

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

**MINUTES**

It was moved by Trustee DeTienne, seconded by Trustee Frierson that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held on June 21, 2016 at 6:31 p.m. be approved, with all members having received printed copies prior to the meeting. The vote on roll call was: Trustees McKinney, aye; Frierson, aye; DeTienne, aye; McDowell, aye; and Chairman Neal, aye. Motion carried.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

W. C. Bremner, Zion, asked what the boundaries of Benton Township are. Chairman Neal stated that Benton Township consists of primarily Beach Park and Winthrop Harbor. She stated that 5-digit addresses with a Zion mailing address are also in Benton Township.

**BILLS**

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

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| Assessor’s Office                      | \$ 10,371.44 |                         |
| Community Support                      | \$ 50.00     |                         |
| Youth Services                         | \$ 1,821.00  |                         |
| Senior Services                        | \$ 6,955.03  |                         |
| Operating Expenses                     | \$ 42,720.18 |                         |
| Township Fund Total Expenses           |              | \$ 61,917.65            |
| <br><u>General Assistance Fund</u>     |              |                         |
| Public Support                         | \$ 3,645.00  |                         |
| Community Support                      | \$ 2,000.00  |                         |
| Operating Expenses                     | \$ 13,879.17 |                         |
| General Assistance Fund Total Expenses |              | \$ 19,524.17            |
| <br><u>FICA</u> Total Expenses         |              | <br>\$ 2,626.72         |
| <br><u>IMRF</u> Total Expenses         |              | <br>\$ 3,680.59         |
| <br><b>TOTAL BILLS:</b>                |              | <br><b>\$ 87,749.13</b> |

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

**PUBLIC HEARING/APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

Chairman Neal declared the Public Hearing for the Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017, in the amount of \$1,054,816, open at 6:35 p.m.

Chairman Neal requested comments and/or questions from the public, and there were none.

Chairman Neal declared the Public Hearing for the Appropriation Ordinance closed at 6:35 p.m.

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

It was moved by Trustee DeTienne, seconded by Trustee McKinney to approve the Appropriation Ordinance 2016-02 for the fiscal year May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017 for the total amount of \$1,054,816. The vote on roll call was: Trustees McKinney, aye; Frierson, aye; DeTienne, aye; McDowell, aye; and Chairman Neal, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT**

Assessor Wicketts stated that assessment notices will be mailed on July 25, 2016 to all residents. He stated there is a 10.2% increase on all properties. He stated that there is no need for residents to hire an attorney to contest an assessment. He stated that he would be happy to meet with residents to discuss their assessments. Trustee Frierson asked how many residents receive reductions. Assessor Wicketts stated that between 20% and 30% of property owners who file an appeal do receive a reduction.

Assessor Wicketts stated that property values are increasing throughout the Township.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Chairman Neal provided the following information:

- SheCora Keys has been hired as Zion Township's Business Manager. She resides in Zion and comes from the Veteran's Administration Office.
- Zion Township Monthly Report –June 2016
- Zion Township's Summer Work Program - 34 youth were hired through the Job Center of Lake County and placed at Zion Township. All 34 are still in the program. The awards dinner will take place on Friday, July 29, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at the Zion Park District Shiloh Center. Calvin King will present *Be a Buddy, Not a Bully* to participants and their parents.
- Zion Township assisted 224 Zion Households with accessing the LIHEAP Energy Assistance program from November through May, with \$74,166 in funds assisting these families.
- CAP has created a Financial Literacy Program with Gregorio Resendiz, who previously worked for Consumer Credit Counseling Services of McHenry, and provided counseling at the Township office.
- Top Box will be at the Shiloh Center on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 from 12:30 p.m. to 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 Thursday, September 15, 2016.
- The Super Senior Program with the Secretary of State will be held on October 20, 2016 at the Zion-Benton Public Library providing a Rules of the Road Class as well as other services normally offered at the Department of Motor Vehicles.
- 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 driver's licenses). The services are available in English and Spanish.
- Supervisor Neal will be out of the office from July 20 through July 27, 2016.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, it was moved by Trustee DeTienne, seconded by Trustee McKinney, and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried.

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Town Clerk