

Washington Township Board Meeting
Meeting September 12th, 2017 — 7:00 PM
Held at: Washington Township Government Center
311 Production Drive, Avon, Indiana 46123

Call to Order and Pledge

Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM and the pledge to the American flag was given.

Quorum

Quorum was established. Fred Palmer, Doug Elmore and Suzanne X Conger present. Also in attendance: Trustee Don Hodson, Township Legal Council Tony Jost, staff and public.

Public Hearing for the 2018 Township Budget

Suzanne Conger opened the 2018 Township Budget Public Hearing at 7:01 PM, with there being no public comments the hearing was closed at 7:02 PM.

Public Hearing for the Additional Appropriation

Suzanne Conger opened the 2018 Additional Appropriation Public Hearing at 7:02 PM, with there being no public comments the hearing was closed at 7:03 PM.

Public Comment

None.

Consent Agenda

The minutes from the August 7, 2017 Special meeting, August 8, 2017 Budget workshop and regular board meeting and the claims were presented. Fred Palmer moved to approve the minutes and accept the claims. Seconded by Doug Elmore. **Motion carries 3-0.**

Department Reports. All department reports can be found on the township website.

1. **Fire.** Fire Chief Dan Smith presented the fire report as attached. Chief Smith and EMS Chief Allen presented Jordan Spoor with the Lifesaver Award at the September 11, 2017 Avon School Board meeting for her lifesaving efforts that saved a student. Chief Smith also recognized firefighter Steve Preston for his hard work with HazMat training.
2. **Parks.** Park Director Lora Lacey presented the parks report as attached. Lora Lacey also advised the board that the park was voted second best by the readers of the Hendricks County Flyer. She also pointed out to the board that the park revenue was at 112% of the 2017 goal at the end of August with four months of the year remaining.
3. **Public Assistance.** Trustee Hodson presented the public assistance report as attached.
4. **Financial Advisor.** None.
5. **Legal.** None.

Trustee's Report

Please see the attached report. In addition, the Trustee advised the board that as a result of the special meeting held on August 7, 2017 he and the department heads met with Jeff Peters to get his input on setting up cash reserves for the operating funds and the health insurance fund. He told the board that Jeff Peters stated that as long as the township kept adequate reserves the township would not have to do Tax Anticipation Warrants and the township would always have more than enough reserves. Jeff Peters also advised that we could set up a reserve in the insurance fund. The Trustee recommended to the board that he bring a few policies to the October meeting for review and possible adoption in November.

Old Business

1. **Building Update.** Trustee Hodson reported to the board that the Open House was August 29, 2017 with over 120 individuals in attendance. He also told the board that to the best of his knowledge that all of the bills have been paid for the project. He advised that we were under budget by \$24,376.74.
2. **Fire Training Ground Update.** Chief Smith gave the board an update on his attempt to find a ground to purchase or lease for the fire training ground. After the review, he asked the board for some guidance because he was unable to find anything under the \$300,000 that was initially allotted. The board told him to continue looking, but not to focus on an exact dollar amount within reason and they would review the ground.
3. **Pecar Update.** Park Director Lora Lacey updated the board, please see the attached. Tom Walter of LINK Management reviewed the nature center layout, the maintenance barn layout and advised the board that the West Central Conservancy District would be able to do sewage, in lieu of having to do a septic system. He reviewed the arrangement that they would be making with the township that would be saving us money. Joe Miller from Banning Engineer was also present to answer questions.
4. **Approval of the Proposed Pecar Park Project Budget.** Trustee Hodson and Tom Walter reviewed the Pecar Park Project Budget and told the board that the only difference that was presented last month is that there would now be a sewer system as opposed to a septic system with no changes to the budget amount.

New Business

1. **Resolution Authorizing the Trustee to Place the Pecar Project Out for Bid.** With the presentation of the budget presented and requested that the board approve Resolution 091217-01 that would allow the Trustee to place the Pecar Project out for bid. Legal Council Jost reviewed the resolution with the board and the procedures. Doug Elmore made a motion to approve Resolution 091217-01 the Resolution Authorizing the Trustee to Place the Pecar Project Out for Bid and the submitted proposed Pecar Project Budget. Suzanne Conger seconded. Fred Palmer told everyone that he was opposed to the project as proposed. After discussion the **Motion carried 2-1.**
2. **Additional Appropriation Resolution.** Trustee Hodson presented to the board an Additional Appropriation Resolution 091217-02 that would give an additional 597,133 to Rainy Day and \$112,500 to the Recreation Fund. Fred Palmer made the motion to approve Resolution 091217-02 Additional Appropriation. Doug Elmore seconded. **Motion carries 3-0.**
3. **WCCD Water Rights.** Trustee Hodson reported that he was contacted by Ron Goff, WCCD General Manager, and that the WCCD was open to terminating the Water Rights Lease Agreement dated December 28, 2010 that had been signed by Ron Goff and then Washington Township Trustee Ronnie Austin. Ron had given Trustee Hodson a proposed agreement and release of the propor agreement. Tony Jost reviewed the proposed agreement with the board and presented Resolution 091217-03 that would authorize the Township Trustee to sign the proposed agreement and release. Doug Elmore made a motion to approve Resolution 091217-03. Seconded by Fred Palmer. **Motion carries 3-0.**
4. **2018 Budget Update – Any Changes or Edits Needed.** Trustee Hodson asked the board if there were any changes, edits or questions on the 2018 Budget as presented so far. The reason he was asking this is they need to prepare the final budget for the approval on October 24, 2017. Fred Palmer he stated he wanted the Fire Department budget to delete the \$34,500 earmarked for Training Ground expenses since the training ground was not purchased and it could always be added with an additional appropriation. He also asked if this included the final figures for the

2018 CUM Fund Budget and the 2018 proposed Park Capital Budget. Trustee Hodson stated he would get that information out to the board the following day.

Public Comment

None.

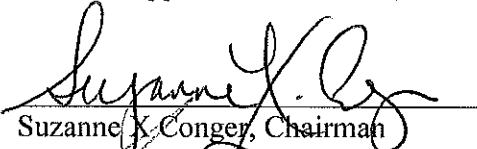
Wishes to be Heard

Doug Elmore advised the board that he would be out of town October 24, 2017 due to work.

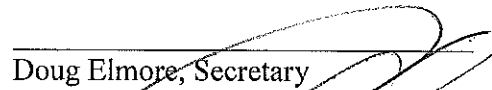
Adjournment

Doug Elmore moved to adjourn the meeting and Fred Palmer seconded the motion. **Motion carries 3-0.** Meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM. The next regularly scheduled board meeting and Approval/Adoption of the 2018 Budget will be October 24th, 2017 at 7 PM. All meetings to be held at Washington Township Government Center, 311 Production Drive.

Minutes Approved October 24, 2017:


Suzanne K. Conger, Chairman


Fred Palmer, Member


Doug Elmore, Secretary

Attest:

Don Hodson, Trustee