Mrs. Godsey called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM asking those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present were:

Georgeann Godsey, President
Ron Casey, Vice President
Roland Winburn, Trustee
Kris McClintick, Administrator
Deborah Merrick, Fiscal Officer

Jeff Mutter, Services Director
Cathi Spaugy, Development Director
Capt. Roy, Sheriff's Office
Chief Mark Lynch, Fire Department

Approval of October 19, 2017 Meeting Minutes: Mr. Winburn made a motion to approve October 19, 2017 Workshop and General Session meeting minutes. Mr. Casey seconded. Motion carried.

Administrator's Presentation:

a. Amending Appropriation Accounts: Mr. Casey made a motion to approve Resolution No. 101-2017 amending the 2017 appropriations. Mr. Winburn seconded. Motion carried.

b. Permanent Transfer of Monies to Grant Fund: Mr. Winburn made a motion to approve Resolution No. 102-2017 permanently transferring monies to the Grant Fund. Mr. Casey seconded. Motion carried.

c. Approval of Special Purchase Orders: Mr. Casey made a motion to approve Special Purchase Order No.'s SP20170132 thru SP20170136 and to increase BL20174018, BL20174022, BL20174050, SP20170029 and SP20170034. Mr. Winburn seconded. Motion carried.

d. Approval of Expenditures:
   1. Voucher No. 41-2017, Payroll: Mr. Winburn made a motion to approve Voucher No. 41-2017, Payroll, in the amount of $168,254.64 Mr. Casey seconded. Motion carried.
   2. Voucher No. 42-2017, Accounts Payable: Mr. Casey made a motion to approve Voucher No. 42-2017, Accounts Payable, in the amount of $332,004.44. Mr. Winburn seconded. Motion carried.

e. FM Global Fire Prevention Grant Application - Fire Department: Mr. Winburn made a motion to approve Resolution No. 103-2017 authorizing the submission of an application to apply for a FM Global Fire Prevention Grant. Mr. Casey seconded. Motion carried.

f. Weed Abatement Assessments: Mr. Casey made a motion to approve Resolution No. 104-2017 directing the Township Fiscal Officer to file liens for aggregate expenses of weed cutting. Mr. Winburn seconded. Motion carried.

g. Weed Abatement Assessment Removal - Landbank Properties: Mr. Winburn made a motion to approve Resolution No. 105-2017 removing 2017 weed abatement liens from 13 Landbank properties. Mr. Casey seconded. Motion carried.
h. Scheduling of December 29, 2017 Trustee Meeting: Mr. Casey made a motion to set December 29, 2017, at 9:00 AM for a special year end Trustee meeting. Mr. Winburn seconded. Motion carried.

i. Rescheduling of January 1, 2018 Trustee Meeting. Mr. Winburn made a motion to approve moving the January 1, 2018, Trustee meeting to Tuesday, January 2, 2018, at 7:00 PM due to the holiday. Mr. Casey seconded. It was noted there will be no workshop on this date. Motion carried.

Hearing of the Public: Mrs. Godsey opened the Hearing of the Public at 7:16 PM and read the public comment statement.

Peter Miller, 290 Park End Dr, 275-5620: Mr. Miller voiced his concerns for the people who are losing their jobs as a result of the closing of the Harem for a year. He asked the Board to consider these consequences in the future.

Kathleen Sizemore/Sally Farr, 4520 Ross Avenue, 277-2743: Mrs. Sizemore is unable to use some of her utilities/appliances such as the commode and washer since the water line replacement in her area. She expressed her appreciation for Ms. Wegley of the Services Department in helping her obtain phone numbers. Mr. Mutter will follow up with Mrs. Sizemore tomorrow morning.

Richard Melson, 3555 Wales, 321-3973: Mr. Melson expressed appreciation to the Township and the Sheriff’s Office for their continued efforts in cleaning up problems along North Dixie. Mr. Melson’s water pressure has decreased since the water main break on Marlay and would like the issue resolved. Mr. Mutter said he will check into it but sometimes after a water main break residue can get into a faucet and clog up the aerator’s. Mr. Melson will check his faucets for this.

Ms. Sally Elam, 2439 Oneida, 397-2079: Ms. Elam thanked the Township and the Sheriff’s Office for the unity shown today regarding the closing of the Harem. Although she stated there are still drug houses and problem properties in the area, she hopes this unity will continue. Ms. Elam also stated that herself and some of her neighbors feel they are forgotten at times. All of the Board assured her that is not the case and they do care about all the residents. They do all they can within the limits of the law to resolve issues residents bring to them.

Tony Hamblin, 2030 Koehler, 681-1204: Mr. Hamblin reported that squatters have moved into a vacant property in his area. He believes the address is 4916 Koehler. He asked Capt. Roy how this can happen. Capt. Roy replied that a lot of owners of vacant properties are absentee owners and do not care nor follow the properties. Unless the Sheriff’s Office receives a complaint from the owners, there is nothing they can do about it as long as no illegal activity takes place. Mr. Hamblin also stated that he recently did a ride-a-long with Tony McKee, Code Enforcement Officer, and was stunned by the amount of time and effort it takes to do that job. In 3 hours time they were only able to cover a portion of Mr. McKee’s assigned area. He did not realize what all that position entails.
Board Discussion:

Mr. Casey commented on the barricading of the Harem parking lot today and noted that the sign would be covered up with a tarp soon. Capt. Roy said the judge has granted the owners permission to go into the building to take care of any perishables and to winterize the place. Mr. Casey also reminded everyone that tomorrow is election day and urged them to go out and vote.

Mr. Winburn also commented on the closing of the Harem and that the Board is continually working on improving the image of the Township and in bringing more businesses into the area that will offer job opportunities to the residents.

Mrs. Godsey thanked the Sheriff’s Office for all the work they have done to help improve the Township. It can take a long time to accomplish things due to all the legalities.

Mr. McClintick noted that surveys will be handed out tonight in the hopes that residents will fill them out and return them. The Board would like to know what the residents think the Township is doing well, what we can improve on and any suggestions they may have along those lines.

Fiscal Officer’s Financial Review: Ms. Merrick asked the Board to verify that they had received financial reports for October 2017.

Mrs. Godsey       Aye
Mr. Casey         Aye
Mr. Winburn       Aye

There being no further business, Mr. Winburn made a motion to adjourn at 7:52 PM. Mr. Casey seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Deborah L. Merrick, Fiscal Officer

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Attested as to Signatures:

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