

# Zion Township Board recognizes Volunteer of Year and Friend of Township

At the July Zion Township Board meeting, Supervisor Cheri Neal surprised Gibbie Buchholtz by honoring him with the Volunteer of the Year Award and state Representative JoAnn Osmond with the Friend of the Township Award.

Due to severe budget cuts, Zion Township is not able to hold its annual Volunteer Appreciation dinner, but believes it is important to honor those who really stand out in our township.

## Volunteer of the Year

Gibbie Buchholtz, also known as Videos by Gibbie, volunteers his days capturing key events in our community on camera.

He volunteers to tape the



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From left: Volunteer of the Year Gibbie Buchholtz, Zion Township Supervisor Cheri Neal and state Rep. JoAnn Osmond.

board meetings, Summer Work Program youth, ZB

Run Squad events, the Zion queens, Senior Prom,

Nostalgia Days and Jubilee Days, a multitude of high school events, and any other event that he is able to attend.

He works with GoFlo.com to post all the pictures on zbguid.com. Gibbie provides a service to this community that is unique and powerful. Taking a picture captures a memory.

Gibbie spends much of his own hard-earned income printing pictures, framing them and giving them as gifts.

He is often taken for granted, but Zion Township wants to memorialize his gift to the community by honoring him as the Volunteer of the Year.

## Friend of the Township

JoAnn Osmond has served as our state Representative since December 2002, after losing her husband, state Rep. Tim Osmond, to a heart attack.

Rep. JoAnn Osmond worked to get a state law changed that had made it illegal for Supervisor Cheri Neal to run her Township Board meetings.

Because Zion is one of 20 coterminous townships in the state of Illinois out of 1,433 townships, the Mayor was required to run the township board meetings due to a glitch in the law.

Osmond passed into state law 60 ILCS 1/15-70, allowing

the Township Supervisor to oversee the Town Board meetings. Rep. Osmond is always on hand to address issues that Zion Township residents have at a state level.

She provides certificates to residents who have achieved notable accomplishments and has also provided support to the ZB Run Squad by providing water for all the runs.

Though long overdue, Zion Township has selected state Representative JoAnn Osmond as the Friend of the Township.

Zion Township also wants to thank the many volunteers who are truly the heart of our community.