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Washington Township Board Meeting
Meeting December 18, 2013 — 7:00 PM
Held at: Washington Township Pavilion Center
435 Whipple Lane, Avon, IN 46123

Call to Order and Pledge

Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Quorum

Quorum was established Doug Elmore, Michael J. Lynch and Suzanne X. Conger present. Also in attendance: Trustee Don Hodson, Deputy Trustee Pat Laughlin, and staff.

Consent Agenda

The minutes for the December 4, 2013 special board meeting were presented. The claims were reviewed by the board. Suzanne Conger made a motion to approve the amendments as submitted and Michael Lynch seconded the motion. **Motion carries 3-0.**

Department Reports

1. Chief Dan Smith presented the monthly fire report. Chief and Administrator Josie Simison applied for two grants. The department should be hearing about the HazMat grant soon and the AFG grant at a later time. An offer was extended to Gerald George for Assistant Fire Chief. He will be starting January 6th. An offer was also extended to Karen Hendershot for the Public Educator position. She will be starting January 6th as well. The department is hoping to transform the position of Public Educator by adding different aspects to the position. The radios have been installed in the new medic and it should be on the road in a couple weeks. It will be stationed at 143. The new truck is now in service. The tile work at station 143 has been completed. The department decided to keep a 10% retainer in order to ensure that the additional work that will need to be done in the spring is completed. Chief received an email from Triad engineering about fixing the heating/air for station 143.
2. Jennifer Thornell presented the monthly township assistance report. More residents seem to be qualifying for assistance and it seems to be due to unemployment.
3. Nikki Montembeault presented the monthly Parks Department report. A new computer has been purchased to help create the website and promotional material necessary for the park. The park is currently interviewing for part-time maintenance workers, admin positions, and event staff. The park is working with Diane Elmore at the Washington Township Library on a project called The Story Trail. It will be a collaborative effort between the township, the library, and the Town of Avon. Once a month a connection will be made to each park through education. Nikki will be sitting on the committee for the Indiana Parks and Recreation Association. This will be a good way to gain exposure. The Holiday Craft Fair was a success and the park will be going through the surveys soon to gauge what could be done for next year. The park is working with the DNR

to put on a family fishing event in May. The inventory form for the park has been updated. Jay has now filled in the full time maintenance position for Pat since he left.

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- Trustee Don Hodson presented the monthly Trustee report. The township received the approved medical plan was changed to Pekin Insurance with a renewal date of December 1, 2013. Notification for changes to the definition of a large group plan will be discussed sometime in January or February. Pat Laughlin gave an update on the TIF district in Avon. There are four different areas. The Town of Avon is currently thinking of adding an area 5 and 6. This in hopes to bring in new businesses to up the tax revenue.

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Old Business

- There was no WCCD update.

New Business

- Don stated that a transfer of funds between groups in a fund is needed in order to maintain balance. Josie presented the six items. Please reference the attached documents for the specific funds. Michael Lynch made a motion to approve the transfer of funds as written. Suzanne Conger seconded the motion. **Motion carries 3-0.**
- Don presented the Execution of State required Nepotism and Conflict of Interest forms. He asked that everyone sign the documents.
- Nikki and Chief Smith have worked together to come up with a 5 year Strategic Plan. They will be putting together an RFP and hiring a consultant work with the township. Then the head of the department will have their own master plan. They talked about contacting Maggie at the Avon Schools because they just finished creating a 5 year plan. The time line for creating the plan will be having a presentable final draft next December. A discussion ensued about the planning process.
- Chief Smith presented the Squad 141 report. He presented the data kept during the first year the Squad was in service which included the number of runs and overtime costs. The pros for the Squad include cheaper fuel costs, lower maintenance costs, miles off the apparatus, keeps the fire crews open, and hospital testing. The cons for the Squad include not as much for the firefighters on the engine to do, overtime costs, the first vehicle to go out of service, and needs better staffing. Aside from the negatives, Chief feels as though the Squad has been successful although there need to be some changes in order for it to work better. A discussion ensued about the Squad.

BOARD STATE FUNDING FOR 2014 DEMONSTRATED THEY CAN'T SUPPORT.

E. J. Lynch

Public Comment

None

Wishes to be Heard

None


Adjournment

Suzanne Conger motioned to adjourn the meeting and Michael Lynch seconded the motion. **3-0 motion carries.** Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM. There will be a reorganization meeting on January 7th at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held at Washington Township Pavilion Center, 435 Whipple Lane. Next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, January 29th, 2013 starting at 7:00 PM. Meeting to be held at Washington Township Pavilion, 435 Whipple Lane, in event of flooding meeting will be held at Washington Township Government Center, 311 Production Drive.

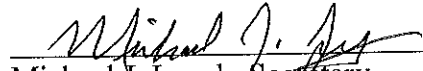
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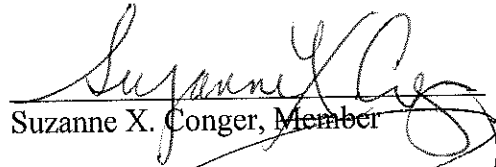
Minutes Approved January 29, 2014:



Doug Elmore, President

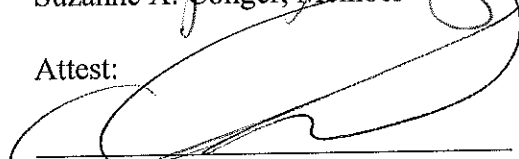


Michael J. Lynch, Secretary



Suzanne X. Conger, Member

Attest:



Don Hodson, Trustee