

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2016 AT 6:31 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 Frierson, McDowell, and Chairman Neal. Trustees Frierson and DeTienne were absent. Assessor Wicketts was absent.

Trustee DeTienne arrived at 6:33 p.m.

MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee McDowell, seconded by Trustee Frierson that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held on May 17, 2016 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 Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; DeTienne, 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	\$ 9,966.76	
Community Support	\$ 0	
Youth Services	\$ 30.56	
Senior Services	\$ 985.00	
Operating Expenses	\$ 28,768.60	
Township Fund Total Expenses		\$ 39,750.92
 <u>General Assistance Fund</u>		
Public Support	\$ 1,013.58	
Community Support	\$ 0	
Operating Expenses	\$ 15,503.92	
General Assistance Fund Total Expenses		\$ 16,517.50
 <u>FICA</u> Total Expenses		\$ 2,913.07
 <u>IMRF</u> Total Expenses		\$ 4,096.17
 TOTAL BILLS:		 \$ 63,277.66

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

ORDINANCE/PREVAILING RATE OF WAGES

Clerk Burkemper explained that the Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) has not adopted wage rates since July 2015 and they have indicated that the State does not know if it will be establishing wage rates in June 2016 or not due to budget cuts. Regardless of whether the IDOL adopts rates or not, the Board of

Trustees is required by law to establish prevailing wage rates in June. She stated that the ordinance was prepared using language which uses the wage rates in effect when the ordinance is adopted and then allows the Township to append any new rates that the IDOL may adopt after the Township has passed the ordinance without further action by the Board of Trustees.

It was moved by Trustee Frierson, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that an Ordinance (2016-01) be passed ascertaining the Prevailing Rate of Wages for 2016 to be determined by the Department of Labor and later appended to the ordinance, for laborers, mechanics and other workers performing construction of public works in Zion Township, Lake County, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Trustees Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Chairman Neal, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

CITY OF ZION/ZION TOWNSHIP/CONSOLIDATION STUDY

Chairman Neal stated that she and Mayor Hill have been meeting with Benton Township officials and others for the purpose of discussing the possibility of conducting a third party analysis on four scenarios for the future of Zion Township: 1) remain the same, 2) merge with Benton Township, 3) merge with the City of Zion, or 4) eliminate the Township. She stated that it has been recommended that University of Chicago Harris School conduct the study. Chairman Neal stated that she has prepared an application for submission to Harris Policy Labs to perform the analysis. She stated that students would conduct a cost and services study detailing the fiscal and services impact that the consolidation or elimination of the Township would have on taxpayers of the City and Township. She stated that the study would address the financial advantages and disadvantages of all four scenarios, as well as identify potential services to residents that could be lost or gained through the various scenarios, and the impact on the community. Chairman Neal stated that students would also conduct other related analysis such as inventorying all activities of and services provided by the General Assistance Program and the Township Assessor and make determinations about the cost and benefits of delivering them through another entity such as the City of Zion or Benton Township. Chairman Neal stated that Benton Township Supervisor Jan Suthard is investigating others who have conducted such a study but have used other agencies who may be qualified. A report from Supervisor Suthard will be available at the July board meeting. Chairman Neal stated that the cost of the study would be shared with Benton Township and the City of Zion with the cost being a percentage based on population.

It was moved by Trustee DeTienne, seconded by Trustee Frierson to grant permission to Chairman Neal to submit the application for a study to be performed by Harris Policy Labs regarding the four scenarios for Zion Township as presented. The vote on roll call was: Trustees Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Chairman Neal, aye. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

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

- Mano a Mano is located in Zion offering immigration legal services (citizenship, DACA, green card renewals, TPS) and health case management (assistance with Medicaid, All Kids, SNAP, Child support, and temporary drivers licenses)

- Zion Township's Summer Work Program began on June 20th. 35 youth were hired by the Job Center of Lake County and placed at Zion Township.
- Top Box will be at the Shiloh Center on July 13th from 12:30-2:00 p.m.
- The Zion-Benton Leadership Academy interviews took place for the 2016 class.
- The Community of Character Walk will be held on 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.
- Gail Gloudemans, Township Office Administrator, left Zion Township after 15 years of service. Applications are being taken at the Job Center of Lake County.

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 6:56 p.m. Motion carried.

Town Clerk