

Approved

Communities of Zionsville Area for Better Government

Minutes of September 19, 2007 Meeting

The meeting of September 19, 2007 of the Communities of Zionsville Area for Better Government was convened at 7:30 p.m. at the Zionsville Town Hall, Zionsville, Indiana. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Gene Thompson. Present at the meeting were board members Gene Thompson, Michael J. Andreoli, Joe Turk, Alan Townsend, Steve Freeland and Allan Rachles. Jay Parks and Jim Longest were not in attendance.

Minutes for the July 21st and August 25th meetings will be emailed next week.

Prior to updated committee reports, the chairman discussed the need to finalize upcoming meetings in October, November and December in order to remain on course to offer a reorganization plan to the governing bodies by the end of 2007. Accordingly, upcoming meetings were to be held on October 22nd, November 15th and December 13th. All meeting will be held in the Town Hall. In order to remain on track, the chairman requested that all preliminary committee reports be submitted to the Governance Committee, and be available for dissemination to the general committee on or before the October 22nd meeting. While committee update reports have been kept in the office of Michael J. Andreoli, the Secretary for the Board, it would be anticipated that more extensive committee reports, as preliminarily submitted, will be posted on the website as they will contain detailed information that would best be reflected by the reports themselves rather than excerpted through organization minutes.

The following updated subcommittee reports were made:

1. **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE-** Alan Townsend, Committee Chairman, reported that the Governance Committee will need to see other subcommittee reports in order to provide structure and final legal analysis to any plan of reorganization. A discussion was undertaken by members of the board in response to Mr. Townsend's query as to what this new entity should look like. It was generally agreed that the new entity will essentially be an expanded Zionsville. Joe Turk offered his analysis as to how various levels of service may be provided or implemented through a plan of reorganization. Mr. Turk proposed that various levels of service, based on geography and density, be provided in the plan of reorganization so that those in particular rural areas will not expect nor anticipate the same level of service as those closer to the Town of Zionsville. When areas develop, either residentially or commercially, the plan should propose how and

what circumstance an area may be converted to the next service level. Mr. Turk believed that given the finances involved in taking over areas of road and street, and maintain Police and Fire protection, various levels of service might be a better way of implementing a reorganization plan over the long term. Generally, this approach was warmly received by the committee although the details of such a plan will ultimately determine its feasibility.

2. **HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE COMMITTEE-** The committee has met again and a written report was submitted by Steve Freeland, which outlines various issues being considered by the committee. Most notably, Fire Department coverage was a focal point of the report and the funding mechanisms necessary to provide appropriate short and long term fire coverage to the consolidated entity. It was also suggested that cemeteries, currently managed as part of the township trustee system, could be managed through the Parks Department. This proposal was concurred by members of the Park and Recreation Committee. Attending the meeting were the Zionsville Town Marshall and the Zionsville Fire Chief who provided input with regard to funding and manpower needs that may be required through a consolidation.

3. **FINANCE COMMITTEE-** Joe Turk, Committee Chairman, once again reiterated that the Finance Committee is in a holding pattern subject to receiving more detailed committee reports as to the basic plan of reorganization.

4. **INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE-** Mr. Andreoli had indicated that the Infrastructure Committee, particularly at this point, was focusing on road and street as well as to issues connected with drainage. Mike Andreoli discussed the fact that he met with Tom Kouns, the County Highway Department and had received information, both budgetary and otherwise, regarding funding mechanisms through the local road and street funds and motor vehicle highway fund accounts. Mr. Andreoli was going to talk to Mr. Lance regarding Zionsville road and street funding and present this in memorandum to Mr. Turk and the Finance Committee, as well as the Infrastructure Committee. Mr. Andreoli was going to meet with Kenny Hedge, the Boone County Surveyor, to talk about the legal drains, how they are funded and how a consolidated entity would or could

impact the drainage assessments or in particular, manage and maintain the open legal drains throughout Eagle and Union Township.

5. **LAND USE COMMITTEE-** Kevin Schiferl presented written submissions regarding areas and issues to be dealt with by the Planning and Zoning Committee. Preliminary proposals would establish a regional planning area with membership (7 members) make up to include the school corporation as well as two members each from Eagle and Union Township. A regional Board of Zoning Appeals could also be established with five members. It was anticipated by the Planning and Zoning Committee that staff needs would be met through the Zionsville Planning Office and the Zionsville Fee Structure would, including Impact Fees, would remain or be expanded to cover the consolidated area.

6. **PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE-** Steve Freeland presented a report regarding the Park and Recreation Committee and it was recommended that the current structure of the Zionsville Park & Recreation Committee be utilized in a consolidated entity. Certain restrictions exist with regard to adding additional members to the Park and Recreation Board although attempting a diversity of membership based upon interest and talent was something that would be encouraged. The Park and Recreation Committee was concerned that there should be no gap in the park impact fees that are currently imposed to the Town of Zionsville. It would be anticipated that simply consolidating into Zionsville's geographical boundaries would not require a full scale redo of the Impact Fee Ordinances but simply expanding the ordinances into the consolidated area.

Again, Gene Thompson, Committee Chair, reiterated the need to have some type of preliminary written reports from the general sub-committee by the October 22nd meeting. This would allow members of the Board to be able to comment specifically upon proposals reached by each subcommittee so that a final plan of reorganization can come together. It was also discussed in depth the need to hire an independent firm to help organize and structure a plan of reorganization. It would be anticipated that further discussion would be held regarding engaging services of a firm at the October 22nd meeting.

Upon motion made, seconded and unanimously adopted, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Andreoli