

CALUMET TOWNSHIP BOARD

610 CONNECTICUT STREET

GARY, INDIANA 46402

The regular meeting of the Calumet Township was held on January 2, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 1:03 P.M by Ms. Holmes.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP BOARD:

James Piggee – Present

Jacqueline Holmes – Present

Michael Protho – Present

TRUSTEE STAFF:

Trustee, Kimberly K. Robinson – Present

Chief Deputy, Dayna Bennett – Present

Finance Manager, Gladys Miller – Present

ATTORNEY:

Attorney, Rinzer Williams III – Present

Attorney, Deidre Monroe – Present

ACCOUNTANT:

C.P.A. Steve Dalton – Present

BOARD SECRETARY:

Toyka M. Cunningham – Present

REORGANIZATION MEETING

Attorney Monroe opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Board. Mr. Piggee nominated Mr. Protho. It was seconded by Ms. Holmes.

The Vote: Mr. Piggee- (Y), Mr. Protho- (Y), Ms. Holmes- (Y). (3) Yes and (0) No. Motion carried.

Attorney Monroe opened the floor for nominations for Secretary. Mr. Protho nominated Ms. Holmes. It was seconded by Mr. Piggee.

The Vote: Mr. Piggee- (Y), Mr. Protho- (Y), Ms. Holmes- (Y). (3) Yes and (0) No. Motion carried.

The Chairman for the CTT Board is Mr. Michael Protho and the Secretary is Ms. Jacqueline Holmes for the 2024 Year.

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA:

James Piggee moved to amend the agenda, seconded by Jacqueline Holmes.

The Vote: Mr. Piggee- (Y), Ms. Holmes- (Y), Mr. Protho- (Y). (3) Yes and (0) No. Motion carried.

Adding Salary Resolutions

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OCTOBER 16, 2023:

James Piggee moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Jacqueline Holmes.

The Vote: Mr. Piggee- (Y), Ms. Holmes- (Y), Mr. Protho- (Y). (3) Yes and (0) No. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 2024-01: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Overview given by C.P.A. Steve Dalton introduced an additional appropriation resolution for Township Administration Admin Fund to pay out \$150,000 more in personnel expenses than originally budgeted for 2023, this was due to some employees who work in township assistance being moved to the Township Assistance Admin Fund earlier in the year.

James Piggee moved to approve Resolution # 2024-01, seconded by Jacqueline Holmes.

The Vote: Mr. Piggee- (Y), Ms. Holmes- (Y), Mr. Protho- (Y). (3) Yes and (0) No. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 2024-02: AMENDING RESOLUTIONS FOR 2024 SALARIES

Adding Dayna Bennett as Chief of Staff and Sherita Smith as Human Resources Deputy.

Michael Protho moved to approve Resolution # 2024-02, seconded by James Piggee.

The Vote: Mr. Piggee- (Y), Ms. Holmes- (Y), Mr. Protho- (Y). (3) Yes and (0) No. Motion carried.

CONTRACT APPROVAL FOR TOWNSHIP BOARD ATTORNEY

This is for January through December 2024. Same as last year.

MOTION TO APPROVE TOWNSHIP BOARD ATTORNEY FOR 2024

Jacqueline Holmes moved to approve the contract, seconded by James Piggee.

The Vote: Mr. Piggee- (Y), Ms. Holmes- (Y), Mr. Protho- (Y). (3) Yes and (0) No. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Kimberly K. Robinson wished everyone a Happy New Year from the CTTO. CTTO has had a busy holiday season of giving. Two families participated in the Grab and Go. They had one minute at our vendor Save More Grocery Store to fill up their carts. The cost was split between Save More and CTT. A little over \$500.00 was issued for the groceries.

CTT received \$1,500 from our community partner, NIPSCO. This was for the Gift of Warmth. This was used for coats, hats, socks, etc. Centier Bank and Rev. Robinson, from

St. John's Baptist Church donated \$5,000 to help seniors who may fall a little over the guidelines.

Friends of CTT and men of Kappa Alpha Psi, Darren Collier, Derrick Taylor, and Jason Terry donated \$750.00 combined to two families for gift cards so two families would have a Merry Christmas.

Ross Community Reform Church donates \$200.00 per month total in the form of \$40.00 gift cards for Aldi and Strack and Van Til, no questions asked, if clients need food. We also refer people to the Food Pantry or give them a bag if needed.

CTT also presented the YWCA with our 2002 fifteen passenger van, because they needed transportation for their after-school program.

We are assisting Assessor Cozey Weatherspoon with shared security for his office.

The Witty Committee (which focuses on good morale for all employees), submitted names for Employee of the Quarter and the winner was Antoinette Allen. She will be awarded a close parking spot and gift cards. Congratulations Ms. Allen.

The Board members will also receive a blanket and cup for their service to the board and community.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Piggee stated its an honor to be on the board. He asked how people were picked to receive food or gift cards. Trustee Robinson stated that the General Assistance Department picked the families out of need.

Mr. Protho said thanks for electing him as Chairman. He stated the staff were doing an excellent job and were polite.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Made by Mr. Piggee and seconded by Ms. Holmes.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:21 P.M.

Call to Order

The Local Board of Finance Meeting of the Calumet Township Board was held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Mr. Protho called the meeting to order at 1:22 P.M. The Meeting was held at the Calumet Township Trustee Office.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP BOARD ROLL CALL:

James Piggee – Present

Jacquelin Holmes – Present

Michael Protho – Present

Motion made that Mr. Protho serves as Chairman and Ms. Holmes serves as Secretary for the Year 2024. Motion made by Mr. Piggee and seconded by Ms. Holmes.

The Vote: Mr. Piggee- (Y), Ms. Holmes- (Y), Mr. Protho - (Y). (3) Yes and (0) No. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 2024-03: REVIEW OF BOARD OF FINANCE REPORT FOR YE 2023.

Overview by Steve Dalton, C.P.A.

James Piggee moved to approve Resolution # 2024-03, seconded by Jacqueline Holmes.

The Vote: Mr. Piggee- (Y), Ms. Holmes- (Y), Mr. Protho- (Y). (3) Yes and (0) No. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Regarding Mr. Piggee's prior question, we would like to keep the money in the fund and save it for the Rainy-Day Fund. We have been good stewards of money, and we save it for emergencies.

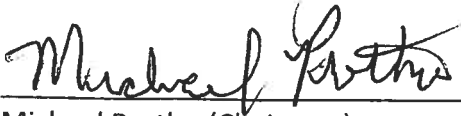
CTT received a plaque of appreciation from the F.O.P. Internal Affairs is located on the second floor at 610 Connecticut St. They pay a minimal fee for operating the offices.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

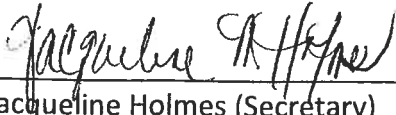
Jackie Holmes motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by James Piggee.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:29 P.M.

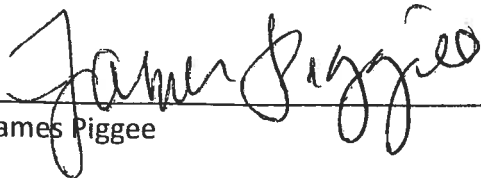
NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 12, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.



Michael Protho (Chairman)



Jacqueline Holmes (Secretary)



James Piggee