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Washington Township Board Meeting Minutes
Budget Workshop August 21, 2013—6:00 PM
Held at: Washington Township Park Pavilion, 435 Whipple Lane, Avon, IN, 46123

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. Present were Suzanne Conger, Mike Lynch, and Doug Elmore. Also present was Trustee Don Hodson, Deputy Trustee Pat Laughlin, Financial Jeff Peters, and Township Staff.

Trustee Report

Last month a presentation was made based on the fire levy and the E-loan. The changes that have occurred will be presented in the meeting.

Budgets

Township

Township Administrator Josie Simison presented the fiscal plan that was worked with an excess levy appeal at 4.1 million dollars. This will generate more CAGIT money for the both certified share and tax replacement credits. Because of this, the township will not be doing a property tax for the general. Josie stated that there were no changes to rainy day budget. The recreation budget has a small change. The park bond remained the same. The township assistance had a change in the property tax. She also stated that the fire fund will spike in 2015 in certified shares in CAGIT due to the CAGIT portion increasing with the levy appeal. A question was posed by Doug Elmore about the CAGIT portion increasing due to levy increase. It was stated that that increase in 2014 CAGIT Fire Fund increase is due to the CAGIT money being distributed to multiple funds in budget year 2013, while the increase in 2015 is due to the levy increase. Cumulative Fire Fund had a minor change to the plan. There will be an increase in the tax rate for 2014, 2015, and 2016 due to paying off the emergency loan and the raised levy to 4.1 million. She also stated that Jeff Peters made a note that under the same tax rate they could restrict the future fire budgets to accumulate enough cash to eliminate the need for the tax warrants for cash flow and better position. Josie stated that the property tax will have a minimal increase. A discussion took place on the impact the levy changes would have on the schools and library.

Township Assistance

Township Assistance was not presented during this meeting.

Park

Kelly Farnsworth presented the second draft of the parks 2014 budget. She stated that one change they were hoping to make the next year was making the seasonal assistant position a year-round, part-time position to give the director flexibility which will change the budget areas of social security and workman's comp. A discussion was held on the hours the part-time employees work during the week. Kelly stated the changes in the advertising line items, capital improvement plan, and grounds material line items.

Debt Funds

Josie Simison stated that the emergency loan is still scheduled with the two payments for a one year payoff. There were no changes to the park debt and the fire debt has not yet been updated but would have an increase of roughly \$1,000.

Fire Budget

Dan Smith presented the second draft of the fire department 2014 budget. He stated that the biggest change is under salaries and wages to accommodate a new hire (deputy chief) and the administrative assistant being moved to full time.

MIKE LYNCH *ms syc*

Doug Elmore asked if the year-to-date spent was up to date and why the squad is being reevaluated in the next coming months. Trustee Don Hodson stated that the squad will be evaluated to make sure utilizing it is financially a good idea.

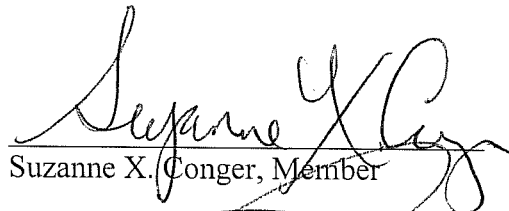
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MIKE LYNCH *P 3-0*

Suzanne Conger made a motion for adjournment. *Doug Elmore* seconds. **2-0 motion carries.** Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM. Next budget meeting will be on September 18th, 2013 at 6:00 PM held at Washington Township Pavilion Center, 435 Whipple Lane, Avon, IN 46123. In the event of flooding the meeting will be held at Washington Township Government Center, 311 Production Drive, Avon, IN 46123. Immediately following will be the budget workshop for proposed 2014 budget.

Minutes Approved September 18, 2013:

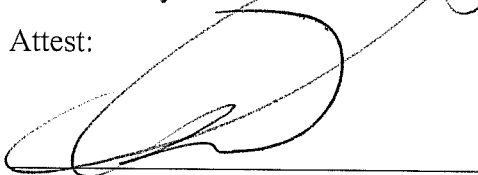


Doug Elmore, President

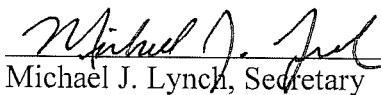


Suzanne X. Conger, Member

Attest:



Don Hodson, Trustee



Michael J. Lynch, Secretary