

Westchester Township Board Meeting
December 4, 2024
5:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Westchester Township Trustee Suzanne Philbrick; Township Board Members Calvin Chubb, Barbara Stroud, and Cheryl Evans; Township Board Attorney David Hiestand; and Town of Porter Fire Chief Jay Craig Jr. were present. There were no members of the public in attendance.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Board Members reviewed the minutes of the October 2, 2024 meeting. Upon review, Board Member Chubb made a motion to approve the October 2, 2024 minutes as presented. Board Member Evans seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Certification of Compliance – Nepotism Statute:

Township Trustee Philbrick provided Board Members with the annual certification of compliance paperwork relative to Nepotism for the 2024 calendar year. Board Members, along with the Trustee, in agreement, signed the Certification of Compliance with Nepotism Statute, IC 36-1-20.2, for 2024, certifying under penalties for perjury that they did not violate the Nepotism Statute IC 36-1-20.2 for the year 2024.

Certification of Compliance – Contracting Policy:

Township Trustee Philbrick provided Board Members with the annual certification of compliance paperwork relative to Contracting Policy for the 2024 calendar year. Board Members, along with the Trustee, in agreement, signed the Certification of Compliance with the Contracting Policy, IC 36-1-21 for 2024, certifying under penalties for perjury that they were in compliance with the Contracting Policy IC 36-1-21 for the year 2024.

Approval of Township Attorney Contract for 2025:

Township Attorney David Hiestand presented Township Trustee Philbrick and Board Members with a contract from Smith Legal Group for legal services for 2025 under the terms of a \$3,200 retainer. Board Members thanked Attorney Hiestand for his excellent legal representation. Upon review, Board Member Chubb made a motion to approve the 2025 Contract for Legal Services Westchester Township. Board Member Evans seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

TrustINDiana:

Township Trustee Philbrick described that she intends to begin using TrustINDiana for the Township's rainy day money in 2025.

Website Design and Hosting:

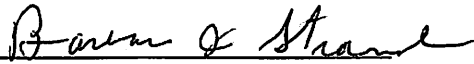
Board Member Chubb passed along some information from the Indiana Office of Technology regarding some no-cost and lower cost website offerings which the Township may wish to investigate. Trustee Philbrick and Board Members Stroud and Evans thanked Board Member Chubb for this information. Trustee Philbrick then described for the Board that she has been in touch with Brainstorm Computers and Datagraphic of Chesterton regarding the Township's website and the need for the Township to live stream or record meetings beginning July 1, 2025 under a new Indiana law.

Next Meeting:

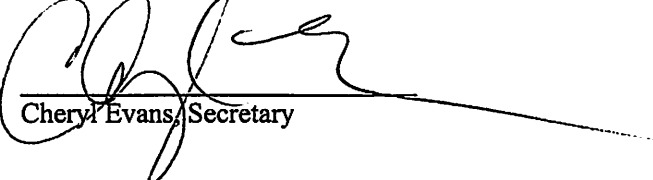
Township Trustee Philbrick and the Township Board Members discussed the date of the next Board meeting. A consensus agreed that the next meeting would tentatively be set for January 29, 2025 at 5 p.m.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before the Board, President Barbara Stroud adjourned the meeting.


Barbara Stroud, President


Calvin Chubb, Member


Cheryl Evans, Secretary