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Washington Township Board Meeting  
Meeting December 11<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 by Doug Elmore. The pledge was given.

## Quorum

Quorum was established. Michael J. Lynch, Doug Elmore, and Suzanne X. Conger present. Also in attendance: Trustee Don Hodson, Deputy Trustee Pat Laughlin, Council Tony Jost and staff.

## Public Comment

None

## Consent Agenda

The minutes from the November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 board meeting and November claims were presented. Don Hodson presented an additional claim needed to be added for Park Fuel for \$878.88. Michael J. Lynch made a motion to approve the minutes and claims. Seconded by Suzanne X Conger. **Motion carries 3-0.**

## Department Reports

1. The department reports were not discussed due to the heavy agenda. Those department reports can be found on the township website. Doug Elmore asked if the township was prepared for the winter with enough salt and vehicles. Suzanne X. Conger congratulated the fire department on the outcome of the work performance evaluations (WPE).

## Trustee's Report

2. Don Hodson mentioned that the savings for the tax payers on the park bond refunding would be much higher than originally stated. Instead of around \$100,000, it would be closer to \$240,000. The rest of the Trustee's report can be found on the township website.

## Old Business

1. Don Hodson presented the 2015 Tax Anticipation Warrant (TAW). The board approved at the November board meeting to proceed with the 2015 TAW. This allows the township to borrow up to 90% of anticipated taxes that will go towards to Park, Township, Fire equipment and Fire funds. Tony Jost discussed the adoption of the resolution and how the money is used and paid off. He recommended that current board members that will carry over to the next term sign the documents initially while the incoming board can sign the later documents on the bonds. Suzanne X. Conger and Doug Elmore signed the documents that were approved at the last board

meeting. Per the resolution that was adopted at the last meeting, all closing documents and certificates were signed.

2. Don Hodson presented the Communication Board Resolution. This was originally presented at the November 12<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Wes Bennett, the Plainfield Park Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer for the Communication Center discussed the resolution and what the governing board has been doing to come up with county-wide funding for the Center. This is a unified solution to fund the Communications Center. It is not a guarantee that it will be adopted in April, but it is a start in the right direction. Everyone in the county is informed and knowledgeable of what is trying to be accomplished. The resolution is going to everyone who signed the inter-local agreement. A discussion followed between Wes Bennett, Don Hodson, and the members of the Township Board about the resolution and the steps taken by the Center to create the resolution. The resolution will use the changed wording from the last board meeting. Suzanne X Conger moved to adopt resolution 121114-02 The Resolution of Assent of the Hendricks County Communications Center Resolution. Michael Lynch seconded the motion. **Motion carries 3-0.**

### **New Business**

1. Don Hodson presented the topic Group Transfers as stated in the resolution. There are three different groups within each fund: personnel services, supplies, and other services and charges. The board members are the only ones who are able to transfer funds between the groups. Michael Lynch made a motion to approve resolution 121114-03 Group Transfers. Suzanne X Conger seconded the motion. **Motion carries 3-0.**
2. Don Hodson presented the Medicare Supplement Plan. An employee will reach the age in which they qualify for Medicare next year. After a discussion with the Benefits committee and the employee, a proposal was drawn up for the board to approve. This resolution will be adopted and put into the employee manual that states once an employee reaches the age in which they qualify for Medicare, they will go on the plan and the Township will assist with up to \$1,000 reimbursement. The entire Resolution can be found on the Township website. A discussion was held between Don Hodson and the township board in regards to who decided the employee would go on Medicare when available and the benefits of going on Medicare. Doug Elmore suggested tabling due to the fact the employee has only been able to research this option for the past few days. It was decided to table this discussion until the January regular board meeting on January 27, 2015.
3. Don Hodson presented the Avon Community Schools Resolution. Their board approved the resolution and would like the other entities in the township to approve as well. This asks the state legislature to adopt the funding formula for the school corporations so that it is on a more fair basis. The superintendent is working within the money that is received by the state; it is not a tax increase. The school system is one of the lowest funded in the state. Doug Elmore asked how it would impact the Township. A discussion was held between Don Hodson and the township board about the resolution because of where the school would get the money. Doug Elmore wanted it to reflect in the minutes that if this resolution is passed, it will start something between the schools since this is just shifting the problem, not fixing the problem. Suzanne X Conger made a motion to pass resolution 121114-04 Avon Community Schools Resolution. Michael Lynch seconded the motion. **Motion carries 3-0.**
4. Don Hodson presented the 2015 Board Meeting Schedule. The schedule can be found on the Township website. Suzanne X Conger made a motion to approve resolution 121114-05 2015 Board Meeting Schedule. Michael Lynch seconded the motion. **Motion carries 3-0.**
5. Don Hodson presented the 2014 Encumbrances as stated in the resolution. The board is asking that the board allow the Trustee to encumber to 2014 budget money that has not been

spent yet for certain projects. Michael Lynch moved to approve resolution 121114-06 2014 Encumbrances. Suzanne X Conger seconded the motion. **Motion carries 3-0.**

~~6. Don Hodson presented the January 2015 Board Reorganization Meeting Resolution. This meeting will be held on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7 PM at the Government Center on 311 Production Drive. Michael Lynch made a motion to approve Resolution 111214-05 January 2015 Board Meeting. Suzanne X Conger seconded the motion. **Motion passed 2-0.**~~

7. Kate Love-Jacobson presented what has been accomplished so far with the 5 Year Strategic Plan to the township board. A Township wide plan was created in June ~~but~~ the Strategic Planning board. An internal operations scan, quality of life work survey, and a PEST scan was completed. Once this was completed, operational SMART goals were created, and as part of that process, leadership training is being presented to prepare for the training that will be presented to all of the township employees. An external operations scan was also completed. Kate presented the quality of life survey outcome. The SMART goals were also presented to the Township board members. A discussion was held between Kate Love-Jacobson and the Township board members about the quality of life survey and the change of command. The next part of the process will be for each department to create their own Strategic Plan. Don Hodson asked the board to approve the concept of the Strategic Plan so that the Township can move forward with the plan. A discussion was held amongst the board members about what the plan is presenting. Instead of "adopting the plan", Suzanne X Conger wanted to reword it to "supporting the plan" instead.

#### Public Comment

Fred Palmer, board member elect, commended the board for passing the communications and school resolution. He also wanted to congratulate Michael Lynch for ~~her~~ his service to the Township Board.

#### Wishes to be Heard

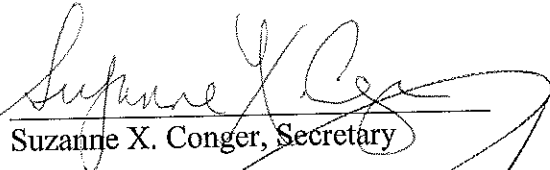
Don Hodson thanked Michael Lynch for sitting on the Township Board for the last four years and presented a plaque.

#### Adjournment


Suzanne X. Conger motioned to adjourn the meeting. Michael Lynch seconded the motion. **Motion carries 3-0.** Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM. Next ~~regularly scheduled~~ meeting is Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> starting at ~~9:30~~ 7:00 PM. Meeting to be held at the Washington Township Government Center, 311 Production Drive.

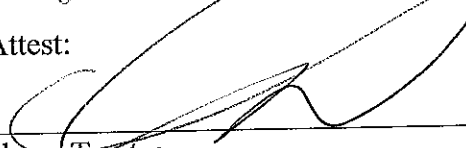
Minutes Approved January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014:

  
Doug Elmore, President

  
Suzanne X. Conger, Secretary

Attest:

  
Fred Palmer, Member

  
Don Hodson, Trustee