

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016 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 McDowell, Frierson, DeTienne, and Chairman Neal. Trustee McKinney was absent. Assessor Wicketts was present.

Trustee McKinney arrived at 6:31 p.m.

MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee McDowell, seconded by Trustee DeTienne that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held on March 15, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. and a Budget Workshop held on April 7, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. be approved, with all members having received printed copies prior to the meeting. The vote on roll call was: Trustees McDowell, aye; Frierson, aye; DeTienne, 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:

Assessor's Office	\$ 3,282.36	
Community Support	\$ 15.00	
Youth Services	\$ 598.72	
Senior Services	\$ 613.20	
Operating Expenses	\$ 37,451.16	
Township Fund Total Expenses		\$ 51,960.44
 <u>General Assistance Fund</u>		
Public Support	\$ 2,825.64	
Community Support	\$ 0	
Operating Expenses	\$ 15,731.73	
General Assistance Fund Total Expenses		\$ 18,557.37
 <u>FICA</u> Total Expenses		\$ 3,555.38
 <u>IMRF</u> Total Expenses		\$ 5,026.63
 TOTAL BILLS:		\$ 79,099.82

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

BUDGET/FISCAL YEAR MAY 1, 2016 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2017

It was moved by Trustee McKinney, seconded by Trustee Frierson to approve the Budget for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017 as presented. The vote on roll call was: Trustees McDowell, aye; Frierson, aye; DeTienne, aye; McKinney, aye; and Chairman Neal, aye. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessor Wicketts stated that tax bills will be distributed soon. He stated that there was a slight increase in the tax rate. Zion still has the highest tax rate in Lake County. He stated that values are expected to increase next year and, if taxing bodies keep a line on their budgets, a decrease in the tax rate could be possible next year.

Assessor Wicketts distributed a tax rate comparison for Lake County municipalities and Kenosha and Pleasant Prairie in Wisconsin. He stated that he will distribute this comparison to visitors to the Assessor's Office in June. He stated it will be posted on the Assessor's website, published in the newspaper and distributed to the other Zion taxing bodies.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Chairman Neal presented the Zion Township Monthly Report – March 2016.

Chairman Neal presented the 2015 Zion Township Annual Report.

- Chairman Neal facilitated a meeting with the City of Evanston, 8 coterminous supervisors, Mayor Hill and Senator Pam Althoff on March 31, 2016. An agreement was made that legislation needs to include a requirement that, prior to referendums being placed on ballots, a third party should provide a cost savings analysis and service impact so that voters can make an educated decision. It was also discussed that funding allocations be set at the time of creation. Chairman Neal met with several legislators while in Springfield for Township Day on April 7, 2016. Following, Senator Althoff's bill was pulled and Senator Bush co-sponsored legislation with Senator Morrison that did not include this agreement. Chairman Neal spent significant time communicating the need and Senator Bush committed to adding an amendment to the bill prior to the vote.

Chairman Neal stated that she is in favor of consolidation discussion, but she wants the consolidation facts. She stated that the complete text of Senate Bills SB388 and SB389 are available online.

- Chairman Neal met with clients from the Lake County Center for Independent Living on April 13, 2016 and shared information on township government.
- The ZBLA Alumni will be hosting a Leadership Training Event at ZBTHS on April 23, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, featuring Calvin King and the Free Lunch Academy.
- Walk in appointments continue for those seeking assistance with their utility bills through LIHEAP on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 from 12:45-3:45 p.m.
- The Annual Senior Resource Day will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at the Zion Park District Sports Arena at 8:30 a.m.
- Zion Township will be closed on Friday, April 29, 2016 for a staff retreat.
- The Zion Township Human Services Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

- Zion Township will hold follow up interviews with youth hired by the Job Center of Lake County to fill Summer Work Program positions on Tuesday, May 3, 2016. The Student Work Program begins on Monday, June 20, 2016.
- The Zion Park District Senior Prom will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2016 at ZBTHS.
- Chalk Talk Side Walk Gallery will be held on Saturday, May 28, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in unison with the Shop Local Fourth Saturday event.
- The deadline for accepting Zion-Benton Leadership Academy applications for the 2016 Class is May 31, 2016.
- The Community of Character Walk will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2016.
- The 2016 Super Senior Program with the Secretary of State will be held on October 20, 2016 at the Zion-Benton Public Library. A Rules of the Road Class, as well as other services normally offered at the Department of Motor Vehicles, will be provided.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, it was moved by Trustee McDowell, seconded by Trustee Frierson, and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Town Clerk