

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

February 9, 2021 @ 6:30pm

Held Virtually Via Zoom

(Recording available online at [https://youtu.be/Vq5\\_m3KkoLA](https://youtu.be/Vq5_m3KkoLA))

Call to Order:

- A. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Establishment of a Quorum:

- A. Board members Shane Sommers, Amanda Babinec, and Steve Blacketer were present.
- B. Trustee Don Hodson, members of the township staff, and members of the public were also present.

Preliminary Information for the Murphy Park Bond Hearing:

- A. Park Director Lora Helmick provided the board and the members of the public with an update on the Murphy Aquatics Park project and financing.
- B. Bond Counsel Brian Bosma explained that the Township had already held two preliminary hearings on January 5 and 26, 2021. He walked attendees through the process of the lease bond financing and explained that it was very similar, except for the project specifics, to the Station 144 lease bond. He noted that the lease will go for a maximum of 17 years.
- C. Hodson reminded attendees that the Board had not made a final decision to move forward with the project and was waiting to see what the final bond cost and bids would be. The tentative date for opening bids would be April 23. After that, the board would decide whether to award the contract and proceed with the project.

Public Hearing on the Approval of a Lease with Washington Township, Hendricks County Building Corporation and Appropriations in Support Thereof (Murphy Aquatics Park Project):

- A. The public hearing opened at 6:39pm and closed at 6:40pm. There were no public comments.

Department Reports

- A. Sommers noted that the Board received department reports and recognized everyone for going above and beyond in "a bit of an odd year."
- B. Babinec added that the reports show that "no one has been stagnant" and that the Township should be proud. Blacketer agreed.

Old Business

- A. Murphy Park Update

- a. Hodson walked attendees through the proposed timeline for Murphy Park with construction to start in May 2021 and grand opening in May 2022.
- B. Station 144/Training Ground Update
  - a. Chief Smith informed the Board that the department went to bid last week on the steel and demolition packages for 144.
  - b. Chief noted that the department was finalizing plans for the training tower. Now that the site work was complete, they would be moving the trailer from 141 to the Training Ground.

New Business:

- A. State of the Township:
  - a. Trustee Don Hodson presented the Township Administration report.
  - b. Deputy Trustee Britt Woodard presented the Township Assistance report because Township Assistance Director Bobbie Vickers was out of the office on a personal leave.
  - c. Human Resources Director Tracy Justice presented the Human Resources report.
  - d. Parks Director Lora Helmick presented the Parks and Recreation report.
  - e. Fire Chief Dan Smith presented the Fire Department report.
- B. Presentation for Approval of the 2020 Township Annual Financial Report (AFR)
  - a. Trustee Hodson explained that the Board could either accept the report as presented or make exception.
  - b. Trustee Hodson presented the 2020 AFR for approval. He also thanked Deputy Trustee Woodard for her work on the report and all the taxing entities and members of the public for being present to receive it.
  - c. All three members of the Board approved the 2020 AFR without exception.
- C. Resolution 020921-01: Resolution to Approve a Lease with the Washington Township Building Corporation, Assigning Plans and Specifications, Approving Issuance of the Corporation's Bonds, Approving Continuing Disclosure Agreement, Approving Appropriation, Approving Property Transfer and Related Actions (Murphy Park Project).
  - a. Counsel Bosma presented the resolution to the Board.
  - b. Babinec motioned to approve the resolution. Blacketer seconded the motion. During the vote, all three board members voted to approve. The resolution passed 3-0.
- D. Resolution 020921-02: Approval of the 2020 Township Assistance Guidelines
  - a. Trustee Hodson informed the Board that the guidelines were going to be postponed until the March meeting because Director Vickers had been unexpectedly out of the office on a personal leave.
- E. Resolution 020921-03: Declaration of Surplus Property
  - a. Hodson presented three computer towers from the Parks Department to be declared surplus.

- b. Blacketer asked if the towers were going to be sold or scrapped. Helmick said the hard drives would be destroyed and then the towers would be scrapped.
- c. Blacketer motioned to approve the resolution. Babinec seconded the motion. The resolution passed 3-0.

F. Resolution 020921-04: Amending the 2021 Township Salary Resolution

- a. Hodson explained that the purpose of this amendment was to raise the firefighters' ride-out pay for Chauffeur, Lieutenant, and Battalion Chief and to add part-time division chief assistants for EMS and Training.
- b. Babinec motioned to approve the resolution. Blacketer seconded the motion. The resolution was approved 3-0.

Public Comment:

- A. There were no public comments.

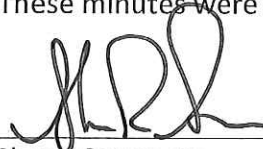
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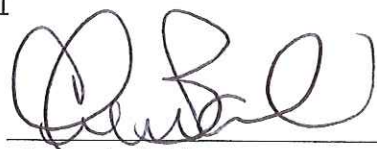
- A. Hodson asked the board members to come to the Washington Township Government Center on February 10 to sign the AFR and other resolutions.
- B. Hodson also recognized the various taxing entities and organizations who worked together in 2020 to support the community and keep Avon strong.

Adjournment:

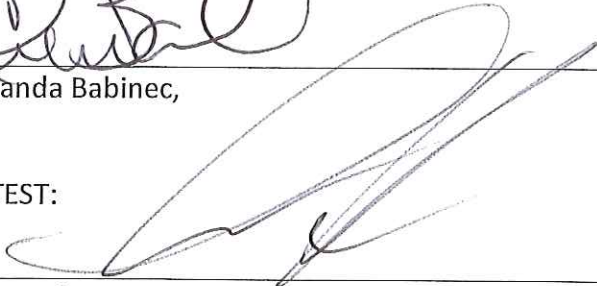
- A. Blacketer motioned to adjourn at 7:42pm. Babinec seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn carried 3-0.

These minutes were approved March 9, 2021

  
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Shane Sommers,

  
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Amanda Babinec,

  
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Steve Blacketer,

ATTEST:  
  
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Don Hodson, Trustee

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 3:00pm at 311 Production Drive, Avon, Indiana.