

Walnut Township Special Trustees Meeting

March 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Trustees William Yates, Doug Leith and Terry Horn were present. Also present were Mary Boring, Mayor of Thurston and Aaron Reedy Thurston Clerk.

The sole purpose of this meeting is to meet with John Carlisle and discuss economic development options.

There was a discussion regarding any annexation by the Village of Baltimore and how it would affect the tax base in regards to the fire and the road and bridge funds.

John Carlisle, Etna Township Trustee, recommends considering becoming involved in joint developments, JEDs and JEDZs.

One negotiation tool can be the use of PILOT – payment in lieu of tax.

Commissioners can deny an annexation due to a problem in the flow in process and if the documents were signed under duress.

Review the no annexation agreements every 25 years.

A JEDD requires 50% of the property owners and 50% of the business owners

A JEDDZ requires 50% plus one of the property owners and 50% plus 1 of the business owners.

Carlisle recommends requesting a Fairfield County Land Use map that shows the future use of land.

A TIF can be put on vacant ground.

The results of the Wendall Cox Report; which was to determine how and who did the best financing and reacting to the public; Townships came out on top.

Carlisle recommends the next steps; Protect the Baltimore corridor; Obtain an official list of owners in the area of a potential JEDD, define the boundaries of the JEDD.

Trustee Horn made a motion to continue using John Albers as representation for creation of JEDD or JEDDZ and for economic developments, with a new retainer, if needed. Trustee Yates seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

John Albers is potentially available to attend the March 18th meeting.

10:28 PM, Trustee Leith made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Yates seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Lynn Kraner, Fiscal Officer

William Yates, Chairman

Terry Horn

Doug Leith