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Washington Township Board Meeting Minutes

Budget Workshop July 18, 2012--7:58 PM

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:58 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.

Trustee Report

Last month the sustainability study was presented by Financial counsel Jeff Peters. Last year we had an emergency loan of 3.1 million and this year to correct short falls in the bond funds we had an emergency loan of 4.1 million. It is proposed in the sustainability study that a 3.9 million emergency loan will be needed next year with a 3% increase in all operating funds. The library, schools, town, and township met to talk about the issues of the community as well as budget constraints due to the township being in the 90+% range for people who have already hit the tax cap. All units are working to keep their budget flat-lined for next year. We are presenting a 3% increase for all full-time employees but the department heads had to cut the difference from somewhere in their budget.

Budgets

Township

Trustee Don Hodson presented the first draft of the proposed 2013 Township General Budget. Suzanne Conger asked about the \$33,000 in salaries and why we were under so much. Cleaning salary was included in that figure and that was shifted to the Fire Budget at the beginning of the year. That figure is being reduced accordingly for next year. Doug Elmore asked if any of the consolidation study legal fees have been spent. No legal fees have been spent yet on the consolidation study and it will probably be December when those get paid.

Township Assistance

Jennifer Thornell presented the first draft of the proposed 2013 Township Assistance Budget. Doug Elmore noted that we have not spent anything in burial expenses and asked if this is really a necessity to budget for. Jennifer stated that we will not cut this line item as we are never sure of what requests will come through the door or how many burial requests we will have in a year. She again stated that if the person qualifies then we must provide assistance.

Park

Susan Hamman presented the first draft of the proposed 2013 Park Budget. Michael Lynch asked how many full-time staff the park would have and was told that there would be 4 full-time park staff.

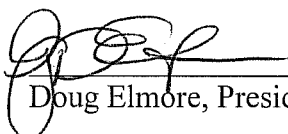
Fire Budget

Michael Lynch asked about the Health Claims being over what is expected and can cut 7,000 from the health claims due to calculations. Michael Lynch asked for a reminder of the match plans. For HSA accounts we match dollars up to 1,000 for single and 2,000 family and PPO we give 750 for single HRA and 1,500 for family HRA. Michael Lynch employees are not entitled to it unless they meet the requirements and it was confirmed that is correct. Doug Elmore is seeing in the supplies item that we could decrease the amount and still cover everything needed. Dan Smith states that we order supplies from Wishard and they bill us every two months so it doesn't show as high as we could be but it could quickly get there. Doug thinks there is some money there that we could reduce in the supplies area. Doug Elmore asked how the dispatch contract is determined and it is determined on run load for previous year. What is dispatch going to do for those units that don't comply with payment of dispatch contract. Dispatch is meeting tonight to see if they have the right to sue if a unit doesn't pay their portion of their agreement or what actions they can take against those that don't comply. Doug Elmore asked about the emergency loan and if the other units understood our situation. Don stated that the other entities understand but when any of us increase a budget it hurts the other entities and requires them to find some way to counteract a larger tax cap. Michael Lynch wants to remind people that we started a new piece of apparatus and that we have expanded our services. He wants to make sure that the fire department doesn't suffer because of the system that we have to operate under.

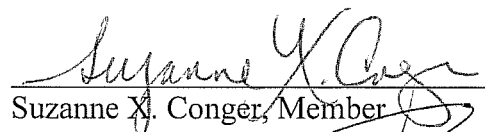
Doug Elmore asked for the last page that projected be sent to the board. Michael Lynch wanted to recap and make sure that he understands our budget correctly. Jeff's sustainability plan would require a 3.9 million dollar emergency loan and the proposed budget as is would require a 3.6 million dollar emergency loan. Don confirmed that the understanding is correct. Doug Elmore and Dan Smith discussed budget spending and came to the conclusion that if the money is there spend up to your approved budget.

Doug Elmore made a motion for adjournment. Suzanne Conger seconds. **3-0 motion carries.** Meeting adjourned at 10:02 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.

Minutes Approved August 15, 2012:

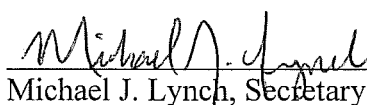


Doug Elmore, President




Suzanne X. Conger, Member

Attest:



Michael J. Lynch, Secretary



Don Hodson, Trustee