

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015 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 Taylor, DeTienne, McDowell, McKinney and Chairman Neal. Assessor Wicketts was present.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION/ILLINOIS SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB/GREEN BAG PROJECT

Shantal Taylor, Janet Jones and Donna Lindner addressed the Board on behalf of the Illinois Beach Sunrise Rotary Club regarding the Green Bag Project. Ms. Jones stated that the initiative is a grass roots effort to feed the hungry in Zion. She stated that residents wishing to participate in the program would be provided with a green bag to be filled with canned goods. Every two months, Rotary Club members will collect the bags and leave an empty one. She stated that the Our Lady of Humility and Abiding Love food pantries in Zion will be the benefactors of the program. She stated that all food collected in Zion will stay in Zion. The Board was asked to help spread the word throughout the community.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION/YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Chairman Neal recognized youth who participated in the Zion District No. 6 Youth Leadership Team. The organization promotes community building, leadership at any age, and a different view of the Zion community. The youth learned the seven habits of highly effective teens and how to teach them to others. The Team helped to bring the six community character traits to the community through the youth. Chairman Neal introduced Katrina Wiltse from Beulah Park School who formed the Zion District No. 6 Youth Leadership Team. Chairman Neal also recognized Leatrice Williams, Chris Kubic, and Dr. John Ahlgrim for the role they played on the Team. Medals were presented to each school group for their participation on the leadership team.

MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Taylor, seconded by Trustee McDowell that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held on April 21, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. be approved, with all members having received printed copies prior to the meeting. The vote on roll call was: Trustees Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; McDowell, aye; McKinney, aye, and Chairman Neal, aye. Motion carried.

BILLS

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

Authorize bills for payment

<u>Township Fund</u>		
Assessor's Office	\$20,661.63	
Community Support	\$ 0	
Youth Services	\$ 179.24	
Senior Services	\$ 1,467.53	
Operating Expenses	\$43,243.42	
Township Fund Total Expenses		\$ 65,551.82

<u>General Assistance Fund</u>		
Public Support	\$ 7,067.66	
Community Support	\$ 0	
Operating Expenses	\$ 14,578.05	
General Assistance Fund Total Expenses		\$ 21,645.71
<u>FICA</u> Total Expenses		\$ 3,506.77
<u>IMRF</u> Total Expenses		\$ 3,901.72
TOTAL BILLS:		\$ 94,606.02

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

RECEIVE & PLACE ON FILE/ BUDGET/FISCAL YEAR MAY 1, 2015-APRIL 30, 2016

It was moved by Trustee DeTienne, seconded by Trustee Taylor to receive and place on file the Budget for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016, which included updated figures as of April 30, 2015. The vote on roll call was: Trustees Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; McDowell, aye; McKinney, aye, and Chairman Neal, aye. Motion carried.

PROPOSAL/LEASING OFFICE SPACE

A memo was received from Chairman Neal seeking the Board’s opinion regarding the leasing of office space at the Zion Township office. She stated that they currently have the accounting office space available. She stated that rental could include a desk, chairs, use of a computer and internet, limited file space and phone call or appointment routing by the Township’s administrative assistant. She stated that the concept was to offer the space to individuals with a synergistic mission. Chairman Neal proposed rent at \$1,000 per year for one 8-hour day per week or \$2,500 per year for three 8-hour days per week.

It was moved by Trustee DeTienne, seconded by Trustee McDowell, to approve moving forward with renting office space at the Zion Township office. The vote on roll call was: Trustees Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; McDowell, aye; McKinney, 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 quad assessment will be conducted this year and all properties in the township will be reassessed. He stated that the assessment for some properties will increase and the assessment for other properties will decrease.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Chairman Neal provided the following information:

- Zion Benton Senior Resource Day held on April 22, 2015 was a success.
- The Summer Work Program has been overhauled. The program has been revised to focus on work ethic and integrating the SIX Community of Character words. She stated that seniors that are looking for help with projects that do not involve power equipment should contact the Township office.
- Zion-Benton Leadership Academy applications are available.
- The Senior Prom was a success with Roger and Claire Erickson being crowned King and Queen.
- The next Community of Character meeting will be held on May 26th at 6:00 p.m. at the Zion library.
- The next ZB Run is June 14 in support of Cory's Project.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, it was moved by Trustee McDowell seconded by Trustee Taylor and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 7:02 p.m. Motion carried.

Town Clerk