

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2012 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, ZION, ILLINOIS

Chairman Ditzig called the meeting to order.

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

MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee DeTienne, seconded by Trustee Shantal Taylor that the minutes of a regular meeting held June 19, 2012 at 6:30 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; Shantal Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Chairman Ditzig, aye. Motion carried.

BILLS

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

a.	Town Fund	
	Administrative & Operating Expenses	\$ 48,328.00
b.	Assessor's Office	\$ 18,112.00
c.	Community Support	\$ 5,430.00
d.	Youth Services	\$ 8,559.00
e.	Senior Services	\$ 892.00
f.	Social Security Fund	\$ 3,718.00
g.	IMRF	\$ 19,126.00
h.	Public Assistance	\$ 4,323.00
i.	General Assistance	\$ 17,181.00
j.	Emergency Assistance	\$ 2,559.00
k.	Community Outsourcing	\$ 8,600.00

TOTAL BILLS: \$136,828.00

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

PUBLIC HEARING/APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Chairman Ditzig declared the Public Hearing for the Appropriation Ordinance for the fiscal year May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013 open at 6:32 P.M.

Chairman Ditzig requested comments and/or questions from the public, and there were none.

Chairman Ditzig declared the Public Hearing for the Appropriation Ordinance closed at 6:33 P.M.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

It was moved by Trustee Jim Taylor, seconded by Trustee Shantal Taylor to approve the Appropriation Ordinance 2012-03 for the fiscal year May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013 for the total amount of \$2,185,351. The vote on roll call was: Trustees Jim Taylor, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Chairman Ditzig, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessor Wicketts stated that he submitted the books to the County. He stated that on August 13, 2012 all assessments will be published in the newspaper and on the County and Zion Assessor websites. The equalized values were submitted and the County applied a .8500 factor which is a 15% negative. He stated that values will go down 15% on residential properties in 2013. Assessor Wicketts stated that in the next few weeks, tax reps will be sending out postcards in the mail in an attempt to have residents hire them to try to reduce their taxes. He stated that these reps are not credible and are uneducated on property valuation and warned residents not to use their services. If they are hired and a tax reduction is made, the tax rep takes a large portion and, if the bill is paid late, they charge a huge percentage in late fees. Assessor Wicketts stated that he will be hosting an open house on August 20th from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. The public is invited to come in and discuss their assessments and learn how their value is determined. Help will be available for filing an appeal. This open house is for Zion citizens only and for residential properties only. A resident asked why the open house is on a weekday when many residents are working. Assessor Wicketts stated that there are other open houses being hosted around the county in the evenings. He agreed to host an open house on Saturday, August 25, 2012 from 8:00 am to 1:30 pm in order to better accommodate residents.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Chairman Ditzig made the following announcements:

- 91 fourteen and fifteen year olds were hired for the Summer Work Program. They work for six weeks for three hours per day. The Township is in partnership with Lake County Job Center who hires kids for summer work by lottery rather than going through a traditional hiring process. Some of the kids working in Zion as part of this partnership don't appear to really want to work and are causing problems. Ms. Ditzig asked the community to please call the Township and report any problems so the kids can be held accountable. Six kids have been let go to date. The Summer Work Program dinner will be held on July 27, 2012.
- The Meals on Wheels program is going well and is fully staffed with volunteers.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, it was moved by Trustee Shantal Taylor, seconded by Trustee DeTienne and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 6:47 p.m. Motion carried.

Town Clerk

Approved August 21, 2012