

# WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

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Washington Township Board Meeting  
Meeting May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 — 7:00 PM  
Held at: Washington Township Pavilion Center  
435 Whipple Ln, Avon, IN 46123

## Call to Order and Pledge

Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM and Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## Quorum

Quorum was established Doug Elmore, Michael J. Lynch and Suzanne X. Conger present. Also in attendance: Trustee Don Hodson, Deputy Trustee Pat Laughlin, financial consultant Jeff Peters and staff.

## Public Comment

1. None

## Consent Agenda

The minutes for the April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 board meeting, April 15<sup>th</sup> workshop, and the April claims were presented. Doug Elmore had a change to the April 9<sup>th</sup> minutes under Consent Agenda. It should read "HVAC" and not "HVCA". Don Hodson had a change to the April 9<sup>th</sup> minutes under New Business about the Strategic Planning Consultant. It reads "succeed" instead of "exceed". Michael J. Lynch made a motion to approve the claims and the minutes with the amendments that were noted and Suzanne X. Conger seconded the motion. **Motion carries 3-0.**

## Department Reports

1. Chief Dan Smith presented the April fire department report. That report can be found on the township website. The department is looking to go to a cloud version on Firehouse which will cost approximately \$6,000.00. This will happen before the end of the year. Chief Smith asked the board to look over the CUM expenditures so that it could be discussed at the next board meeting.
2. Jennifer Thornell presented the April public assistance report. That report can be found on the township website. Don Hodson told the board that there is a plan being formed to help with the public assistance program. This plan will hopefully discourage those that abuse the system.
3. Nikki Montembeault presented the April parks report. The report can be found on the township website. The ribbon cutting date for the Story Walk installation is June 7<sup>th</sup> from 11AM-12PM. Right after that will be the Avon Town Park's ribbon cutting.

## Trustee's Report

1. Don Hodson presented the Trustees Report. That report can be found on the township website.

## Old Business

1. None

## New Business

1. Don Hodson started off the financial report by presenting the possibility of taking the extra cash from the CAGIT money for cash reserves use on a "rainy day". This would help in the future over the next six or eight years. The second thing would be a goal providing capital reserves so that the township would not have to do tax anticipation warrants. The third thing would be to reduce township debt by early retirement of bonds when possible. The fourth thing would be to expand the fire stations and the park to help with the expansion of the community. This would mean additional staffing and expanding the current firehouses to accommodate the growth. Jeff Peters presented the Township Financial Plan. The plan can be found in the Township board packet. He suggested that the board focus on the six to eight year period to figure out the amounts for future growth and what it could possibly cost. A discussion was held over the CAGIT funds between Jeff Peters and the township board.
2. Don Hodson presented the Retirement Medical Insurance Supplement. This will replace the VEBA plan for merit firefighters. This has been discussed during past board meetings. Don Hodson discussed the resolution that will go along with the supplement. A VEBA board will need to be set up consisting of the Trustee or an appointee of the Trustee, a member of the township board or someone approved by the township board, two appointees from the merit firefighters, and then a township resident appointed by the existing four board members. A discussion was held over where the money is coming from to fund the new plan. The Resolution to Terminate Contributions to the Current VEBA Under Resolution 1221011 was presented to the township board. Michael Lynch decided to abstain from voting on the resolution since he was not present at the workshop. Suzanne X Conger made a motion to approve Resolution #051414-01, The Adoption of the Washington Township Retirement Medical Insurance Reimbursement Defined Contribution Plan and Trust and Appointment of VEBA Board of Trustee. Doug Elmore seconded the motion. **Motion passes 2-0.** Don Hodson presented the Resolution #051414-02, Authorization to Stop Contributions to the VEBA Plan for Washington Township Employees As Hourly Adjusted the Qualifying Washington Township Non-Merit Employees. Michael J. Lynch motioned to approve the resolution. Suzanne X Conger seconded the motion. **Motion passes 3-0.** Resolution #051414-03, Amendment to the 2014 Salary Resolution due to the two other adjustments, was presented. This would be the Township Administrator and the three Division Chiefs. Suzanne X Conger made a motion to approve the resolution. Michael Lynch seconded the motion. **Motion passes 3-0.** Don Hodson asked the board to appoint someone to help see this through and get the process started. Suzanne X Conger volunteered to be a part of the VEBA board. Michael Lynch made a motion to appoint Suzanne X Conger to the VEBA board. Doug Elmore seconded the motion. **Motion passes 3-0.**
3. Don Hodson presented the 2015 Township Budget Calendar. The calendar can be found in the Township Board Packets. Suzanne X Conger made a motion to approve the calendar. Michael Lynch seconded the motion. **Motion passes 3-0.**

## Public Comment

None

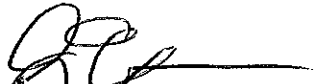
**Wishes to be Heard**

Don Hodson passed out a version of the Township Newsletter that will hopefully be distributed in June. Don wanted members of the board to look over the newsletter and email suggestions over the next few days.

**Adjournment**

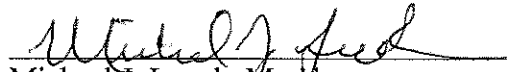
Michael J. Lynch motioned to adjourn the meeting and Suzanne X. Conger seconded the motion. **3-0 motion carries.** Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM. Next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 starting at 7:00 PM. Meeting to be held at Washington Township Pavilion, 435 Whipple Lane, in event of flooding meeting will be held at Washington Township Government Center, 311 Production Drive.

Minutes Approved June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014:

  
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Doug Elmore, President

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Suzanne X. Conger, Secretary

Attest:

  
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Michael J. Lynch, Member

  
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Don Hodson, Trustee