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Washington Township Board Meeting Minutes
Meeting July 18, 2012--7:00 PM

Held at: Washington Township Park Pavilion, 435 Whipple Lane, Avon, IN, 46123

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Michael Lynch, Suzanne Conger, and Doug Elmore. Also present was Trustee Don Hodson, Deputy Trustee Pat Laughlin, Legal Counsel Tony Jost, and Township Staff.

Public comment

None

Consent Agenda

Minutes from June 20, 2012 and the claims report were presented. Michael Lynch stated that the word "and" needed to be added to the second sentence of the Fire Department report. In the Parks Department report it should read "50-60" kids instead of "5-60". Michael Lynch asked about Mowery and Phipps payments on the claims report and if we received other quotes before assigning the work to Phipps. Dan Smith stated that the work was done at headquarters and that we received four other quotes before giving it to Phipps as he provided the lowest quote. Also he has signed a conflict of interest form. Suzanne Conger made a motion to accept the minutes with the changes listed above and the minutes as presented. Michael Lynch seconded. **Motion carries 3-0.**

Fire Department

The attached report was presented by Fire Chief Dan Smith. Runs to date are down from last year but they should balance out by the end of the year. The Fire Department has had more fire investigations this year than any other year since we have started keeping track of how many investigations we complete. We received new protocols from the Hospital for EMS. The protocol has changed so that if EMS starts giving CPR that they work on the patient on scene for 30 minutes and then transport or contact the hospital. It has been shown in a study that this provides a higher success rate for saves as the constant interruption of compression when a patient is immediately prepared for transport is causing a higher mortality rate. Thirty minutes after starting compressions if there is no steady pulse then we stop and pronounce the patient as deceased. The patient will be taken to the morgue. Chief Smith believes that we should not bill for those transports. Opticom system bids came in higher than expected. Our portion will be \$12,000 with the increase and the contract is extended out until 2015. SAFER is about to reopen and we will be applying again this year.

Parks Department

Attached is the report presented by Susan Hamman. Summer camp had 98 children registered and ends next Friday. Due to the extreme heat we have had recently some parents pulled their children from camp. Also, due to the drought conditions we are not able to have our water activities week at camp. We have sold 23 annual paw park passes and 5 additional passes this month. Shelter rentals are down and we aren't sure if it is because of the heat. The park has also been less busy the past few weeks and we believe that is due to the heat. The Splash Pad was shut down last Thursday due to watering restrictions. September 1st the White Lick Trail should be completed. We had 200 people at the Taste like Chicken concert. Son Rise Studio had its concert last night and made about \$300 that went toward organ transplant costs for two residents. Taxes are being removed from the monthly revenue report as those are now put into a separate fund until they are paid at the end of the year. Taxes are not considered revenue since we pay out exactly what we receive.

Township Assistance

Public Assistance Director Jennifer Thornell presented the attached report. She is not sure if the board likes the report or if they want to see something different. The board said that they like the report and graph. We are about half of where we were last month and we never know what requests will come through the door. Jennifer has approved more claims than last year but she is not being any less strict than last year it is just more people are qualifying.

Legal & Financial – none

Trustee Report

Trustee Don Hodson presented the attached report. Doug Elmore, Pat Laughlin, and Don Hodson had an exit interview with the Auditor. The report cannot be shared until it is completely finalized and released by the State Board of Accounts. It will be posted to their website and ours once it is released. Consolidation committee will have a meeting a week from tonight and will make a report as to where they are at. The financial committee and advisor are digging into the financial side of the process. The Township is changing the retirement plan and getting rid of the SEP/IRA plan. We found that we were in violation and had to make back payments to correct the plan. Benefit committee will come next month to make a presentation. The Town of Avon issued an Ordinance for watering restriction and we were contacted by Citizens Energy to see if we would be willing to put a watering restriction into place. We have received a number of phone calls asking for clarification on the watering restriction and if it applies to citizens using Citizens Water in the Township but outside of Town limits. Michael Lynch asked which IC code gives us the right to enforce a restriction. Tony Jost can provide the code but it is not listed in the resolution. Michael Lynch asked if there were other Townships doing this and Don Hodson stated not to our knowledge. Michael Lynch was not sure that we wanted to be the first Township to enact this. There was discussion about fining and putting an inter-local agreement into place so that the fines can be done through the Town of Avon instead of the Township. Doug Elmore asked what drove the Town to issue a watering ban and was told that Citizen's Energy had asked. Tony Jost stated that we could enact a resolution allowing someone the authority to enact a watering restriction or the other way is to have a resolution put before the board every time. Suzanne Conger stated that we ask the citizens to voluntarily comply with the watering restrictions and would like for Citizen's Water to enact the watering restriction if they desire one. Doug Elmore stated that we will want to start policing where people walk so that the grass doesn't get trampled and result in erosion.

Old Business – NONE

New Business

Salary Resolution

Presented resolution 071812 to amend the 2012 Salaries as the wrong second page was printed back when the salary resolution was originally adopted. Suzanne Conger made a motion to approve Resolution071812-1 and Michael Lynch seconded. **Motion carries 3-0.**

Public comment

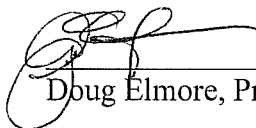
Suzanne Conger stated that she received a notice from Hendricks County Local 4406 stating that they will suit up the board in fire gear on September 7th. Dan Smith restated that the board is welcome to ride out with the fire department anytime they want.

Wishes to be heard

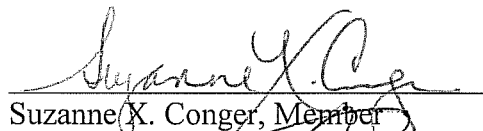
None.

Suzanne conger made a motion for adjournment. Michael Lynch seconds. **3-0 motion carries.** Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM. Next regularly scheduled board meeting on August 15, 2012 at 7:00 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 2013 budget

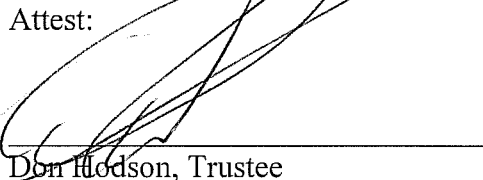
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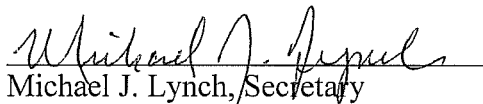
Doug Elmore, President



Suzanne X. Conger, Member

Attest:


Don Hodson, Trustee



Michael J. Lynch, Secretary