

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
TRUSTEE REPORT
MARCH 16, 2018

1. Since there is no scheduled Board meeting for March, the department heads and I are sending you our reports for the month.
2. Some good news- the legislative act that Senator John Crane sponsored for us on staggered terms for Township Board members will be law effective July 1 of this year. Governor Holcomb signed it last week!! This law will allow Township Boards to establish by resolution a mechanism of having staggered terms. The earliest election this could be used would be 2022. The law states that a board may adopt a resolution during a non-election year stating that at the next election of township board members the terms would be staggered as follows: During the next election cycle designated, the person who received the highest number of votes for township board would serve a four year term and each successive four years. The individuals receiving the second and third highest number of votes would each serve a two year term. Those two board slots would then come up for election again at the end of the two years for a four year term and every four years after. What this law would do, if a township adopted this, is have the trustee and one board member on the same four year term cycle and the other two board members on a different four year cycle. This would help insure the township of always having at least two of the four township officers in place if as a result of an election the other two did not continue in office. Presently, a township could have a new trustee and new board after an election, which is not positive for continuity of trained leadership.
3. As a FYI- I have attached the "Letter to the Taxpayers" that I did that was posted on our website and sent to The Flyer. We also posted on the Fire Dept. and Parks Dept. face book pages that linked the letter on our Township website. The purpose of the letter was to be proactive and provide an exclamation of the \$8 million end of year balance in 2017 that is on the 2017 Township Annual Report that is posted on the state website called "Gateway". It's the same explanation I did during the presentation of the Annual Report on February 13th.

4. I wanted to give you in this report, a preview of some of the April 10th Township Board meeting agenda items:
 - a. Five Year Sustainability Report presented by Jeff Peters
 - b. Establish the 2018 Township Cash Reserve and the 2018 Township Insurance Fund Reserve
 - c. Presentation and approval of two utility easements needed for the Pecar project
 - d. Establishment of the 2019 Budget Calendar
 - e. Presentation and approval of a possible donation to Family Promise
 - f. Presentation and approval of a Surplus ResolutionThese are some of the items for that meeting. There could be more.
5. The Pecar Financial Report is included in the packet. The expenditures since the last report in February show expenditures for Link, Arkor (the architect for the Pecar project) and our first payment to Mattcon Construction.
6. The next Board meeting will be Tuesday-April 10th at 7:00 pm.