

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MARCH 20, 2013

TRUSTEE REPORT

1. I am very excited to report that we have a new Director of our Park and Recreation Dept. effective March 4, 2013. Her name is Kellie Fansworth. Her background includes a degree from IU in Park and Recreation. She was director of recreation on the USS Nimitz; followed by establishing and directing recreation facilities for the military in IRAQ; then serving in senior management in the Terre Haute, Indiana Parks Dept.
2. I am happy to report that Board President Elmore and I signed the necessary documents completing the 2013 Township Refunding Bond that will save the Township \$300,000 in interest payments while still allowing it to be paid off after 13 years, which is when the three bonds- the 1998 and the 2004 A & B bonds would have completed.
3. The week of March 11th I visited each of the nine crews. The purpose was to get input and talk about issues, concerns or whatever they might want to discuss. I personally feel they were very productive. I plan to continue doing these on a quarterly basis. I would like to encourage the Board to visit the stations, the park and headquarters as you are able. The one "big thing" I took from my visits was the need for improved communications in all areas- both "up and down the chain". So that will be one of my big goals for 2013 and I will also encourage everyone involved in our organization to make a concerted effort to improve on that too!!
4. Tonight we will be asking for a couple updates to our Township Employee Policy Manual and to adopt a policy for Continuing Disclosure. Also tonight we are asking you to meet as the Finance Board after this meeting to receive the report of the Township Banking bid Committee that you appointed last January.

5. Last Wednesday you and the elected officials and key staff of the Avon Schools, the Library and the Town of Avon met in a session to begin the series on Education of the Greater Avon Community Taxing Units. This was well received and well attended-especially by the Library and Schools. I want to publicly commend and thank Township Administrator Josie Simison, Public Assistance Director Jenifer Thurnell; Chief Dan Smith, Parks Dept Director Kellie Fansworth and Deputy Trustee Pat Laughlin for the hard work and dedication on compiling the information; creating an informative manual; creating the power point and making a fantastic presentation. I have received great comments from the school and library. The Library announced their session will be Thursday, May 16th.

6. The next joint workshop of the Town Council and the Township Board concerning the question on reorganizing into a new town will be Wednesday, April 3rd.