

COMMUNITY OF ZIONSVILLE AREA FOR BETTER GOVERNMENT

MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2007 MEETING

The meeting of July 21, 2007 of the Community of Zionsville Area for Better Government was convened at 8:30 a.m. at the Meetinghouse located in Stonegate. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Gene Thompson. Present at the meeting were board members Joe Turk, Alan Townsend, Jay Parks, Jim Longest, Steve Freeland and Kevin Schiferl. Allan Rachels was not in attendance.

Minutes for the initial organization meeting of the committee of June 9, 2007 were prepared by Kevin Schiferl but are not yet posted. The June 23, 2007 board meeting has been posted and upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted, minutes of the June 23, 2007 meeting are now approved.

The following agenda items were considered:

The Chairman of the board, Gene Thompson, reviewed again and re-read the Mission Statement of the Board. In addition, the resolution that had been previously discussed and had been proposed was discussed and passed on June 9, 2007. A discussion further ensued of preparing and sending a letter to the Commission recently established by Governor Daniels to aid and assist in a governmental reorganization at a State level. It was discussed by various members of the board that a cooperative effort with this newly formed Commission may prove helpful in the event that we may need assistance from other State Administrative Agencies for additional legislation to meet our goals.

Jim Longest mentioned that Superintendent Robison, Bob Boswick and Mike Shaffer will be the School Representatives on the Infrastructure, Land Use and Finance Committees, respectively.

As committee reorganization and initial meetings are still under way, the following reports were made:

1. **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE-** Alan Townsend, Committee Chairman, reported that legal analysis is currently being undertaken as to issues connected with ballot, timing and the form in which the new consolidated entity would take. The Governance Committee was in the process of coming up with a planned time table and researching the issues on how, when and under what circumstance the plan might be placed on the ballot.

2. **HEALTH SAFETY AND WELFARE COMMITTEE-** The committee has met and is in the process of further organization. Plans were set to talk to Fire Chief Jamie VanGorder to talk about fire service in and through Zionsville, Eagle and Union Townships. Further, it was the intention of the committee to meet with Rick Dowden, Zionsville Town Marshall, to talk about the feasibility of providing Police services to the consolidated area.

3. **FINANCE COMMITTEE-** Joe Turk, Chairman of the Finance Committee, indicated that they had already started the heavy lifting and had had three meetings to date. The Finance Committee now comprises Joe Turk, Gene Thompson, Allan Rachels, John Seever, Keith Gambrel and Larry Greenwalt. Mike Shaffer is the School Board Member. The Finance Committee has made contact with the Department of Local Governmental Finance and is accumulating data with regard to property tax as well as other historical financial data. Issues that will be vetted out in the weeks ahead will involve meeting with various boards and organizations to try to further elaborate on the costs of a consolidation to Boone County as well as to the consolidated governmental entity. To date, most of the fact and data gathering has been on the revenue side, not as much on the cost side. The Committee expressed concerns about the cost of expanding services including upkeep and repair to roads and streets.

4. **LAND USE COMMITTEE-** Jay Parks advised that the Land Use Committee was just getting off the ground and had very little to report to date although a general board discussion ensued as it relates to whether new Planning and Zoning Ordinances might be adopted or whether utilizing the existing Zionsville Ordinances might be more appropriate. Jay indicated that the Land Use Committee must work closely in consultation with the Governance Committee to sort out the legalities and/or necessity of adopting new Ordinances as opposed to extending the use of Zionsville's Planning and Zoning Ordinances.

5. **PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE-** The Park and Recreation Committee Chairman, Steve Freeland, indicated that George Tikijean has agreed to become a member of the committee. An initial Organizational Committee meeting had taken place and Alan Townsend had copied and furnished to the committee master park

plans for Eagle, Union and Zionsville. These were currently being reviewed by the Committee.

6. **INFRASTRUCURE COMMITTEE-** Mr. Andreoli has been elected Chairman of the Infrastructure Committee and initially the Committee has identified the sewer, water, road and street and other essential utilities as areas to be studied as part of the infrastructure needs of a consolidated government. Also, Jay Parks, a member of the Infrastructure Committee, has suggested drainage as a necessary component and it was discussed to either seek membership on the committee from the Boone County Health Department or, to ask them to attend a meeting to talk about the necessity for sanitary and sewer water throughout unincorporated areas of Eagle and Union townships.

The Board Chairman, Gene Thompson, discussed the need to try and establish an additional meeting date in August. The Calendar would be disseminated and a new meeting date will be selected. Finally, Mr. Thompson announced a website (www.ibccn.org/reorg/) is up and operational and cared for by Mr. Ulmer. Minutes and other documents of interest should be posted on the website and members of the general public will have immediate access. In particular, when detailed reports and recommendations are being made, they will be posted on the website for review.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Andreoli