

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2019
6:30 PM
Held at: Washington Township Government Center
311 Production Drive
Avon, Indiana

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm and the pledge to the flag was given.

Quorum Established:

Present at the meeting were: Shane Sommers, Amanda Babinec and Steve Blacketer. Also present were: Trustee Don Hodson, Department Heads and the following guests and public: School Supt. Dr. Margaret Hoernemann, School Board Members- Anne Engelhardt, Kim Woodward, Anita Overton, and Cynthia Simmons. Town of Avon Town Manager Tom Klein and Council Member Steve Eisenbarth.

Consent Agenda:

Steve Blacketer made a motion to approve the January 8, 2019 minutes. Amanda Babinec seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.** Amanda Babinec made a motion to consent to the Claims presented. Steve Blacketer seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Public Comment:

Avon Town Manager Tom Klein congratulated the new Township Board members and wished them success.

“State of the Township”: (see attachment)

Trustee Hodson first thanked everyone for attending. He also stated he wanted to take a minute to publicly thank the School Board and Superintendent for working with the township and Fire Department on a site for the Fire Training Ground. He told everyone that by state law, the trustee is required to present once a year to the Township Board the previous year's Annual Financial Report. He stated that beginning in 2012 for his first annual report (2011), he began a new tradition of the Township Department Heads and him reviewing the previous year's goals and presenting the new year's goals.

The “State of the Township” was presented in the following order:

- Township- Trustee Don Hodson
- Township Assistance- Director Sue Allen
- Township Human Resource- Director Aaron Vining
- Parks Department- Director Lora Helmick
- Fire Department- Chief Dan Smith

The presentation concluded with the 2018 Cash Beginning Balance, Total Income, Total Expense and Ending cash Balance report. Trustee Hodson reminded those present that at the 2017 State of the Township presented in February 2018, he had reviewed this same report. The reason for that being done that year and again this time was the size of the beginning and ending balances being large. For January 1, 2018 the beginning cash balance was \$ 8,400,275.57 and the ending balance on December 31, 2018 was \$ 10,666,898.25. He stated the reason for the balances were as follows:

- \$4.4 million in cash reserve to eliminate the need for the Township to do TAW (Tax Anticipation Warrant) which is saving the Township taxpayers \$12-25,000 a year in interest and fees.
- \$2.4 million is assigned to cover the capital expenditures of the Rainy day and Fire CUM Fund until the June Property Tax payment is received.
- \$900,000 is dedicated to the Township Insurance Fund Reserve in case there is a substantial increase in premiums or claims.
- \$ 3 million saved towards the goal to eliminate the Township Bond debt by 2022.

Trustee also told those present that he was including a "Letter to the Taxpayers of Washington Township" in the legal publications of the 2018 Annual Report in both "The Hendricks County Flyer" and "The Republican".

Department Reports: (see attached)

Township Assistance- no questions

Township HR- Director Vining presented some statistical information on the demographic breakdown of the township employees.

Park Department- no questions

Fire Department- Chief Smith wanted to acknowledge the hard work his administrative staff had done concerning their 2018 goals and 2019 goals that were in the Booklet he gave the Board.

Trustee Report: (see attached)

Trustee Hodson told the Board that the Town of Avon' annual Report would be presented February 14, 2019.

Old Business:

1. Trustee Hodson presented to the Board a request from the WCC (West Central Conservancy District) for an easement on .2 Acres of Township property near Washington Quarters for a project they were doing. He advised that Township Legal Counsel Jost had reviewed the easement and approved it and had prepared the Resolution for the Board to approve giving the Trustee authority to sign the easement for the Township. Amanda Babinec made a motion to approve Resolution 021219-01 giving the Trustee the authority

to sign and convey the easement described in "Exhibit A". Steve Blacketer seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

2. Pecar Park Project: (see attached)

Park Director Helmick and Trustee Hodson gave an update on the project. They advised that there was a meeting scheduled for Friday February 15, 2019 with the CEO of Mattcon Construction to discuss all of the outstanding issues. They stated they would give the Board a report after that meeting. The Financial Report was reviewed and the Board was told the project would get done and be under budget!

3. Station 141 Remodel Update:

Chief Smith told the Board an architect had been selected and they were preparing a rendering for him to provide the Board later. He stated the estimated cost for the project was \$650-750,000.

4. Fire Training Ground Update:

Chief Smith advised that a Public meeting was held on February 6, 2019. Other than the seven individuals from the School Corporation and Township, only 2 others were present. Both of them were residents but one was a firefighter at Pike Twp. Fire and the other a firefighter at Brownsburg Fire. The neighbors of the proposed site did not attend. He also told the Board that Trustee Hodson had contacted Avon Town Planner Jodi Dickey and she advised him that nothing on the zoning had changed. She also told him that other than the one neighbor contacting her, no other contacts had been made about the project. She also told him that the Planning Commission may have questions on burning etc. that Chief Smith should be able to clarify for them.

New Business:

1.. 2018 Township Annual Financial Report: (see Gateway)

Trustee Hodson presented for approval the 2018 Annual Township Financial Report.

He publicly thanked Township Administrator Britt Woodard for her hard work on it.

Board Chair Shane Sommers signed and dated acknowledging that the report was presented by the Trustee to the Board at their Annual meeting on February 12, 2019

Amanda Babinec made a motion to approve the Report as presented with no objections.

Steve Blacketer seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0. All three Board Members signed at Option 1.**

2. 2019 Township Assistance Guidelines: (see attached)

Director Sue Allen presented the revised Township Assistance Guideline. Trustee

Hodson advised the Board the guidelines if approved would be the ones followed by the

Township for 2019. He also told them that a copy has to be posted for the public review

at the Township and a copy is given to the Hendricks County Commissioners in the event

a resident is declined assistance and they want to appeal. He stated that the

commissioners would only rule on whether our approved guidelines had been followed.

Amanda Babinec made a motion to approve Resolution 021219-02 2019 Township Assistance Guidelines. Steve Blacketer seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Public Comment:

None

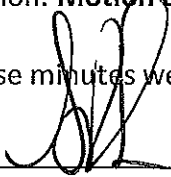
Wishes to be Heard:

None

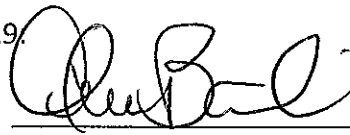
Adjournment:

Steve Blacketer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Amanda Babinec seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.** Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

These minutes were approved March 12, 2019.



Shane Sommers, Chair

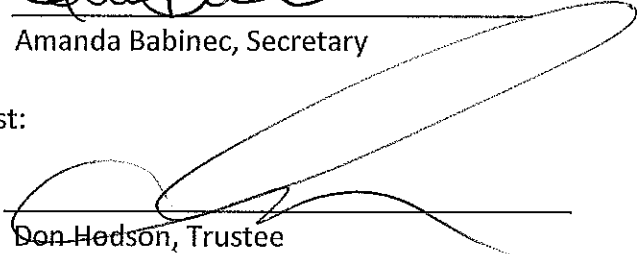


Amanda Babinec, Secretary

Attest:



Steve Blacketer, Member



Don Hodson, Trustee

The next scheduled Board meeting is March 12, 2019 at 2:00pm. All meetings are held at the Washington Township Government Center, 311 Production Drive, Avon, Indiana