# WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

TRUSTEE Don Hodson

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TOWNSHIP BOARD Suzanne X. Conger Doug Elmore Michael J. Lynch

Washington Township Public Hearing September 10, 2014—7:00 PM Held at: Washington Township Park Pavilion, 435 Whipple Lane, Avon, IN, 46123

## Call to Order and Pledge

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

Quorum was established Doug Elmore, Suzanne X. Conger, Michael J. Lynch. Also present were Trustee Don Hodson, Pat Laughlin, Staff, and public.

### **Trustee Comments**

Don Hodson certified that the 2015 Budget was advertised as such in The Hendricks County Flyer on August 16<sup>th</sup> and August 23<sup>rd</sup> and in the *Republican*, on August 14<sup>th</sup> and August 21<sup>st</sup>. It is required by state statutes that these are done.

### **Parks**

Nikki Montembeault presented the revised Parks Budget. The total fund amount did not change for the budget and we had basically adjusted how a little was taken out of events programming, recreation equipment, tree removal, vending, and playground-maintenance to accommodate the wage increase for the Event Coordinator position going full-time. With that increase in pay for the Special Events Coordinator position, we have had to adjust according to the budget for retirement, social security, and long and short term disability, and life insurance. The events coordinator does everything pavilionrelated. Don stated that overall we are at 115.8% of what park revenue needs to be at this point in the year.

## **Public Comment**

Public Hearing for the 2015 Budget was opened at 7:05 p.m.

Eng Md Ed Martin about what we had on the income side of the budgets. Don stated that there is Property tax, CAGIT, and miscellaneous revenue that is brought in by department (i.e. EMS billing fees for fire, Pavilion rentals for Park, etc.) Discussion was held between Ed Martin, Don Hodson, and Pat Laughlin regarding the budget about revenue and cash balance. Ed His)concern is that for years there was a deficit that was covered by emergency loans, that it was resolved and he questioned how good that resolve really is. Don Hodson responded emergency loan covers what the levy deficit was for fire and that the correction allowed us to raise the levy (property tax) so that we would not need to have an emergency fire loan to cover cash balance of fire any longer.

Public Hearing was closed at 7:09 p.m. Doug Elmore stated this is not adoption night; it's public hearing night. Our adoption of the budget will be October 8<sup>th</sup>. The petition for adoption will be next month at our regular meeting –October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Park Pavilion at 7 pm.

Suzanne X. Conger made a motion for adjournment. Seconded by Michael J. Lynch. **3-0 motion carries**. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Public Hearing Minutes Approved October 8, 2014:

Doug Elmore, President

Attest:

Michael J. Lynch, Member

Don Hodson, Trustee