

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 2015
TRUSTEE REPORT

1. Tonight you are being asked to approve the 2016 Township Budget as submitted. This is the result of the efforts of the Dept. Heads, Deputy Trustee, our Financial Advisor and the Board over the past 4 months. This budget will allow us to provide better services to those that we serve, enhanced training for our employees, a 3% pay increase for our employees, and replace aging equipment; while decreasing our township tax rate. Also this next year will be the last payment for the 2013 E Loan.
2. Tonight we are asking for additional appropriations for 2015. These will be paid from our cash balances. Our Financial Advisor will explain and answer any questions.
3. Tonight the Township/Fire Headquarters Building Committee will give you an update on their progress.
4. Next year will be the Bi-Centennial of Indiana (200th birthday). There are many things that the state and county are planning to help celebrate our states birthday. Tonight Parks Director Lora Lacey will be covering some of those items and asking for input on what the Township is willing and able to do towards that.
5. As an update, the Township Health Insurance Committee has been meeting to study the feasibility of the Township converting to Self-Insurance. Our renewal was October 1, 2015. The present carrier-Pekin Insurance brought to us a flat line rate for October 1- September 30, 2016. The committee and Trustee decided to continue with the present plan and carrier with no rate increase while they continue to study the options for the future.

6. You had set a special meeting for November 3rd to receive the recommendation of the building committee. Also our next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for November 10th. The Committee has requested that the November 3rd meeting be cancelled due to their needing to study other options before making their recommendation. They said they would be ready to present at the November Board meeting. However one of the Township Board members had already advised that they would not be present at the scheduled November 10th date. Because we felt it was important for all three board members be present for that committee report and recommendation, I am requesting the November Board meeting be re-scheduled to Wednesday November 18th. I have checked with all three board members individually and they are all three available to meet then.

7. At next month's Board Meeting we will present the 2016 Township Regular Board Meeting Schedule, the 2016 Township Observed Holidays, the 2015 EMS Billing Write Offs and the 2016 Tax Anticipation Warrant (TAW) for your consideration and approval.

8. Finally I want to thank one of our staff members for her efforts. Jennifer Zeunik is our Township Newsletter Editor, besides the other duties performed by her. She publishes it once a quarter; with one being mailed to all of the township homes and the other three quarterly editions being sent electronically. I have been receiving some very good comments on the content and information provided in them by various public and private leaders in our community. I want to commend her and all of those who have provided articles and pictures in helping to communicate what we are doing for the community.