

CALUMET TOWNSHIP BOARD

610 CONNECTICUT STREET

GARY, INDIANA 46402

The regular meeting of the Calumet Township was held on Tuesday, January 7, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 12:00 P.M. by Mr. Protho. The meeting was held at the Calumet Township Trustee Office.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP BOARD:

James Piggee – Present

Jacqueline Holmes – Absent

Michael Protho – Present

TRUSTEE STAFF:

Interim Trustee, Dayna Bennett – Present

Finance Manager, Gladys Miller – Present

ATTORNEY:

Attorney, Rinzer Williams III – Present

Attorney, Deidre Monroe – Present

ACCOUNTANT:

C.P.A. Daniel 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 Mr. Protho.

The Vote: Mr. Piggee- (Y), Mr. Protho- (Y). (2) Yes and (0) No. Motion carried.

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

The Vote: Mr. Piggee- (Y), Mr. Protho- (Y). (2) Yes and (0) No. Motion carried.

The Chairman of the Board is Mr. Protho, and the Secretary is Mr. Piggee for the 2025 Year.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OCTOBER 14, 2024:
Mr. Protho moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Piggee.

The Vote: Mr. Piggee- (Y), Mr. Protho- (Y). (2) Yes and (0) No. Motion carried.

CONTRACT APPROVAL FOR TOWNSHIP BOARD ATTORNEY

MOTION TO APPROVE TOWNSHIP BOARD ATTORNEY FOR 2025

Mr. Piggee moved to approve the contract, seconded by Mr. Protho.

The Vote: Mr. Piggee- (Y), Mr. Protho- (Y). (2) Yes and (0) No. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Darren Washington had a problem with the uniforms that the staff were wearing, because it had the former Trustee's name on it. Interim Trustee Dayna Bennett stated it was her decision, and she was not trying to make major changes. She felt once elected by the caucus; the new Trustee could make changes.

Linda Collins Brown prayed we would move forward during the change of command and remove pictures, names, etc. of the former Trustee.

INTERIM TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Ms. Bennett wished everyone a Happy New Year. She mentioned all the accomplishments of 2024. She mentioned we are an E.A.P. intake site, and other capital improvements. Also mentioned were uniforms, and food bags that had been given away.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Piggee was concerned about the number of departments we have. He wants each department manager to present and give a report on how their department functions. He wants an overview from the managers.

Mr. Protho mentioned the caucus vote on January 16, 2025, at the M.P.C. He also mentioned he enjoyed working with the former Trustee.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Adjourned at 12:18 P.M.

The Local Board of Finance Meeting of the Calumet Township Board was held on Tuesday, January 7, 2025. Mr. Protho called the meeting to order at 12:18 P.M. The meeting was held at the Calumet Township Trustee Office.

Call to Order

LOCAL BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING:

MOTION MADE BY:

Mr. Piggee moved to begin the Board of Finance Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Protho. The Vote: Mr. Piggee- (Y), Mr. Protho- (Y). (2) Yes and (0) No. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #2025-01

REVIEW OF BOARD OF FINANCE REPORT FOR YE 2024:

Overview completed by Daniel Dalton.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 2025-01: REVIEW OF BOARD OF FINANCE REPORT FOR YE 2024:

James Piggee moved to approve Resolution # 2025-01, seconded by Mr. Protho. The Vote: Mr. Piggee- (Y), Mr. Protho- (Y). (2) Yes and (0) No. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Darren Washington stated we should not wear our uniforms, with her name on the clothing, after she has been indicted. He said it was ridiculous and unacceptable. He wants the Board to revisit the uniforms.

Romeka Bonds mentioned morale was low and told everyone to stay encouraged.

Gregg Frazier mentioned we continue to wear uniforms, but we are not forced to wear the uniforms.

Linda Collins Brown wanted to focus on the good. She stated CTT has a good record of helping the community.

INTERIM TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Ms. Bennett congratulated the new officers. She also mentioned the praise we received from the schools, community, and people as it related to giving out the school uniforms. She said people thanked them and the process ran smoothly. She mentioned information was listed on the website and radio.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Piggee wanted to know if we could partner with the City of Gary regarding the park across the street and keeping it clean.

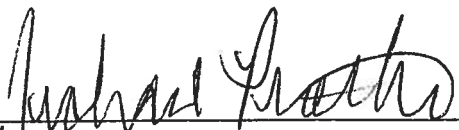
Mr. Protho said he is glad we meet the needs of the community.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:


Mr. Protho motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Piggee.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:37 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: February 10, 2025, at 4:00 P.M.



Michael Protho (Chairman)

Jacqueline Holmes (Secretary)


James Piggee