

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2015
TRUSTEE REPORT

1. Tonight we are asking approval to be able to use the SSI Reimbursement Program for those who we give public assistance to and have been approved for disability payments and are awaiting their first payment. We are required by statute to give assistance in those circumstances. However state statute also allows us apply to get reimbursement from social security. Public Assistance Director Jennifer Thornell has included in the packet and will be discussing her investigation as to the procedure, cost, how many and how much in public assistance due to that situation did we give in 2013 and 2014 that we could have received reimbursement had this been in place then. After reviewing her fact finding, I am asking your consensus to proceed with this process.
2. Tonight the Fire Dept is asking approval for a non-reverting fund be established for donations of non tax dollars from the public for use for the department personnel and the dept that is not provided by our budget. Legal Counsel, Tony Jost wrote the resolution in accordance with State Board of Accounts Guidelines. Chief Smith, the Fire Dept and I are asking that you approve the resolution that Mr Jost has written.
3. Tonight, as required by state statute, I am presenting the 2014 Township Annual Financial Report. Your Chairman will be asked to acknowledge receipt of this and then each of you will be asked to approve it as presented or approved with your comments where you don't agree or accept. After this is done we will publish in both The Hendricks County Flyer and The Republican and will post to Gateway for the Public. By presenting this tonight (February 10th) and posting the next day on Gateway and publishing in the newspapers by March 17th, we will have met the statutory deadlines imposed by the legislature. I want to personally thank Township Administrator Josie Simison for her hard work on compiling this report.
4. I want to advise the Board that I have asked Legal Counsel Jost to be present at all of our Board meetings. This will allow us of any legal advise or guidance we need going forward in the future for the remainder of the term.
5. Finally, I would like to request that a Board Workshop be held this month for the purpose of discussing Board/Trustee procedures; expectations by the Board of the Township Trustee, Dept Heads; an update on the "open door law" by Legal Counsel and an update on the Township/Fire Headquarters.