

Washington Township Board Meeting
August 14, 2018 - 7:00 PM
Held at: Washington Township Government Center
311 Production Drive, Avon, Indiana 46123

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:20PM and the pledge to the flag was given.

Quorum Established:

Suzanne Conger, Steve Blacketer and Fred Palmer were present. Also present were Trustee Don Hodson, Legal Counsel Tony Jost, Township Department Heads and public.

Consent Agenda:

Fred Palmer made a motion to accept the April 10, 2018 minutes, the May 9, 2018 minutes and the June 20, 2018 minutes as presented. Suzanne Conger seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.** The reason for only the two of them voting was due to Steve Blacketer not being elected to the Board until after those meetings. Fred Palmer made the motion to approve the July 9, 2018 minutes as presented. Steve Blacketer seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.** Fred Palmer moved to accept the Township Claims for May thru July 2018 as presented. Steve Blacketer seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Public Comments:

None

Department Reports: (all reports are posted on the Township Website)

1. Fire: Chief Smith asked if there any questions on the June and July reports provided in the Board packets. There were none. Chief Smith recognized Administrative Assistant Kelli Brian for her hard work and efforts. He also recognized the State Task Force for donating props for the proposed training grounds.
2. Parks: no question on the report provided
3. Township Assistance: no questions on the reports provided.

Trustee Report:

Trustee Hodson asked if there were any questions on his report. There were none. In addition to the report provided he acknowledged the Swearing ceremony and Badge Pinning for the three new Fire Civilian Paramedics and the three volunteer Fire Chaplains that was held August 9, 2018. He also told the Board and those present that the Town of Avon was holding a public informational meeting at the Township Park Pavilion on August 21st at 6:30pm for the purpose of educating the public on the procedures and policies governing new developments and projects in the town, Storm Water Utility and then break into small groups to allow people to ask questions for the various departments. Chief Smith will be present along with Avon Police Department Chief to answer questions on police and fire.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Reserve Engine:

Chief Smith advised the Board that the current "Quint Engine" was having even more repair issues and failed the Ladder test. He reviewed some options and was asking for the Board's guidance. He stated we could get an engine for appx \$400,000. (see board report). Suzanne conger asked for a recommendation from the Chief. His recommendation was to purchase if after physically checking it over it looked in great shape, a 2017 Pierce Engine that had very low mileage. Fred Palmer made a motion to give Chief Smith authority to pursue the engine recommended subject to his evaluation and legal and financial advisors approval on the funding and purchase procedures outlined by state code. Steve Blacketer seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

2. Training Grounds:

Chief Smith reviewed some options that he and Trustee Hodson had been looking at to locate the proposed training grounds for the fire department. He stated there were three that he had placed in their packets:

- a. Avon School corporation property- located near the school maintenance facility that had 5 acres to either lease or purchase.
- b. Kingston Location- 6.4 acres could potentially purchase for \$300,000 to \$400,000
- c. Property located near Turner Trace- owned by a church 7 acres for \$339,000. .
However this would be very close to a subdivision and would not likely receive approval by Town of Avon or residents.

Consensus was given by the Board to continue discussions for the first two options and report back.

3. Pecar Update:

Parks Director Lora Lacey highlighted the progress of the project and stated we were on target to complete by October 18th and be within budget.

4. Family Promise Agreement:

Legal Counsel reviewed the Agreement and resolution written for their approval authorizing the Trustee to sign the agreement included as Exhibit A. If Family Promise agreed and signed the agreement, the Township would send a \$5,000 grant to them that the board previously had approved. Fred Palmer made a motion to approve Resolution 081418-01 to authorize the Trustee to sign on behalf of the Township and provide the actual grant payment of \$5,000 after acceptance by Family Promise. Steve Blacketer seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-1.**

New Business:

1. **2018 Salary Resolution Amended:**

Trustee Hodson presented an amendment for the 2018 Salary Resolution amending it as follows:

- a. HR Director to be full time at an annual salary range of \$50,000-53,000 with a Retirement Class 3.
- b. Fire Inspector to be full time at a range of \$22.00-36.06 hourly with a Retirement Class 3.

Fred Palmer stated he wasn't opposed to making the HR director full time, but he was not in favor of the proposed 2019 salary for the position being \$70,000 or the job description that was provided in the packet. He stated as long as doing this resolution for 2018 was not binding the Township to the pay recommendations for both positions in 2019 without further discussion at another workshop, etc., he was comfortable in moving to approve Resolution 081418-02 Amending the 2018 Salary Resolution as presented. Steve Blacketer seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

2. **Surplus Resolution:**

Trustee Hodson presented a resolution declaring two items as surplus:

- a. 2001 L35 Kubota Tractor- Director Lacey explained they don't need it and wanted to trade it against the purchase another mower that was budgeted in the 2018 Park Capital Budget.
- b. Laptop WTWP-L -R9L3WV4- Chief Smith explained the laptop was an old one and that it was "cleaned" by Cyberian of its contents. He wanted to donate it to the Avon Public Safety Foundation that raises funds for both Avon Police Department and our fire department.

Steve Blacketer made a motion to approve Resolution 081418-03 declaring both items surplus. Fred Palmer seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

3. **Proposed Township Grant Policy:**

Trustee Hodson reminded the Board that at the meeting when the request for a grant of \$5,000 for Family Promise was presented and approved, they requested him to direct Legal Counsel to write a Township grant Policy for their review and approval. Legal counsel Jost reviewed the proposed agreement and the resolution that if approved would adopt it as the policy going forward. After discussion, the consensus was to table it for approval until the September 11, 2018 board meeting to allow the Board more time to review.

Public Comment:

None

Wishes to be heard

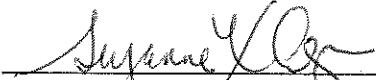
Fred Palmer stated that previously he had made a request for a subject to be on the agenda, that he felt he had not done a good job of presenting was wanting to do. He asked the Board to accept his apologies for that. He did state he felt wanting to have a discussion on the financial impact from the increased developments in Avon and the Township unincorporated areas and how to deal with it had merit. He hoped the Board and Trustee would be willing to hold a discussion regarding this topic.

Adjournment:

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

Motion carries 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.

Minutes approved September 11, 2018.



Suzanne Conger, Chairman



Steven Blacketer, Secretary



Fred Palmer, Member

Attest:


Don Hodson, Trustee

Next Meetings: Special Township Board meeting, followed by a Budget Work Shop to be held August 28, 2018 at 6:30PM and Regular Township Board and Public hearing for the 2019 Township Budget to be held September 11, 2018 at 7:00Pm. Both meetings will be held at the Washington Township Government Center, 311 Production Drive, Avon, Indiana.