

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD TUESDAY,
MARCH 20, 2012 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, ZION, ILLINOIS**

Trustee Jim Taylor called the meeting to order. Chairman Ditzig was absent.

On call of the roll the following answered present: Trustees Jim Taylor, Flammini, DeTienne, and Shantal Taylor. Larry Wicketts, Township Assessor, was present.

MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Shantal Taylor, seconded by Trustee DeTienne that the minutes of a regular meeting held February 21, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. and a Budget/Workshop special meeting held on March 13, 2012 at 1:08 p.m. be approved as presented, all members having received printed copies prior to the meeting. The vote on roll call was: Trustees Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye. Motion carried.

BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Flammini, seconded by Trustee Shantal Taylor that bills be authorized for payment as follows:

a. Town Fund –	
Administrative & Operating Expenses	\$ 37,331.00
b. Assessor’s Office	\$ 17,541.00
c. Community Support	\$ 46.00
d. Youth Services	\$ 730.00
e. Senior Services	\$ 17,255.00
f. Social Security Fund	\$ 3,462.00
g. IMRF	\$ 15,711.00
h. Public Assistance	\$ 4,519.00
i. General Assistance	\$ 25,755.00
j. Emergency Assistance	\$ 1,438.00
k. Community Outsourcing	\$ 3,800.00
 TOTAL BILLS:	 \$127,588.00

The vote on roll call was: Trustees Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR’S REPORT

Assessor Wicketts stated that the assessments will be submitted in mid-July which is earlier than in 2011. He stated that residential property will be down between 12% and 15%. He foresees no changes in values coming. He stated that the State will give a multiplier again this year with a 1.2% factor which is the same as last year so all County residents will be effected the same. He stated that the Senior Freeze forms have been mailed out.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Trustee Jim Taylor made the following announcements:

- Senior Housing visits:
 - o Shiloh Towers – March 27, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.
 - o Zion Senior Cottages – April 3, 2012 at 12:00 noon
 - o Carmel House – April 4, 2012 at 8:00 a.m.
- Township Annual Meeting is April 10, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
- Senior Resource Day is April 18, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Zion Township Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is May 9, 2012. Invitations will be mailed soon.
- Township staff is working on the spring Township newsletter which will be out by mid-April.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

William Bremner asked what effect abandoned houses have on the housing assessment situation. Assessor Wicketts stated that, until the houses sell, they have no effect on the value.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, it was moved by Trustee DeTienne, seconded by Trustee Shantal Taylor and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 6:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Town Clerk