

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD
TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2014 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, Hill, DeTienne and Chairman Neal. Trustee Taylor was absent. Assessor Wicketts was present.

MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Hill, seconded by Trustee Flammini that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held on June 17, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. be approved, all members having received printed copies prior to the meeting. The vote on roll call was: Trustees Flammini, aye; Hill, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Chairman Neal, aye. Motion carried.

BILLS

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

Authorize bills for payment

Assessor’s Office	\$ 12,846.51	
Community Support	\$ 184.41	
Youth Services	\$ 1,782.34	
Senior Services	\$ 774.19	
Operating Expenses	\$ 43,304.66	
Township Fund Total Expenses		\$ 58,892.11
<u>General Assistance Fund</u>		
Public Support	\$ 6,022.98	
Community Support	\$ 2,500.00	
Operating Expenses	\$ 11,363.03	
General Assistance Fund Total Expenses		\$ 19,886.01
<u>FICA</u> Total Expenses		\$ 2,824.15
<u>IMRF</u> Total Expenses		\$ 6,959.48
TOTAL BILLS:		\$ 88,561.75

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

PUBLIC HEARING/APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Chairman Neal declared the Public Hearing for the Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015, in the amount of \$1,248,346, open at 6:32 p.m.

Chairman Neal requested comments and/or questions from the public, and there were none.

Chairman Neal declared the Public Hearing for the Appropriation Ordinance closed at 6:33 p.m.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessor Wicketts stated that the Zion Township 2014 Assessed Values are scheduled to be published on July 16, 2014 and Assessment Notices will be arriving around the same date. He stated that nearly every property in Zion Township is receiving a reduction in assessment of just over 6%. He stated that residents have no reason to hire a tax representative. If residents have issues with their assessments, they should contact the Assessor's Office to receive assistance free of charge. Mr. Wicketts stated that next year is a general reassessment year and all properties in Zion will be revalued.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Chairman Neal presented the Zion Township Monthly Report for June 2014.

Chairman Neal stated that a Character in the Community meeting will be held on August 7, 2014 at the Zion Benton Public Library from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. She stated that a Character Walk is being planned for September 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Neal stated that Consumer Credit Counseling services are available for one-on-one consultations at Zion Township each Thursday.

Chairman Neal stated that the Summer Work Program Awards dinner will be held on July 28, 2014 at Market Square Hotel.

Chairman Neal stated that the State of Illinois Cooling Program is running through July 23, 2014 or until funds are exhausted.

Chairman Neal stated that the Zion Township staff was able to access \$68,614 in assistance for Zion residents with the LIHEAP Heating Program from September 2013 through May 2014. This program assists low income families and seniors with utility bills.

Chairman Neal stated that a job fair hosted by Congressman Brad Schneider will be held at the Zion Park District on August 14, 2014 for veterans from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. and all others from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

W. C. Bremner, 2525 Elim, shared an article from Illinois Outdoor Magazine regarding the City of Evanston receiving \$188,352 from the Department of Natural Resources for the Illinois Youth Recreation Corp in support of summer jobs for youth. He stated that this award will provide more than 60 jobs.

Trustee Flammini stated that a steel beam from the World Trade Center will be arriving in Zion. McKinney Steel will be working on the beam to prepare it for use as part of a memorial to be located in Lake County.

ADJOURN

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

Town Clerk