

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2015 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, ZION, ILLINOIS**

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Chairman Neal called the meeting to order.

On call of the roll the following answered present: Trustees Flammini, DeTienne, Taylor, Hill and Chairman Neal. Assessor Wicketts was present.

**MINUTES**

It was moved by Trustee Hill, seconded by Trustee DeTienne that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held on March 17, 2015 at 6:35 p.m. be approved, with all members having received printed copies prior to the meeting. The vote on roll call was: Trustees Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Hill, aye, and Chairman Neal, aye. Motion carried.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

W. C. Bremner, Zion, asked how assessments are effected by vacant homes. Assessor Wicketts stated that vacant homes do effect the assessments. He stated that the EAV goes down and then the tax rate goes up.

**BILLS**

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

Authorize bills for payment

<u>Township Fund</u>		
Assessor's Office	\$15,142.04	
Community Support	\$ 10.00	
Youth Services	\$ 171.12	
Senior Services	\$ 650.00	
Operating Expenses	\$32,803.62	
Township Fund Total Expenses		\$ 48,776.78
 <u>General Assistance Fund</u>		
Public Support	\$ 2,470.38	
Community Support	\$ 1,000.00	
Operating Expenses	\$ 12,057.66	
General Assistance Fund Total Expenses		\$ 15,528.04
 <u>FICA</u> Total Expenses		\$ 2,329.56
 <u>IMRF</u> Total Expenses		\$ 4,376.03
 <b>TOTAL BILLS:</b>		<b>\$ 71,010.41</b>

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

**BUDGET/FISCAL YEAR MAY 1, 2015-APRIL 30, 2016**

It was moved by Trustee Taylor, seconded by Trustee Hill to approve the Budget for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016, contingent upon inclusion of updated figures as of April 30, 2015. The vote on roll call was: Trustees Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Hill, aye, and Chairman Neal, aye. Motion carried.

**ASSESSOR’S REPORT**

Assessor Wicketts stated that the deadline to submit Senior Freeze forms is July 15, 2015.

Assessor Wicketts stated that the “blue card notices” will be sent out in mid-summer, after which residents will have 30 days to file an appeal. He stated that the Assessor’s Office will host open houses and perhaps extend office hours into the evening during the assessment appeal period.

Assessor Wicketts stated that tax rates for the elementary school districts increased. Zion Elementary School District No. tax rate increased to \$21.201 and Beach Park School District No. 3 tax rate increased to \$17.748.

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT**

Chairman Neal provided the following information:

- Zion Benton Senior Resource Day is April 22, 2015.
- Zion Township offices will be closed April 24, 2015 for a staff training retreat.
- The Coalition for Healthy Communities Annual Meeting Breakfast is scheduled for May 1, 2015.
- The Summer Work Program is gearing up. It is expected that 35 youth will participate in the program this year. The program has been revised to focus on core community values.
- Zion-Benton Leadership Academy applications are available.

**TRUSTEE FRANK FLAMMINI**

Chairman Neal stated that this would be Trustee Frank Flammini’s last Township Board meeting. She thanked Trustee Flammini for his many years of service to the Zion Township.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, it was moved by Trustee DeTienne seconded by Trustee Flammini and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 6:51 p.m. Motion carried.

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Town Clerk