

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 6, 2026; 6:00 P.M.

**St. John Township Community Center, 1515 W. Lincoln Highway, Schererville, IN 46375
Main Meeting Room**

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chairman, Lisa Elder, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS

- Lisa Elder, Chairman
- Michael Quigley, Secretary
- Eric J. Stanich, Member

TRUSTEE

- Cathy J. Lareau

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

- Adam J. Sedia

ELECTION OF TOWNSHIP BOARD CHAIRMAN & SECRETARY FOR 2025

Lareau presented the State Board of Accounts Bulletin which gives the details of the required annual meeting of township board to organize.

Quigley made a motion to elect Lisa Elder as Chairman for the year. Stanich seconded the motion.
Elder called for a vote. Motion carried 3-0.

Quigley made a motion to elect Michael Quigley as Secretary for the year. Stanich seconded the motion.

Elder called for a vote. Motion carried 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

REPORTS

1. Trustee Report

Lareau addressed a letter received from Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors on behalf of the Town of Dyer. She explained it is a protocol that they have to follow and we do not normally take action. Sedia stated it was just correspondence; the town council meeting is next Thursday if any of the Board members are interested. Dyer will be adopting the ordinance on second reading. In full disclosure, Sedia explained he

is also the municipal attorney for the Town of Dyer. He explained this letter is about expanding a tax increment financing (TIF) allocation area within the town. It allows for a developer/redevelopment in the area to borrow or for the town to bond against receipt of future tax increases that will result from the development or redevelopment of the area. Sedia briefly went over the scenarios on the last page of the document and concluded there is no impact on St. John Township whether the allocation area is established or not established. Lareau added the tax dollars that would normally go and be distributed stays within the town that is expanding the TIF for redevelopment. Sedia further explained the theory is redevelopment with increase property value will increase tax receipts in the future. What towns do is borrow against the anticipated future property tax increases to encourage present development. This current development will be townhomes built by Olthof. There were no questions.

Elder accepted the Baker Tilly Establishment of the Calumet Avenue Housing Allocation Area as a matter of record.

Lareau deferred to the Attorney Report and will have additional comment with his report.

1. Attorney Report

Following up from the last Board meeting regarding the Board's authorization to appeal to the tax court of the DLGF's denial of the excess levy appeal, Sedia filed the appeal yesterday. We are the first case filed in the tax court this year. He then explained the process and time lines moving forward. If the tax court judge wants to hold a hearing, Sedia requested it to be in Lake County. Per statute, since Lake County is requested, we are entitled to have the hearing in Lake County and the Trustee and Board is welcome to come and watch. Briefing most likely will be done in April and Sedia expects a decision to be made in the Summer. He reiterated the Township is requesting a reversal of the DLGF's decision regarding the levy. Upon Sedia's approval, Lareau contacted the DLGF representative to make her aware of the filing. Lareau briefly discussed with the representative that the Statute does not define a natural disaster which is the reason for appeal. Lareau stated that the representative appreciated being notified.

2. Board Reports

None

CITIZEN INPUT

None

ANY AND ALL OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

Lareau pointed out she and the Executive Financial Assistant will be working on the Annual Report that has to be approved by the Board at the next board meeting along with the updated Township Assistance Guidelines and then will be submitted to the Government Center.

1. The next scheduled meeting of the Township Board to be held Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Quigley made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Stanich seconded the motion.

Elder called for a vote. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Lisa Elder, Chairman

Michael Quigley, Secretary

Eric J. Stanich, Member

Submitted and Attested by Cathy J. Lareau, Trustee