

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 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, Taylor, Hill, DeTienne, and Chairman Neal. Larry Wicketts, Township Assessor, was present.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORAR DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

It was moved by Trustee Flammini, seconded by Trustee Taylor to approve the appointment of Sheryl Spooner as Temporary Deputy Town Clerk for period beginning September 9, 2013 and ending September 22, 2013. The vote on roll call was: Trustees Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; Hill, aye; DeTienne aye; and Chairman Neal aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Hill, seconded by Trustee Flammini that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held on August 20, 2013 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 Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; Hill, aye; DeTienne, 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:

<u>Township Fund</u>		
Assessor's Office	\$ 27,852.95	
Community Support	\$ 20.00	
Youth Services	\$ 5,051.80	
Senior Services	\$ 8,183.85	
Operating Expenses	\$ 59,413.12	
Township Fund Total Expenses		\$100,521.72
 <u>General Assistance Fund</u>		
Public Support	\$ 6,433.62	
Community Support	\$ 25,000.00	
Operating Expenses	\$ 10,975.58	
General Assistance Fund Total Expenses		\$ 42,409.20
 <u>FICA</u> Total Expenses		\$ 5,698.78
 <u>IMRF</u> Total Expenses		\$ 7,248.27
 TOTAL BILLS:		\$155,877.97

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

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessor Wicketts stated Monday was the last day for assessment appeals. Assessor Wicketts stated that 75% of the complaints are from single family non-owner residential rental properties. He stated there are between 600-700 complaints. Assessor Wicketts stated he has researched the property values in Zion and concluded that the values are where they should be. Assessor Wicketts stated not everyone who files and appeal will go to the Board of Review (Appeals). He stated the Assessor's office could make reductions if there is evidence to support the appeal. Assessor Wicketts stated the Assessor's office must find the evidence to support and defend his values to the Board of Review (Appeals).

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Chairman Neal stated at a prior meeting Commissioner Hill asked about the Township possibly joining the City's Health Insurance to save money. Chairman Neal presented information to the Trustees. She stated the costs are comparable, but not a savings. Commissioner Hill asked why the City could not get on the same insurance plan as the Township. Chairman Neal stated the City has too many unions, whereas the Township does not have to address that issue.

Chairman Neal made the following announcements:

- The City, Township and Park District have established a trolley route for the senior buildings in Zion for Thursday, September 19th. Seniors interested in taking the trolley to the farmer's market from the senior buildings should call the Zion Park District at 847-746-5500.
- The Coalition for Healthy Communities' Zion-Benton Leadership Academy participants are: Angela Baran, Zion; Janice Booker, Beach Park; Torris Childs, Zion; Jessica Clark, Wadsworth; Scott Fuller, Winthrop Harbor; Tynisha Gardner, Zion; Rod Henry, Winthrop Harbor; Sheri Jesiel, Winthrop Harbor; Brandon Rogers, Wadsworth, Alice Scott, Zion; Matthew St. Cyr, Zion; MacArthur White, Zion.
- Chairmen Neal will visit the Zion Senior Cottages on October 1st at noon and Carmel House on October 2ⁿ at 8 a.m.
- A new Caregivers Support Group has formed. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 26th from 6-7pm at the Zion Benton Public Library. Additionally, Family Service, via a grant from the Healthcare Foundation of Northern Lake County, is providing counseling for Seniors and Caregivers, free of charge in Zion.
- The next Zee Bee Run Squad race is on Friday, October 18th at 6pm Register at www.zbrun.org.
- The 5th annual Robert K. Guerin Memorial Bowling Fundraiser is on Saturday, October 5th at 12:00 noon.
- Today, September 17th is the last day for signatures for the "Light Up Green Bay Road" petition for intersection improvements at Green Bay Road/Kenosha Road/29th St.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

William Bremner presented Chairman Neal with a copy of meeting minutes from Bernadotte, a rural community located in Fulton Illinois.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, it was moved by Trustee Hill, seconded by Trustee Flammini and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Temporary Town Clerk