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

Call to Order and Pledge

Board meeting was called to order at 7:02PM.

Quorum

Quorum was established Doug Elmore, Michael J. Lynch and Suzanne X. Conger present. Also in attendance: Trustee Don Hodson, Deputy Trustee Pat Laughlin, financial consultant Jeff Peter, attorney Tony Jost, staff, and public.

Public Comment

Anne Engelhardt represented the Avon school board in regards to the fire levy and its effects on the school district. She stated how it would impact the schools and what the schools have had to cut back on since 2010.

Jeff Peters talked about the transition with the emergency loan and the levy. Once the levy is approved it will allow the debt to spread over three years instead of one. There is a limited window in regards to when the levy is offered. Jeff stated that in order for the fire department to keep providing the services it has been they will need to do the excess levy appeal. Jeff talked about the effect of the levy on the Fire department. There was a discussion on the levy and emergency loan on how it affects the school corporation.

Don Hodson gave an overview of the proposed budget to the attending public.

Public Hearing 2014 Budget

The public hearing opened at 7:30. With no comments, the public hearing closed at 7:31.

Levy Appeal

The levy appeal was presented. There was a discussion about the levy and its impact over the next few years. Suzanne Conger made a motion to approve the petition for the maximum levy increase. Michael Lynch seconded the motion. **Motion carries 3-0.**

Township/Town Consolidation Plan Public Hearing

Doug Elmore gave the second reading by providing a background and discussing the options for the consolidation plan to the public attending the meeting. The consolidation plan was presented.

The public hearing for the town consolidation opened at 7:55 PM. Brenda Pitman, a member of the public, asked if consolidation will affect her property. Doug Elmore explained that the consolidation

plan most likely will not pass as is and will be sent back to the committee. He went on to say that if it does pass eventually, it will be presented to the public in 2014. It will not affect zoning for properties. A discussion followed the question. Public hearing was closed at 7:59 PM.

Tony Jost presented the resolution for the consolidation plan. The board members voted to reject the reorganization plan. Suzanne Conger made a motion to accept the rejection of the reorganization plan. Michael Lynch seconded the motion. **Motion carries 3-0.**

Consent Agenda

Minutes from August 21, 2013 board meeting, August 21, 2013 budget meeting, the August 7, 2013 consolidation meeting, and the claims report were presented. Michael Lynch notes a few corrections for the budget workshop. Michael Lynch made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the slight change and Suzanne Conger seconded the motion. **Motion carries 3-0.**

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Department Reports

1. Chief Dan Smith presented the monthly fire report. Chief Smith talked about the departure of Julie Stone and how the public education department is being handled. The 50th celebration is progressing with a few different PR opportunities to promote the anniversary. Chief Cochran from Atlanta will be doing a leadership conference for the officers and others who wanted to attend. The new engine should be finished by the next month and transported to Avon.
2. Jennifer Thornell presented the monthly township assistance report. Jennifer stated that there has been a spike in utility bills this year so she is thinking about a \$150 cap on utility payments. There was a discussion on the homeless coalition.
3. Kellie Farnsworth presented the monthly Parks Department report. Kellie introduced the new parks director, Nikki Montembeault.
4. Trustee Don Hodson presented the monthly Trustee report. Pecar Park was put up for bid and those bids are currently being accepted.

Old Business

1. None

New Business

1. Josie Conrad stated that the parks department would like to keep petty cash on the premises to create change when selling concessions. Suzanne Conger asked how much change the park wants for petty cash. Suzanne Conger made a motion to approve the petty cash request. Michael Lynch seconded the motion. **Motion passes 3-0.**
2. Don Hodson presented the amendment to the 2013 salaries. The first amendment was to allow an overlap in payment for the parks director due to having Nikki Montembeault start while Kellie Farnsworth was still employed with the Township. An amendment also needed to be added to allow the \$1000 relocation cost for Nikki. Also, instead of having a seasonal part-time for maintenance at the park, it will be two part-time, year-round hires. A discussion was held on the resolution numbers. Michael Lynch made a motion to approve the petty cash request. Suzanne Conger seconded the motion. **Motion passes 3-0.**
3. Don Hodson presented the 2014 salary resolution. Josie Conrad pointed out that the administrative assistant for the fire department was not on the resolution and suggested holding off on a decision until the next meeting. The resolution was tabled until the next meeting.

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AMENDMENT TO THE 2013 SALARY ORDINANCE

Public Comment

None

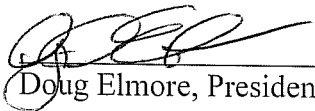
Wishes to be Heard

Don Hodson thanked Kellie Farnsworth for all of her hard work in regards to the Washington Township Park.

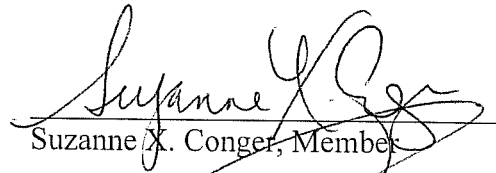
Adjournment

Suzanne X Conger motioned to adjourn the meeting and Michael J Lynch seconded the motion. **3-0 motion carries.** Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM. Next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, October 16, 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.

Minutes Approved October 16, 2013:

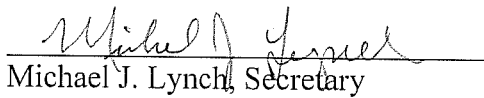


Doug Elmore, President

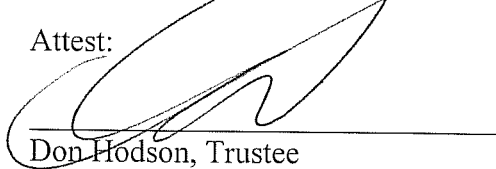


Suzanne X. Conger, Member

Attest:



Michael J. Lynch, Secretary



Don Hodson, Trustee