

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2013
TRUSTEE REPORT

1. The Avon Town Council and the Washington Township Board held their first Joint Workshop February 6th concerning the plan for reorganization. That evening Town Manager Tom Klein and I reviewed what each of the Reorganization Committee's subcommittees' thought process was and why they made the recommendations they did. Afterwards the two legislative bodies agreed on the Park's Subcommittee recommendation of combining the two parks and continuing financing the two parks in the same manner as they are doing separately now. They also decided to meet monthly in joint workshops on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Park Pavilion. The next session will be March 6th and the agenda items will be town governance and infrastructure. The consensus was to postpone discussions on the E-Loan payoff, Cum Fund and Public Assistance until the progress on Senate Bill 459 was known. Once these workshops have been held and a consensus of a plan has been decided, the two bodies will hold public hearings and then hold an eventual vote on a plan and whether to approve reorganizing and placing it on a referendum ballot in November 2014.
2. Tonight we will be proposing the refunding of three of our bond funds. This will allow for lower interest rates and a savings to the taxpayers.
3. The process of filling the Park Director vacancy is progressing. Interviewing was done by Board President Doug Elmore and me this past Monday February 18th and hopefully an appointment will be made soon.
4. As some of you know, the four taxing units within the township have been meeting every other month for the purpose of having open dialogue. From these meetings it was decided to do an educational program for the purpose of both the elected officials and key staff of each of these entities learning about each other-i.e. budgets, how they operate, challenges they face and why they do some of the things they do. Each entity will hold a workshop set up in each quarter. The first quarter will be done by the Township and will be Wed. March 13th 6:30pm at the Park Pavilion. The library will do one in the second quarter, the school in the third quarter and the town taking the last quarter. Dates, times and locations for those will be announced later as decided.
5. We will be deciding soon, once we have heard the impact of the Tax Caps (Circuit Breaker), when we will be presenting the 2013 E-Loan for your approval. The County Auditor has told me that we should know that impact within the next two weeks.
6. There are also a couple bills in the House that address the E Loan and the possibility to allow fire depts./townships to adjust their levy to include the differences covered by the E-Loan; thus eliminating the need to do E-Loans. We will keep you informed on their progress.