

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 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 McDowell, DeTienne, Taylor, and Chairman Neal. Trustee McKinney was absent. Assessor Wicketts was absent.

**MINUTES**

It was moved by Trustee McDowell, seconded by Trustee Taylor that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held on October 20, 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 McDowell, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor aye; and Chairman Neal, aye. Motion carried.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

W. C. Bremner, Zion, presented the Board with copies of Macopolitan Magazine from McDonough County, the October 2015 issue.

**BILLS**

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

**Township Fund**

Assessor's Office	\$ 12,028.63	
Community Support	\$ 130.00	
Youth Services	\$ 81.95	
Senior Services	\$ 824.90	
Operating Expenses	\$30,567.76	
Township Fund Total Expenses		\$ 43,633.24

**General Assistance Fund**

Public Support	\$ 3,507.16	
Community Support	\$ 0	
Operating Expenses	\$ 13,479.90	
General Assistance Fund Total Expenses		\$ 16,987.06

**FICA Total Expenses** \$ 2,455.44

**IMRF Total Expenses** \$ 10,293.32

**TOTAL BILLS:** \$ 73,369.06

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

### **ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT/YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2015**

It was moved by Trustee McDowell, seconded by Trustee Taylor to receive and place on file the Zion Township Annual Financial Report (audit) for the year ending April 30, 2015. The vote on roll call was: Trustees McDowell, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor aye; and Chairman Neal, aye. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION/TRUTH IN TAXATION LAW/TAX LEVY**

It was moved by Trustee DeTienne, seconded by Trustee McDowell that a Resolution (2015-R-1) be passed estimating that the proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2015 are \$921,262.62, which represents a 3.86% increase over the previous year. The vote on roll call was: Trustees McDowell, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor aye; and Chairman Neal, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

Chairman Neal stated that the corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2014 were \$886,990.74. She stated that, because the proposed increase is less than 5%, a public hearing is not required under the Truth in Taxation Law. However, the Zion Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed levy during the regular Township meeting on December 15, 2015.

### **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Chairman Neal provided the following information:

- Monthly Report for October 2015 was presented.
- Senator Melinda Bush has passed legislation to form a county-wide committee to investigate opportunities to consolidate government agencies as well as find ways to be more efficient and effective.
- The Chamm'd Foundation has awarded Zion Township a grant to pay 50% of the costs for Supervisor and Assistance Supervisor training on The Empowerment Dynamic.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> Class of the Zion-Benton Leadership Academy Graduation was held on Saturday, November 7, 2015 at The Inn at Market Square.
- ZB Community of Character is looking for nominations for people who are caught living out the character traits of respect, perseverance, responsibility, safety, integrity and kindness.
- Elf Network is in full swing, providing assistance to families in need at Christmas. 50 families will be served this year.
- 75 LIHEAP applications have been processed this month.
- Mano a Mano is moving to Pearce Campus to assist residents with immigration issues as well as providing solutions for gaps in services.
- Top Box will be at the Shiloh Center on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-2:30pm. A Thanksgiving Box is for sale for \$26.

- Zion Township was honored at the Township Officials of Illinois Conference for the Summer Work Program as the Best Township Program in townships with 15,000 – 25,000 population, as well as the best Communications with the creation of its brochure and marketing wheel for events. Gail Gloudemans was also honored by the Association of Illinois Township Committees of Youth with the Staff Award for her dedication to the Summer Work Program.
- Supervisor Neal will be joining the Youth Leadership Team, students from each of the student councils in Zion District 6 as well as New Tech High, will be going to Feed My Starving Children on December 9<sup>th</sup> for a community service project.
- Zion Township will be closed November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving.

**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 6:42 p.m. Motion carried.

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Town Clerk