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Washington Township Board Meeting
Meeting July 19th, 2016 — 7:00 PM
Held at: Washington Township Park Pavilion
435 Whipple Lane Avon, IN 46123

Call to Order and Pledge

Board meeting was called to order at 7:25 PM and the pledge was said.

Quorum

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

Public Comment

Denise Mesarosh from Project Angel discussed the building area that will be provided to them by Washington Township once the new headquarters is built and the options the Project Angel board came up with. Denise asked about changing the remodel dates in order to accommodate Project Angel during their busy time during the fall/winter months so they could move out in January. Pat Laughlin said that the schedule will depend on the contractor chosen for the remodel. A discussion followed and the Township will be in contact with Project Angel in regards to this matter.

Consent Agenda

The minutes from the June 14th, 2016 regular board meeting and the updated June claims were presented. Fred Palmer made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Seconded by Doug Elmore. **Motion carries 3-0.** Fred Palmer moves that the updated submitted June claims report be accepted. Seconded by Doug Elmore. **Motion carries 3-0.**

Special Recognition

Don Hodson wanted to give special recognition to Bob Wellington for over 32 years of service to Washington Township by creating a proclamation that July 29th will be known as Bob Wellington Day. Chief Smith recognized the great work he has done over those years.

Department Reports

1. Don Hodson asked that the reports just be submitted due to the heavy agenda. The department monthly reports can be found on the Township website.

Trustee's Report

Don Hodson presented the Trustee's Report which can be found on the Township Website.

Old Business

1. Pat Laughlin provided an update from the Building Committee. The 100% architectural review has been completed. The Town of Avon has some concerns about parking and drainage on the new building. An issue of being removed from the agenda for the Town of Avon arose and caused some issues. A discussion was held in regards to the drainage issues. Pat Laughlin moved that the township continue with the planned dates for the new headquarters. A discussion was held in regards contract that will be sent out to bid and about the field inspector and who he will report to.
2. Lora Lacey presented to Pecar Property update. Lora discussed the nature center that would hold employees, equipment, and restrooms. The final public meeting will be held on July 28th. Lora also discussed what would be done to rectify the drainage issues.
3. Dan Smith presented the Rainey day purchases for the fire department. The ambulance remount for the EMS has been recommended to Donnelly. This purchase has already been approved for the CUM Fund. A cot and lift system will also be added to the ambulance. This raises the total cost to \$137,058. At the time there was \$110,000 in the CUM fund for this project. Dan Smith proposed to get the extra \$27,058 from the influx of money the Township will be receiving at the start of the new budget year. This will be brought to the agenda next month. A discussion was held in regards to the already budgeted money and the lift system along with transferring ambulances into reserve status. Dan also discussed the wellness program for the department. Grant money is being pursued for the program as well. Another item included in the Rainey Day purchases are training aids for EMS to place at the fire stations. The estimated cost would be \$23,502. Chief Smith also mentioned an ultrasound machine to be purchased. Only two would be purchased at this time.
4. Josie presented the update on loading Contracts to Gateway. A release from DLDF has not been issued to say that the module is active. The Township is ready to upload contracts from January 1 to July 1. No contracts have been uploaded during that time that is over the \$50,000 threshold.
5. Don Hodson discussed the revision to the Internal Control Standards. Suzanne X Conger acknowledged the new Trustee Directive with changes to the flow chart.

New Business

1. Don Hodson presented the resolution to approve purchases related to Township sponsored functions. As long as this is adopted as a policy, it would be okay with SBOA. Fred Palmer made a motion to accept 071916-01 Resolution to Approve Purchases Related to Township Sponsored Functions. Seconded by Doug Elmore. **Motion carries 3-0.**
2. Josie presented the recommendations from the Banking Committee. 10 bids were turned in and the committee's recommendation is to stay with Teacher's Credit Union. Doug Elmore made a motion to accept the recommendation of the banking committee and stay with TCU. Seconded by Fred Palmer. **Motion carries 3-0.**
3. Suzanne X Conger discussed the Special Meeting to be held on August 2, 2016 to receive and open bids for the building project. This will be held at the Washington Township Park at 6:30 PM. Also the September 13th regular meeting and public hearing will be changed to September 14th, 2016 at 7 PM. Fred Palmer made a motion to accept both meeting dates. Seconded by Doug Elmore. **Motion carries 3-0.**
4. Gerald George presented the information for the 77 Police and Fire Retirement Fund because a resolution would be presented at the next board meeting for the board to vote on. This fund includes retirement, pension and disability. This would replace the current 401A for merit firefighters electing to move to the 77 fund. The salary of a fourth year firefighter will be the certified salary to base the Township's contribution at 19.5%. This will be decided on each year.

The firefighter must have 20 years of credible service before they can retire. The firefighter would not be able to draw the funds, though, until they reach the age of 52. Survivor benefits are available as well for family if the firefighter suffers a line-of-duty death. Gerald described how a firefighter could "buy back" years of service if they wanted when getting into the new system. A discussion was held between the board and Gerald George about the information given about the 77 Fund including the Township contribution.

5. Don Hodson resented the resolution received from the Town of Avon about consolidating the Township and the Town. This was tried a couple years ago without success. The Town is requesting a study, which would involve six citizens to be involved in the meetings. A discussion was held by the board members in regards to the proposed resolution. Fred Palmer said that he would be willing to continue having conversations with the Town and to go on a fact-finding mission, but he would not be able to vote for the current resolution until further information is provided. Doug Elmore and Suzanne X Conger agreed with this discussion. Fred Palmer moved to draft a resolution declining the Township's participation in the resolution for a committee establishing as proposed in the Town's resolution 2016-22 Requesting the Township Allow Residents to Vote on Reorganization. This was unable to be done due to being signed after 30 days. Suzanne X Conger recommended a motion to send a letter declining the Town's resolution. Fred Palmer moved to deny the request. Seconded by Doug Elmore. **Motion carries 3-0.**

Public Comment

Tribly Berry-Tayman, a member of the library board, commented on the discussion about the Town wanting to revisit consolidation. She agreed with wanting a better plan before moving forward with the plan of consolidation.

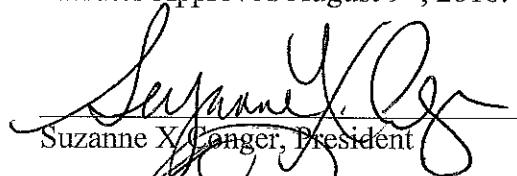
Wishes to be Heard

None

Adjournment

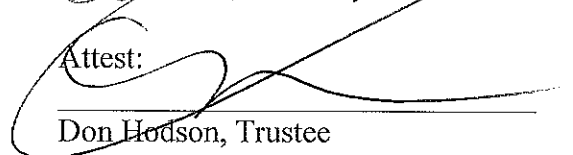
Doug Elmore motioned to adjourn the meeting and Fred Palmer seconded the motion. **3-0 motion carries.** Meeting adjourned at 10:12 PM. A special meeting will be held on August 2, 2016 at 6:30 PM. A budget meeting will be held on August 9, 2016 at 6:00 PM and the next regularly scheduled board meeting will be August 9, 2016 at 7 PM. All meetings 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.

Minutes Approved August 9th, 2016:


Suzanne X Conger, President


Fred Palmer, Member


Doug Elmore, Secretary

Attest:

Don Hodson, Trustee