

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2013 AT 6:30 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 Flammini, DeTienne, and Shantal Taylor. Trustee Jim Taylor was absent. Larry Wicketts, Township Assessor, was present.

MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Flammini, seconded by Trustee DeTienne that the minutes of a Budget Workshop held on March 12, 2013 at 3:33 p.m., a Regular Meeting held on March 19, 2013 at 6:30 p.m., and a Closed Session held on March 19, 2013 at 6:40 p.m. be approved as presented, all members having received printed copies prior to the meeting. The vote on roll call was: Trustees Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Chairman Neal aye. Motion carried.

BILLS

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

a. Town Fund –	
Administrative & Operating Expenses	\$ 40,713.00
b. Assessor’s Office	\$ 25,885.00
c. Community Support	\$ 0
d. Youth Services	\$ 461.00
e. Senior Services	\$ 1,838.00
f. Social Security Fund	\$ 5,930.00
g. IMRF	\$ 8,521.00
h. Public Assistance	\$ 3,195.00
i. General Assistance	\$ 17,602.00
j. Emergency Assistance	\$ 2,650.00
k. Community Outsourcing	\$ - 700.00
 TOTAL BILLS:	 \$ 106,095

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

BUDGET/FISCAL YEAR MAY 1, 2013– APRIL 30, 2014

Chairman Neal stated that the proposed Township budget for the fiscal year May 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014 was tabled during the annual public hearing. It was necessary to suspend budget discussions due to the numbers for the levy coming in earlier in the day. It will be necessary to review the budget and make possible cuts. Chairman Neal recommends suspending the approval of the Budget for Fiscal Year May 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014 until the next Regular Town Board Meeting on May 21, 2013.

It was moved by Trustee Flammini, seconded by Trustee Shantal Taylor to suspend the approval of the Zion Township Budget for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014. The vote on roll call was: Trustees Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Chairman Neal, aye. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessor Wicketts stated that the State has issued an equalization factor of 1.0186 for all Lake County. This is a change from last year's equalization factor of 1.0281. The equalization factor is determined by each county by comparing the price of individual properties sold over the past three years to the assessed value placed on those properties. He stated the change in the equalization factor does not cause property taxes to increase or decrease that is determined by local taxing bodies. If the amount of money the local taxing bodies asks for is not more than they received the previous year, local property taxes will not increase even if the assessments increase. He stated all owner-occupied residential property values have gone down by 14 to 16 percent. Assessor Wicketts stated the Assessor's office will hold a help center in June or July to help Seniors with the necessary paperwork to file an appeal at the Lake County Board of Review. Assessor Wicketts stated residents will be able to come in and sit down with him or other staff members and an appraiser who will show them how to file an appeal. He also warned residents to beware of offers from so-called "tax reps" who say they can save you lots of money. Assessor Wicketts stated tax reps are forbidden by law from filing appeals. He stated taxpayers can get free help from his office. The Assessor's Office has scheduled a senior freeze outreach for April 25th at the Zion Senior Center from 11 am to 1:30 pm. The deadline to file the Senior Freeze paperwork is July 1st.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Chairman Neal made the following announcements:

- Prescription cards are available at Zion Township
- Pace Dial-A-Ride for all residents – call 800-201-6446
- Lake County Housing Authority open house – Monday, April 22nd from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at Shiloh Towers
- Senior Resource day is Wednesday, April 24th from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Zion Park District
- Lake County After School Coalition Annual Meeting - April 24th
- Coalition for Healthy Communities Annual Meeting – Friday, May 3rd at 7:00 am at Best Western Market Square
- Caring for Caregiver Support Meeting beginning May 21st at ZBPL from 6-7 pm
- Summer Work Program applications are available now for youth ages 14-15. Application deadline is April 30, 2013.
- The Township has developed a new brochure to better explain some of the services provided at Zion Township and they are available in the office.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

William Bremner asked Assessor Wicketts if the Homestead Exemption would be increasing. Assessor Wicketts stated that it had not been done as of yet.

Clyde McLemore stated if you have a drug conviction you are unable to get general assistance. He stated he is for the people, and this is hurting the people that need it most. Chairman Neal stated it is a State Law that any person having a Class X or Class 1 felony is unable to receive general assistance. She stated it is her job to follow the law.

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 6:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Temporary Town Clerk