

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2014 AT 6:31 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, Hill, DeTienne, Flammini, Assessor Wicketts and Chairman Neal were present.

MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Flammini, seconded by Trustee Hill that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held on March 18, 2014 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 Taylor aye; Hill, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; and Chairman Neal aye. Motion carried.

BILLS

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

<u>Township Fund</u>		
Assessor's Office	\$ 29,884.10	
Community Support	\$ 50.00	
Youth Services	\$ 0.00	
Senior Services	\$ 1,210.27	
Operating Expenses	\$ 35,725.74	
Township Fund Total Expenses		\$ 66,870.11
 <u>General Assistance Fund</u>		
Public Support	\$ 3,139.31	
Community Support	\$ 0.00	
Operating Expenses	\$ 13,414.16	
General Assistance Fund Total Expenses		\$ 16,553.47
 <u>FICA</u> Total Expenses		\$ 2,753.94
 <u>IMRF</u> Total Expenses		\$ 6,705.48
 TOTAL BILLS:		\$ 92,883.00

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

BUDGET/FISCAL YEAR MAY 1, 2014-APRIL 30, 2015

Chairman Neal presented the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 proposed budget. She stated the Property Taxes received were lower than anticipated. Township Assessor Larry Wicketts presented a memo requesting changes to the proposed budget. He stated there was one line item that exceeded the budgeted amount this year due to the assessment appeal of the Calpine Peaker Plant. Trustee Hill stated he wanted to express his appreciation to Chairman Neal and Township Assessor Wicketts for working on the budget to make the tough decisions and significant cuts that were necessary.

It was moved by Trustee Taylor, seconded by Trustee Flammini to approve the Budget for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015 as presented. The vote on roll call was: Trustees Taylor aye; Hill, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; and Chairman Neal aye. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessor Wicketts stated the residential housing market is picking up. Commissioner Hill asked if Assessor Wicketts had any discussions with the Hospital regarding the Assessment Hearing. Assessor Wicketts stated the Hospital has been very cooperative and there is a possible agreement in the works for the Hospital to drop the hearing at the State level in the next week or two.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Chairman Neal stated the Township had to make the tough decision to cut the part-time coordinator position for the Meals on Wheels program. She stated Rozi Teser has worked for the Township since 2003 and was always there to make sure the seniors received their meals. She stated Ms. Teser will be deeply missed and thanked her for her endless hard work. She stated the volunteers and recipients will certainly miss the care and intentionality that Ms. Teser put into her job. She stated she doesn't think she has ever met anyone who is more attentive to detail and creatively enhance her position. She stated 17 Zion volunteers attended the Catholic Charities Meals on Wheels Volunteer Appreciation dinner. She stated Catholic Charities promises to continue the program, and will be looking into hiring Ms. Teser to assist with the program. Chairman Neal presented a token of appreciation to Ms. Teser.

Chairman Neal stated the Character in the Community effort is underway. She stated a group of Coalition members attended a training to begin to put together a plan. The Coalition's Leadership Summit launched the idea and next steps are being formalized. Trustee Hill stated he read a negative article in the News Sun regarding the Leadership Summit. He stated the article did not reflect the positives that were discussed at the meeting. Trustee Flammini who also attended the Summit agreed with Trustee Hill. He stated he felt the meeting had a positive outcome.

Chairman Neal continued with the following announcements:

- Chairman Neal stated Sherry Revell from Affordable Housing of Lake County visited Zion Township to share information on helping residents who are facing foreclosure. They met with Elsie Martinez from the Zion-Benton Public Library to establish a partnership whereby they refer agencies who provide resources that can directly help residents to the library and they will work with the agency to market a workshop. As a kickoff to the partnership, Sherry Revell will present a workshop on Foreclosure Prevention on May 13, 2014 at 6pm. Please 847-872-4680 call to register for the class. Affordable Housing of Lake County offers this free service to all Lake County residents who are either in the foreclosure process NOW and or those who may be in danger of future foreclosure. They are also involved in the Lake County Court's Mediation Program and share information on how this helps residents who are in foreclosure.
- Chairman Neal stated the Annual Township Meeting was on was held on 4/8/14, also thanking Mr. William C. Bremner III for moderating.
- Chairman Neal stated the Queen Bees of Zion Red Hat Society visited Highland Park and Highwood on April 10th and will be visiting Springfield April 28th and 29th.
- Chairman Neal stated on 4/12/14 were the SWP interviews with the Job Center of Lake County. The Township is working together with the Job Center to employ 35 fourteen and fifteen year olds. Additionally, the Zion Park District will be compensating us for one of the supervisor's salaries and that supervisor will have his crews working on Park District projects.

- Chairman Neal stated the Brudders Flashback Taco Dinner Fundraiser will be at the Community Christian Church, 1400 W Yorkhouse Rd., Waukegan from 5-7 pm for Justin Norman and Josh McEllen to help send them to Baton Rouge for the National Competition after taking 1st place in their divisions in Powerlifting.
- Chairman Neal stated Senior Resource Day is Wednesday, April 23rd from 8:30am til noon.
- Chairman Neal stated the ZB Run Squad 1st run of the season is Mama’s Run on Saturday, May 10th at 8am. Sign up at www.zbrun.org.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, it was moved by Trustee Flammini, seconded by Trustee DeTienne and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 6:53 p.m. Motion carried.

Temporary Town Clerk