
0061	RAINY DAY	\$5,000	\$0	0.0000
0101	GENERAL	\$78,040	\$0	0.0000
0840	TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE	\$46,400	\$0	0.0000
		\$129,440	\$0	0.0000

Home-Ruled Funds (Not Reviewed by DLGF)		
Fund Code	Fund Name	Adopted Budget
9500	Payroll Deduction Fund	\$0
		\$0

Name		Signature
Shari Hinds-O'Riley	Aye <input type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	
Kevin Rogers	Aye <input type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	
James Murphy	Aye <input type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	

In accordance with IC 6-1.1-17-16(k), we state our intent to issue debt after December 1 and before January 1 Yes ☐ No ☒

In accordance with IC 6-1.1-17-16(k), we state our intent to file a shortfall appeal after December 1 and before December 31 Yes ☐ No ☒