

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019
HELD AT: WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT CENTER
311 PRODUCTION DRIVE, AVON, INDIANA

Call To Order:

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

Establishment Of A Quorum

Shane Sommers, Amanda Babinec and Steve Blacketer were present. Also in attendance was Trustee Don Hodson, Legal Counsel Tony Jost and staff.

Public Hearing For The 2020 Township Budget:

As advertised on the State of Indiana Public Portal- "Gateway", the Public Hearing for the advertised 2020 Township Budget was opened at 7:01PM. There was no public present and no one spoke on the proposed budget. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:02PM

Consent Agenda:

Amanda Babinec made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 5, 2019, Special Township Board meeting and the August 8, 2019 Township Board meeting and consent to the Claims from August 8, 2019 to September 6, 2019 as presented. Steve Blacketer seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Department Reports: (see attached)

1. Township Assistance: Trustee Hodson reviewed the Township Assistance Report.
2. Human Resource- Director Aron Vining reviewed his report.
3. Parks and Recreation: Director Lora Helmick reviewed her report and revenue report.
4. Fire: Chief Smith reviewed his report. He also thanked HR Director Vining for his assistance on the hiring process for the fire administrative assistant position. He announced that Courtney Snyder was hired and was doing an excellent job. Chief Smith also recognized two members of his admin team: Training Chief Shafer for the Symposium that was recently held. He stated that besides our department attending, there were many local departments and a couple out of state departments. The other recognition was Assistant Chief Gerald George for his involvement and leadership in the Homeland Security response to the recent hurricane relief. He told those present Chief George had been doing this for a number of years and thanked him for him and his family's sacrifice for our nation.

Trustee Report: (see attached report and written statement made)

Trustee Hodson told the board that in addition to his report provided in their packet, he wanted to remind them that the next Board Meeting, where the 2020 Township Budget Adoption will be on the agenda, will be held on October 8, 2019 at 2:00 PM at Park Pavilion- not the Township Offices. He also advised them that the month end should be closed soon and after that the August Appropriation reports would be sent to them. Trustee Hodson then told the Board and those present he wanted to make a statement covering some recent information and a request from the Board for a consensus on five points. He advised he was entering this statement into the minutes (see attachment) of the meeting. After the presentation the Board did give a consensus to the five points he requested.

Old Business:

1. Station 141 Remodel Project Update: Chief Smith told the Board that the Bid Process that the Board approved at their last meeting had happened, but was now withdrawn. The reason for that was we only had one company bidding show up at the mandatory meeting that had been part of the process as advertised. He also advised that company had wanted extra time to put together their bid. As a result our Owner Rep-Tom Walter of LINK Management recommended pulling the bid process and postpone it until late fall or early winter when the construction season would slow down to hopefully get bids. He told the Board that the architect for this project mentioned he was also working on a \$12 million school project where no one showed at their mandatory meeting. Construction businesses are short workers and are behind on projects. Chief did advise we were getting bids (that will be less than the \$150,000 minimum for the Board placing out for bid) to go ahead and have the bay floor remodeled so the apparatus wouldn't have to set outside in the winter when we do start the remodel project then,
2. Training Ground Update: Chief Smith advised we should be able to go to the Town of Avon Planning Commission for permit approval of the project in October.

New Business:

1. Resolution 091019-01: Concerning the Removal of Weeds and Obnoxious Plants. Trustee Hodson and Legal Counsel Jost reviewed the weed complaint process the township had been following over the past 20 some years. Trustee Hodson stated we had found that there was a better legal process that was recommended by the Legal Counsel for the Indiana Township Association. Legal Counsel Jost advised that with Resolution 091019-01 the Board was adopting the new process. They were also defining what constituted a definition of "obnoxious weeds" that would include tall grass and weeds over 12 inches. Also the process gave legal justification for the Township to enter properties in the unincorporated area after proper notice to both inspect complaint allegations and resolving the issue if the property owner failed to do so after notification. Also the new process allowed the Trustee to send to the Hendricks County Auditor any unpaid weed invoices and those would then be added to the next property tax bill, instead of just recording a lien and maybe not receiving payment on the lien until the property changes ownership.

Steve Blacketer made a motion to approve Resolution 091019-01. Amanda Babinec seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

2. Resolution 091019-02 Awarding of a Bid for the Station 141 Remodel Project:
The resolution was withdrawn by the Trustee.

Public Comment:

None were made.

Wished To Be Heard:

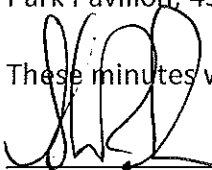
Trustee Hodson told the Board the Township Employee Christmas Party would be Friday-December 13, 2019 at the Township Park Pavilion at 6:00pm.

Adjournment:

Amanda Babinec made a motion to adjourn. Steve Blacketer seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.** The meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 2:00 PM at the Washington Township Park Pavilion, 435 Whipple Lane, Avon. Indiana.

These minutes were approved October 8, 2019.



Shane Sommers, Chair

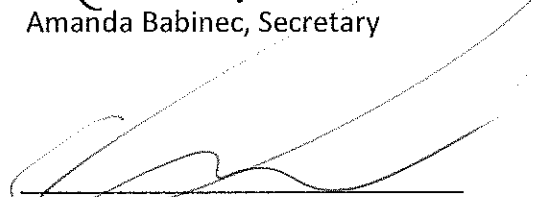


Amanda Babinec, Secretary

Attest:



Steve Blacketer, Member



Don Hodson, Trustee