

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2018
7:00 PM
HELD AT: WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT CENTER
311 PRODUCTION DRIVE, AVON, INDIANA 46123

Call to Order and Pledge:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm and the pledge to the flag was given.

Establishment of Quorum:

Suzanne Conger, Steve Blacketer and Fred Palmer were present. In addition Trustee Don Hodson, Legal Counsel Tony Jost, staff and public were present.

Consent Agenda:

Fred Palmer made a motion to approve the minutes for September 11, 2018 and September 12, 2018 with the minor typo changes corrected. Steve Blacketer seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Because Fred Palmer was not present at the September 27, 2018 meeting, Steve Blacker made a motion to approve the minutes for that meeting. Suzanne Conger seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Fred Palmer made a motion to accept the claims presented. Steve Blacketer seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Public Comment:

None

Department Reports (See attached)

Township Assistance report was reviewed and no questions were raised.

Parks Department Report was reviewed and no questions were raised.

Fire Department Report was reviewed. Chief Smith recognized Assistant Chief George and Battalion Chief Porter for their involvement with Indiana Task Force

and being deployed last month for hurricane and tropical storm relief. He also reported that Chief George was deployed again that morning for the Hurricane Michael relief in North Carolina. Fred Palmer questioned Chief Smith as to why a trip was made to Florida to see an engine for possible purchase in the recent bid process, when it could have been handled by email or phone call Chief Smith advised that other than time spent for the day there; the Township incurred no cost for Chris Krahn, Gerald George and him going there. Chief advised the reasoning was to visually inspect the engine since the cost was over \$400,000. He also told Mr. Palmer the other engine being considered was in Indianapolis and was inspected there.

Feed Palmer also asked about the potential training grounds being considered on property located on Avon School property. Chief Smith advised that the Trustee and he had made a presentation to the Avon School Board meeting on Tuesday October 8th. He stated it went well. Mr. Palmer asked if the neighbors adjacent to the property being considered would be contacted. Trustee Hodson advised they would be contacted. Fred Palmer then asked about any renderings. Chief Smith advised no costs had been spent on that etc. until we know if the school is positive about moving forward.

Trustee Report:

Besides the report provided and attached, Trustee Hodson advised that an offer had been made and accepted for the vacant Township Assistance Director position by Thomas Chittenden and he would be starting Monday October 15th. Trustee also advised that the Township Department Heads would be doing initial interviews with candidates selected for the Township HR director position on Thursday and Friday of this week. After that they would be sending to him finalist to consider.

Old Business:

Pecar Park Update- see report.

Director Helmick touched on key points of the report. Trustee Hodson reviewed the updated Financial Report and stated the project was still on target to be under budget upon completion.

Reserve Engine Bid

Chief Smith reviewed the process that had been followed according the state statues. He stated that the engine being recommended was a 2018 E One Typhoon Pumper from Fire services. He and Legal Counsel Jost advised it was the lowest bid and also met the requirement of lowest responsible and responsive bidder. The bid was for \$399,871 and with the other options the department was adding the final cost would be \$ 418,271. With the recommendation being made, Fred Palmer made a motion to approve Resolution #100918-01 accepting and awarding the bid for the acquisition of pumper engine. Steve Blacketer seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Reserve Engine Lease Bid

Chief Smith presented the recommendation by Financial Advisor Jeff Peters to award the lease bid to BB Community Leasing Services for the purchase of the Engine approved to purchase. Fred Palmer made a motion to approve Resolution # 100918-02 directing the Trustee to execute the documents with BB Community Leasing. Steve Blacketer seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

New Business:

2019 Township Budget

Trustee Hodson presented the documents necessary to secure the approval of the Proposed Township Budget, Township Levies and the Township Tax Rates for 2019. (see attached). Fred Palmer made for the record the following objections to the proposed budget for 2019:

- Increase in Township Assistance Director
- Pay Range for the HR Director
- Adding a part time support service employee
- Moving part time receptionist to full time Fire Administrative Assistance
- Adding part time receptionist
- Additional Park part time grounds keeper
- Addition of Park part time Administrative Assistant
- Addition of Park part time Naturalist

Chairman Conger assigned Resolution number # 100918-03 to the 2019 Budget Appropriations and Tax Rates Ordinance. Each of the three Board members then announced their vote on the resolution, checking the same designation and affixing their signature to that vote. Suzanne Conger and Steve Blacketer each voted "Yay" for the resolution. Fred Palmer, for the objections given, voted "Nay". **The Budget Resolution 100918-03 passed 2-1.**

2019 Township Salary Resolution

Trustee Hodson presented for approval the 2019 Township Salary Resolution. He reviewed the positions, the pay salary or hourly rate and the retirement class designation for each of the positions. Steve Blacketer made a motion to approve Resolution 100918-04 2019 Township Salary Resolution. Suzanne Conger seconded the motion. Fred Palmer stated he was opposed to it for the same objections given for the 2019 Budget. **Motion carried 2-1.**

WCC easement request

TABLED so Legal Counsel could review.

Cemetery

Township Administrator Josie Conrad told the board about the Cemetery Crawl sponsored by the Township that was held Saturday October 6, 2018. She wanted to publicly thank Park Programmer Trilby Berry -Taymen and the Avon Library Historian Susan Truax for their hard work and efforts on it. She stated it went well and was well received. She then outlined some things she learned at the Indiana Township Association Conference in September. For that reason she wanted to wait until the November Board meeting to bring the rules governing burial in the Township Cemeteries for approval.

Public Comment:

None

Wishes To Be Heard:

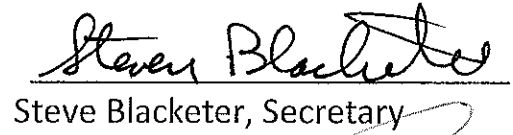
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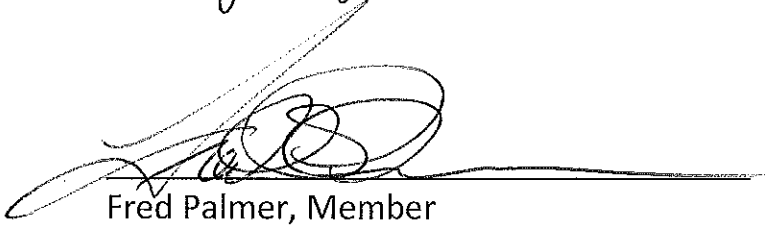
Adjournment:

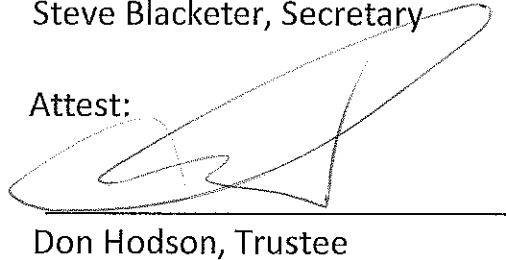
Steve Blacketer made a motion to adjourn. Fred Palmer seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.** Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Minutes were approved November 13, 2018.


Suzanne Conger, Chairman


Steve Blacketer, Secretary


Fred Palmer, Member

Attest:

Don Hodson, Trustee

Next meeting will be November 13, 2018 at 7:00 PM. All meetings are held at the Washington Township Government Center, 311 Production Drive, Avon, Indiana 46123.