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TOWNSHIP BOARD
Suzanne X. Conger
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Washington Township Board Meeting
Meeting October 25th, 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 7:01 PM and the pledge was said.

Quorum

Quorum was established. Fred Palmer and Suzanne X Conger present. Also in attendance: Trustee Don Hodson, staff and public.

Public Comment

None

Citizen Recognition

Monica Bales presenting that Ms. Jenese Hunt called our office concerned about her neighbor. She knew that the gentleman was without electricity, running water and had not been seen in weeks. When we advised her to call the police for a wellness check, she did so. This saved the man's life as he told the police that he was "just waiting to die". He got the services he needed resulting in his electricity and water being restored. Although Ms. Hunt states that she only did "what every citizen should do", we want to recognize her for care and concern of others. Don Hodson presenting that this is the first time the township has given this Citizen Recognition award. Don Hodson presented the award on behalf of the township citizens as well as the township board. Ms. Hunt stated that it takes a village to raise a child and that this time it took the county and that she didn't do anything that anyone else wouldn't have done and that she felt what she did was necessary. Ms. Hunt stated that she checks on the neighbor often and that he is doing better.

Consent Agenda

The minutes from the September 14th, 2016 budget workshop and regular board meeting were presented along with the updated claims. Don Hodson presented that there was a correction to the budget minutes. Doug Elmore's spelling of his name needed corrected. Fred Palmer made a motion to approve the minutes from both of the August meetings and the August claims as submitted. Seconded by Suzanne X. Conger. **Motion carries 2-0.**

Department Reports

1. All of the department reports may be found on the Township website. Dan Smith presented that he is vigorously working on a replacement for Jenny. Chief George is in Florida to do a final inspection on the ladder to ensure it is built as it is supposed to be and it should be delivered within the next two weeks and then there is some additional work that will be

additional work that has to be done on it. We have been successful on selling our current ladder. We have a bug infestation at Station 143 and we have taken action to stop the problem and they are coming in on Monday and bringing their bug sniffing K9 to check for bugs at the other stations. Dan Smith wanted to recognize LT Jerry Bessler and Battalion Chief Jason Porter who went to Florida to redeploy for the hurricanes. They went to Georgia for a rescue mission to search for a few people who were thought to be missing that were found. The last time the guys were deployed was four years ago so it does not happen often. There are twenty three teams across the United States and Indiana has one of them that LT Bessler and Battalion Chief Porter are apart of as well as Chief George. Although they do get paid FEMA reimburses for them filling the position. Fred Palmer asked how it works, if there is equipment or if they are backfilling stations that already have the equipment. Dan Smith stated that there is equipment that is kept at a storage facility at the airport. Once the task force is activated by FEMA they have two hours to be activated to deploy. All of the equipment is kept in storage containers and the guys are taken by charter buses. There is a list that the guys are rotated from to fit the specific needs of FEMA. Dan Smith receives a notification when any of the guys that belong here are on rotation and have the possibility of being deployed.

2. Monica Bales stated that September was a very business month and that we accrued \$6,300 and we denied \$5,000. November 1st CAP begins. Don Hodson stated that compared to last month it was more than half of last year of what it was. Monica Bales stated that the clothing program is still in the works.
3. Lora Lacey presented that Alisha Gibbeny has resigned as the recreation coordinator and that Don Hodson has signed and Trilboy has agreed to put her two weeks in at her job and will be starting November 7th. Fall Break camp has been the most successful camp with fifteen kids so far besides the Summer camp. The maintenance staff has been working on the erosion problem that is at the pond and are hoping to finish the project this week. Craft fairs are Saturday and Sunday and are sold out at forty five vendors. The Ghost and Goblins event is this weekend with several different activates. Suzanne X Conger stated that revenue is up by 100% and we aren't finished up with the year. Don Hodson stated that after Ghost of Goblins that will go up.
4. No legal or financial.

Trustee's Report

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

Don Hodson presented that State Board of Accounts is doing the audit, which started Monday, he introduced himself. They are trying to finish that audit to schedule the exit interview. Don Hodson stated although it is not required he would like to have the board present. The audit is for 2012-2015 and the auditor stated that so far everything is fine. Don Hodson wanted to thank Suzanne X Conger for filling in as the Trustee while he was absent.

