

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD WORKSHOP
SEPTEMBER 12, 2018
HELD AT: WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT CENTER
311 PRODUCTION DRIVE, AVON, INDIANA

Call to Order and Pledge:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm and the pledge to the flag was given.

Quorum Established:

Suzanne Conger, Steve Blacketer and Fred Palmer were all present. In addition Trustee Don Hodson, Township Financial Advisor Jeff Peters, Township Legal Counsel Tony Jost, Township Department Heads and public were in attendance.

Public Comment:

None

Board Chairman Suzanne Conger stated the work shop was for the purpose of discussing possible impact to the Township as a result of the increased housing and apartment developments. Trustee Hodson stated there was a possibility of 3-5 more large housing developments and PUDs in the next year or two. He said that some of the increased developments were from those areas that would have already happened in 2008-2009 except the economic downturn changed that. He turned the discussion over to Financial Advisor Peters.

Financial Advisor Peters stated he had a chance to review the undeveloped lots in Washington Township and found the number to be 1100 units with a potential of 3400 persons that would need services above those we are presently servicing. He also told the Board he had asked and received from the four department heads their perceived service needs as a result of the increased housing and what they felt impacts would be. He told the board his conclusion was that the Township was in excellent position financially. He said assuming the Township did pay off the two debt funds by 2022, there would be an additional \$2.7 million annually in cash to use. He told them that if the Township was able to get the County to approve impact fees for the Township they could only be used for capital and would not be available for operations. Trustee Hodson asked about the impact of food and beverage if the Township was able to get the State General Assembly to allow this to happen. If they did approve there would be a

possible additional \$1 million for park and recreation, which would allow the Township to eliminate or decrease considerably the park levy that would in turn allow additional levy funds to the Township General Fund.

The remainder of the meeting was a discussion on what the township could do and the end result was it would take legislative action to allow a fix to the problem.

Public Comment:

None

Wishes To Be Heard:

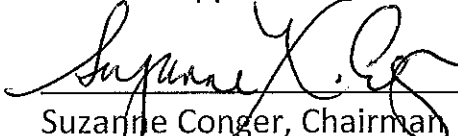
None

Adjournment:

Fred Palmer made a motion to adjourn and Steve Blacketer seconded the motion.

Motion passed 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.


Minutes approved October 9, 2018:



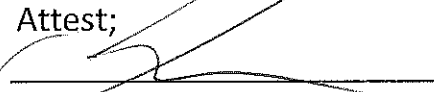
Suzanne Conger, Chairman



Steve Blacketer, Secretary



Fred Palmer, Member

Attest;


Don Hodson, Trustee

Next meetings are: September 27, 2018 at 6:00pm for the purpose of opening the bids for the reserve engine and October 9, 2018- Regular Board Meeting and Adoption of the 2019 Township Budget. All meetings are the Washington Township Government Center, 311 Production Drive, Avon, Indiana