

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 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 Taylor, Flammini, DeTienne, Hill, and Chairman Neal. Larry Wicketts, Township Assessor, was present.

MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Taylor, seconded by Trustee Hill that the minutes of a regular meeting held May 21, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. and a Budget Workshop held June 11, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. be approved as presented, all members having received printed copies prior to the meeting. The vote on roll call was: Trustees Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Hill, aye; and Chairman Neal, aye. Motion carried.

BILLS

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

Township Fund

Assessor's Office	\$ 17,547.36
Community Support	\$ 20.00
Youth Services	\$ 280.00
Senior Services	\$ 2,571.07
Other	\$ 39,029.99
Township Fund Total Expenses	\$ 59,448.42

General Assistance Fund

Public Support	\$ 5,993.31
Community Support	\$ 0
Other	\$ 7,878.78
General Assistance Fund Total Expenses	\$ 13,872.09
FICA Total Expenses	\$ 3,218.52
IMRF Total Expenses	\$ 7,060.43

TOTAL BILLS: \$ 83,599.46

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

PREVAILING RATE OF WAGES

It was moved by Trustee Flammini, seconded by Trustee DeTienne that an Ordinance (2013-01) be passed ascertaining the Prevailing Rate of Wages as determined by the Department of Labor as of June 2013 for laborers, mechanics and other workers performing construction in Zion Township, Lake County, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Trustees Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Hill, aye; and Chairman Neal, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

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 presented during the budget public hearing held on June 18, 2013 at 6:15 p.m. reflecting the Township Supervisor's budget in the amount of \$1,493,143 and the Township Assessor's budget in the amount of \$252,400.

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

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessor Wicketts stated that he was waiting on the receipt of a few items and, once received, he would be ready to submit the books.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Chairman Neal presented the monthly report for May 2013.

Chairman Neal made the following announcements:

- ZB Run Squad's "Reading Run" had over 100 runners with proceeds benefiting the Zion Benton Public Library to cover the costs of free programming offered.
- Zion Benton Leadership Academy applications for 2013 are available at www.zbchc.com. The deadline is July 1, 2013.
- The Summer Work Program began on June 17, 2013 with the parent orientation being on June 17 and training on June 18. 73 youth will be hired this year. Any seniors who need raking, painting, etc. help should contact the Zion Township.

Trustee Hill asked if assistance provided to residents through the Summer Work Program is limited to seniors and if it is based on income. Chairman Neal stated that the provision of assistance is determined on a case by case basis and is not tied to income.

- Township visit to Bethesda Village on June 19th at 10:15 a.m. and Carmel House on July 2nd at 8:00 a.m.
- Meals on Wheels volunteers are needed. 45 minutes one day a week required.
- Zion Benton Exchange Club is forming with the installation being scheduled for June 27th at 6:00 p.m. at the library.

Trustee Hill asked what the mission of the Exchange Club is and Clyde McLemore, a member of the audience, stated that it was to promote Americanism. Mona Shannon stated that in the past, the main focus of the club was child abuse prevention.

- A new Caregivers Support Group has been formed. Next meeting is June 25th from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the library. Family Services received a grant to provide geriatric counseling for Zion, Waukegan, and North Chicago and they will be providing counseling to caregivers.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Clyde McLemore, 2815 Ezekiel, stated that he addressed the Board at the May 21, 2013 meeting regarding general assistance for ex-convicts. He stated that the Township office provided him with the 1996 law which states that felons cannot receive general assistance if they were convicted of felony drug charges. Mr. McLemore stated that an Illinois State Law was enacted that states the Township can provide such assistance if they pass a motion allowing it. Chairman Neal stated that the state statute has not changed for Class X and Class 1 felons. She stated that the Township does provide help to felons through drug treatment programs. She informed Mr. McLemore that he was misreading the statute and that he was wrong. She stated that there are 1,433 townships in the State of Illinois and none of them can assist a felon if convicted of a Class X or Class 1 drug felony. Mr. McLemore stated that it is not illegal to deny ex-cons and that the Illinois House and Senate passed another law which says all the Township has to do is put a motion on the floor and change the law. He stated that people change and they need help. Chairman Neal stated that Assistant Supervisor Gloudemans has researched the subject with the TOI and the Township attorney and was advised that they cannot change the law. She stated that no state funds will be spent to assist drug felons with a Class X or Class 1 drug felony. Trustee Hill asked Mr. McLemore if he sought legal advice and he stated that he spoke to a Chicago attorney, but none in Lake County. He asked Mr. McLemore if he could name another township that provides general assistance to Class X or Class 1 felons. He asked Mr. McLemore to bring written verification from another Lake County township confirming that they offer general assistance to drug felons. He stated that verifications from Waukegan or Cook County townships would not be acceptable.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, it was moved by Trustee DeTienne, seconded by Trustee Hill and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 6:52 p.m. Motion carried.

Town Clerk