

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MAY 19, 2015
TRUSTEE REPORT

1. Tonight we will be presenting for your approval the 2016 Budget Calendar we will follow for our budget process.
2. Tonight the Parks Dept. will be presenting for your review and possible approval an alcohol use policy in the Park.
3. Tonight the Fire Dept. will be reviewing the "Squad Program" for your decision on renewal of the program. They will review how it has been used, the reason for doing it, the cost and make a recommendation to you.
4. In your packet you received a copy of a letter delivered to me by Tom Klein, Town Manager from the Avon Town Council members requesting that the Township Board, Township Trustee and Town Council re-convene informal discussions on the feasibility of an eventual resolution to begin the consolidation process. I am asking you to give me feedback as to what your desire is so I can give a reply to their letter. I informed Tom that I would be bringing this up in my Trustee comments.
5. Tonight I want to officially inform you that Jenifer Thornell resigned her position as Township Public Assistance Director effective May 8th. She accepted a similar position with Guilford Township. I am very pleased to announce that I have appointed Monica Bales to replace her effective May 26th. Monica has case study background with the State of Indiana.
6. I have included in your packets copies of a packet that the Town of Avon gave me for you on 20th and 21st Economic Development Policy presented by Ball State.
7. In August, there will be a joint meeting of the boards/councils of the four taxing entities and the chamber of commerce. I will get you the date when I know it. The agenda will be on planning and will be presented by the County and Town Planning Directors.

8. As you know, in our State of the Township in January, we mentioned as one of the Township Goals was to have on a quarterly basis service projects that would be part of our outreach program. For our first one, the Township employees will be doing a service project on Wednesday May 20th at 9:00 am. It will consist of working on the landscaping along US 36 by the Park sign and Paw Park. This will involve employees who are volunteering their time. If any of you desire to participate, please do. I will be there.

9. Finally, in closing I am very proud to announce that the first Trine University Lou Holtz Leadership Class graduated on Tuesday May 12th and Wednesday May 13th. The Township had 11 participants in the Avon program that was an 11 week program. They are: from the Township General Staff- Township Administrator Josie Simison; from the Fire Department- Chief Dan Smith, Assistant Chief Gerald George, Division Chiefs Jim Adams, Levi Carpenter and Ted Allen and Battalion Chiefs Joe East, Jeff Thompson and Jason Porter and from the Parks Department- Director Nikki Montembeault and Events Director Stephanie Massa. I want to thank each of them for committing to completing the program that will assist in developing our leadership group. Our township will definitely be better for their efforts. I am very, very proud of each of them.