Old Business

1. Don Hodson stated the only thing different on the Holiday Schedule is when Presidents' Day is being observed. Fred Palmer made a motion to approve the holiday calendar. Seconded by Suzanne X. Conger. **Motion carries 2-0.** Resolution 102516-01 *Mc EOB*
2. Board Meeting Schedule for 2017 which was presented last month for review. Fred Palmer made a motion to approve the ~~holiday calendar~~. Seconded by Suzanne X. Conger. **Motion carries 2-0.** Resolution 102516-02 Board Meeting Schedule *Mc EOB*
3. Lora Lacey presented that the Pecar contract is a professional service contract and does not have to go up for bid and the contract was reviewed by the park and Doug Elmore. There will be

a timeline made for the rest of the year and the 2017 project won't be billed for until July of 2017 for the financial schedule. The farm has been harvested and Searcy Farms have been notified that it will no longer be leased out for farming due to it going back as tax exempt.

4. Don Hodson presented that there have been construction meeting and that himself and Dan Smith went to talk further about the furniture to review and get approval for new chairs. Dan Smith stated that construction was caught up and that they are getting ready to pour the slab. There has been an additional cost of \$5,600 added in a change order.

New Business

1. Don Hodson presented that the 2017 budget has been being worked on since June and there has been three budget workshops. Josie Conrad stated we no longer have to post the budget in the newspapers which saved money within the budget. Don Hodson presented that the budget was advertised that the budget would be adopted tonight. Josie Conrad stated that the legal requirement is that the budget is only required to be posted to Gateway. Fred Palmer made a motion to approve the 2017 budget. Seconded by Suzanne X. Conger. **Motion carries 2-0.**
2. Monica Bales presented that the township can make an amendment to the Township Assistance Guideline. The township is presenting to put a \$300 limit per billing cycle. If the motion is approved this will have to be filed with the Commissioner per law. Fred Palmer made a motion to approve the Township Assistance Guideline Amendment. Seconded by Suzanne X. Conger. **Motion carries 2-0.**
3. Dan Smith presented that with the delivery of a new truck and the fire department leasing the trucks and it is with the intention to do a lease purchase on the truck. The fire department advertised for bids and the first week that it was supposed to be in the Flyer it was not in the Flyer. Bids are due October 27th so on the November 8th meeting the lease will be brought for approval. For now the truck has been returned. Fred Palmer asked about the cost compared to prior leases and Dan Smith stated that price. Dan Smith presented we are using a local bank for the lease that fire department used for a previous lease.
4. Don Hodson presented that at the last meeting it was presented that the township come up with a Retention Schedule policy and that Pike Township also has one. Next meeting there will be a resolution for it to be adopted.
5. Don Hodson presented the 401A Amendment to the board. The amendment adds a new class for the employees participating in the 77 Fund.
6. Don Hodson presented that this should probably be the last surplus brought forth that are items that are in storage that needs to be disposed of. Dan Smith stated he was not sure how specific the list needs to be of items that will be disposed of. There was a discussion regarding how detailed the list needs to be so there could be another Surplus Resolution brought forth to the board once research is completed. Fred Palmer made a motion to approve the Surplus Resolution. Seconded by Suzanne X. Conger. **Motion carries 2-0.**

Public Comment

None

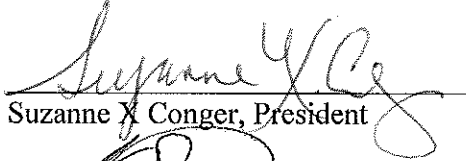
Wishes to be Heard

Don Hodson reminded that next meeting on November 8th he will be bringing additional appropriations for the Rainy Day Fund as well as the Retention Schedule approval and more information on the building.

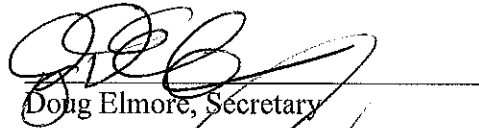
Adjournment

Fred Palmer moved to adjourn the meeting and Suzanne X Conger seconded the motion. **2-0 motion carries.** Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM. The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be November 8th, 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 November 8, 2016:


Suzanne X Conger, President


Fred Palmer, Member


Dong Elmore, Secretary

Attest:

Don Hodson, Trustee