

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2012 AT 6:32 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, ZION, ILLINOIS

Chairman Neal called the meeting to order.

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

MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Jim Taylor, seconded by Trustee Shantal Taylor that the minutes of a regular meeting held October 16, 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; Flammini, aye; and Chairman Neal, aye. Motion carried.

BILLS

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

a. Town Fund –	
Administrative & Operating Expenses	\$ 72,590.00
b. Assessor’s Office	\$ 25,368.00
c. Community Support	\$ 285.00
d. Youth Services	\$ 535.00
e. Senior Services	\$ 1,928.00
f. Social Security Fund	\$ 5,133.00
g. IMRF	\$ 0
h. Public Assistance	\$ 4,471.00
i. General Assistance	\$ 25,389.00
j. Emergency Assistance	\$ 2,572.00
k. Community Outsourcing	\$ 6,000.00
 TOTAL BILLS:	 \$144,271.00

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

ASSESSOR’S REPORT

Assessor Wicketts reported that he had attended thirty hearings with taxpayers this date. He stated that most residents were happy with the EAV on the buildings but were upset about the amount of taxes. He stated that everyone needs to watch increases as CLC and the Zion Benton Public Library are asking to increase their tax levies. Currently Zion has the highest tax rate in Lake County at 13.77%. It will increase to over 16% after the 15% decrease in EAV expected for next year. He stated that the average City of Zion resident pays approximately \$4,500 per year in property taxes.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Chairman Neal made the following announcements:

- The Zion Benton Leadership Academy was a huge success with 12 graduates, 10 of whom reside in Zion.

- CREW'S Full Moon 5K run was held on October 26, 2012.
- Cathy Curran, Executive Director of PADS, passed away and will be missed.
- On October 30th, Carmel House residents hosted a birthday party for all residents over the age of 90 which included Dorothy Lambert, Joseph Bakanec, Doris Corey, Ethel Townsend, Rachel LaBelle, Elsie Nelson, and Margaret Culley.
- Congratulations to Congdon Funeral Home for winning the 7th Annual Corporate Community Spelling Bee
- Zion Student Council Coalition had a meeting on November 14, 2012. Sonolito Bronson, City Economic Development Coordinator, spoke regarding getting people more involved in community events. The group created an "Attendance Counts" banner that hangs on the overhead walking bridge over Lewis Avenue. Those students who helped with the design were honored with a certificate signed by the Mayor.
- Chairman Neal attended the Northpoint Resources annual appreciation dinner.
- 180 Thanksgiving food boxes were delivered to seniors in the community.
- The Jocelyn Center, which provides counseling and psychiatric services for adults, will have a grand opening ribbon cutting on December 5th at 8:30 a.m. at Pearce Campus.
- Zion Township is working with Rick DeLisle and Santa VP to provide for 80 families in Zion again this holiday season.
- The Coalition for Healthy Communities is sponsoring Community Conversations, a monthly get-together at the ZB Public Library for any resident in Beach Park, Zion or Winthrop Harbor that wants to join in helping the Zion community become a better place. Meetings are the 4th Wednesday of the month from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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 DeTienne, seconded by Trustee Flammini and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Town Clerk