

Minutes of the Meeting of the Perry Township Board
Perry Township, Marion County, Indiana
09-10-2025

Present:

Member District 1	Jim Sullivan
Member District 2	Terry Trent
Member District 3	Randy Decker, President,
Member District 4	Howard Howe, Secretary
Member District 5	Tim O'Connor
Perry Township Trustee	Patty Hagenmaier
Perry Township Small Claims Court Judge	Hon. Cheryl Rivera
Perry Township Office Assistant	Kieran Locke
Chief Deputy Township Trustee	Tammy Springman
Township Counsel	Alex Will, Esq.
Township Financial Advisor	Beth Marsh
Small Claims Court Office Manager	Andy Backus
Citizen & Taxpayer	Hon. Richard Hagenmaier

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Randy Decker. All persons present stood and pledged allegiance to the flag of our United States of America.

Secretary Howard Howe called the roll of Board members. All five board members were present.

Member Jim Sullivan moved and Member Terry Trent seconded to table consideration of the proposed minutes of the 13 August 2025 meeting. This motion was adopted 5-0. The minutes are required to recite the topics discussed during the executive session, according to the Indiana Code.

Trustee Patty Hagenmaier discussed the repairs to the township building, which include the foundation, drywall, and carpet.

Trustee Patty Hagenmaier reported that 21 families, which includes 50 students, were provided with school clothing through the Perry Township Assistance program (formally known as Township Poor Relief).

President Randy Decker recessed the meeting to conduct a public hearing on the Perry Township Capital Improvement Plan (“CIP”) for 2026 through 2031. Perry Township Financial Advisor Beth Marsh discussed the Plan. The Plan does not authorize specific expenditures (as these are authorized only during the yearly budget) but rather sets forth the Township’s current thinking about its capital needs over the next several years. There were no public comments. Board members were informed that the CIP can be adjusted as perceived capital needs change, and in any event any specific expenditure must be budgeted. President Randy Decker re-opened the public meeting. Member Terry Trent moved and Member Jim Sullivan seconded to adopt Resolution 2025-3, the Perry Township Capital Improvement Plan for 2026-2031. This motion was adopted 5-0.

Trustee Patty Hagenmaier presented the proposed Trustee’s budget for 2026, and Judge Cheryl Rivera presented the proposed court budget for 2026. The Township Financial Advisor Beth Marsh assisted with both presentations. The respective schedules and proposals offered by the Judge and by the Trustee, respectively, are made a part of these minutes by reference.

The Court's budget includes a proposed increase of \$15,000 for an anticipated increase in health insurance premiums, The Trustee's budget includes \$21,500 for the same purpose (for Township Assistance caseworkers and for Township Fund employees). The Trustee will negotiate a rate with the health insurer, but the final actual premium is not known at this time. Both the Trustee's and the Court's budgets reflect uncontrollable increases; for example postage (the price of which is dictated by the United States Postal Service) and utility services (dictated by American Electric Service and by Citizens Energy Group). The Trustee's proposed budget shows an increase of \$10,000 which will complete the ongoing repairs to the township building. The Trustee's and the Judge's respective proposed budgets combined request only a 4.99% increase, which, if approved at that level, will maintain the township tax rate at less than one cent per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation. This target has been met for at least the prior 9 years and the Board reiterated its support to maintain this goal.

The Board considered Resolution 2025-4 to establish "Fund 50- Transportation and Infrastructure Fund". Member Terry Trent moved and Member Jim Sullivan seconded this resolution. The resolution was adopted 4-1, with Secretary Howard Howe dissenting.

President Randy Decker solicited comments from the public and from board members. Neither offered any.

The Board will next meet on Wednesday, 1 October 2025 and on Wednesday, 22 October 2025, unless a meeting is canceled.

Member Terry Trent moved and Member Tim O'Connor seconded to adjourn the meeting. This motion was approved 5-0.

The Board meets next at 7:00 pm on the regularly posted day (please call the Trustee's office at 317-788-4815 for exact date) or at a later date if there is no business to come before the board) in the Community Room in the Perry Township Government Center, 4925 Shelby Street, Indianapolis, IN 46227. Board meetings are public and subject to the Indiana open records and public meetings laws, and the public is asked to attend. Parking is free. The Perry Township Government Building is ADA accessible. If an attendee requires assistance, the attendee should contact the Trustee in advance of the meeting by calling the Trustee's office at 317-788-4815 or by contacting the Trustee through e-mail at contact@perrytownship-in.gov.

Respectfully Submitted,

Howard Howe, Secretary, Perry Township Board

Randall Decker, President, Perry Township Board

9-15-2025