

# Jason Holliday

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David E. Knight, District 5  
Neil Mack, District 3  
Josh Masquelier, District 2  
Luke Schmitt, District 4

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TO: Decatur Township Board

FROM: Neil Mack

DATE: Feb 9, 2021

RE: Minutes from Feb 9<sup>th</sup> Township Board Meeting

Those present -

Board Members:  
Jason Holiday  
David Knight  
Lucinda Taylor-Freund  
Josh Masquelier  
Luke Schmitt  
Neil Mack

Non-Board Members:  
Chief Pascal Arnes  
Councilor Josh Bain

- Dave Knight called meeting to order at 5:30pm and asked if everyone had a chance to read the minutes from the last month's meeting, which was Jan 5<sup>th</sup>. The consensus was that everyone had. Dave asked for a motion to forego reading the minutes and adopt as submitted.
  - Luke Schmitt offered first motion; Lucinda Taylor-Freund gave the 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - All were in favor to adopt the Jan 5<sup>th</sup> minutes as submitted.
  - Minutes adopted as submitted.
  
- Dave Knight turned the meeting to Trustee Jason Holliday.
  - Jason passed out copies of the 2020 Annual Financial Report for review. NOTE: The full report was sent to the board via email on Jan 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
  - Some discussion ensued.
  - Neil asked if an accounting firm reviews the report for a second set of eyes. Jason replied that the report goes to the state monthly. And that the state board of finance audits periodically.
  - Several other minor questions were asked and addressed. There were no questions around the integrity of the report. It appeared that everything was thoroughly categorized and labeled.
  - Lucinda Taylor-Freund made a motion to accept the report, Dave Knight offered the 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - All were in favor of accepting the 2020 Annual Financial Report.
  - 2020 Annual Financial Report was accepted.

- Each board member signed the report.
- Trustee Jason Holliday invited Chief Pascal Arnes to present the annual report from the Fire Department.
  - Chief Arnes presented a thorough 57-page report and answered various questions.
  - The board offered compliments to Chief Arnes for his hard work and accountability.
- Trustee Jason Holliday called for a review of the 2021 township assistance guidelines. Jason explained that there are no substantive changes regarding policy, and no changes to the dollar amounts. It involved only minor corrections of typographical errors, such as capitalizing the letter “t” in Trustee and changing the verbiage around “7 Person Board” to “5 Person Board”, to be accurate with the current structure of the board.
  - Noting again, that the proposed changes were sent to the board via email on Jan 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
  - The board reviewed the marked up hard copy, to verify the nature of the changes. After some discussion, the board was content with the nature of the changes.
  - Luke Schmitt motioned to accept the changes; Lucinda Taylor-Freund offered the 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - All in favor, the changes passed.
  - Each board member signed.
- Jason Holliday shared a letter dated February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 to the Indiana State Board of Accounts.
  - In summary, Decatur Township was a victim of a theft, known as check washing.
    - On January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the Township received an e-mail from Officer Bolesta from the Montgomery County Maryland Police Department, with copies of six checks written as if they were from the Decatur Township account. Below is a brief description of the checks.
      - No. 68843, \$1,850.73 written to Linda Dominguez, and \$1,850.73 written to Tom Cleaning Service LLC
      - No. 68895, \$675.44 written to David Williams CPA Accounting and Tax Service LLC, and \$1,850.73 written to Alejandro Vasquez.
      - No. 68899, \$42,394.78 written to Gerald M Harmon, and \$980,000.00 written to Daniel A. Silver.
  - The checks are being disputed and we expect to get the money back.
  - We should receive more information on this during the next meeting.
  - We have changed the procedure for mailing checks, so the checks now will go into a USPS box.
- Trustee Jason Holliday to make the board aware, handed out copies of proposed Senate Bill No. 932. This bill would grant authority to townships for handling zoning variances.
- Trustee Jason Holliday, for informational purposes showed the 2021 budget schedule.
- Trustee Jason Holliday, for informational purposes showed the letter appointing Jenne Baine as the alternate person to perform executive duties should the trustee become incapacitated.

- Trustee Jason Holliday made the board aware that he was asked by the Rink family to consider renaming the Decatur Township Government Center, to something that would include Steve Rink's name.
  - This was presented as something to think about, no action taken at this time.
  - Some discussion ensued around how a board resolution would need to be passed in order to make that change.
  
- Lucinda Taylor-Freund motioned adjourn; Lucinda Schmitt offered the 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - All were in favor.
  - Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Neil Mack