

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 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 McKinney, DeTienne, Frierson, McDowell, and Chairman Neal. Assessor Wicketts was present.

MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee McDowell, seconded by Trustee McKinney that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held on July 19, 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 McKinney, aye; DeTienne, aye; Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; and Chairman Neal, aye. Motion carried.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Chairman Neal recognized the Summer Work Program award winners. Jerimyah Jones was honored as Agency Employee of the Year. Javon Sales was honored as Crew Member of the Year. Darnell Rios was honored as Mentor of the Year.

BILLS

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

Assessor's Office	\$ 8,794.56	
Community Support	\$ 20.00	
Youth Services	\$ 7,000.63	
Senior Services	\$ 1,688.30	
Operating Expenses	\$ 22,936.45	
Township Fund Total Expenses		\$ 40,439.94
 <u>General Assistance Fund</u>		
Public Support	\$ 7,783.38	
Community Support	\$ 3,000.00	
Operating Expenses	\$ 14,733.18	
General Assistance Fund Total Expenses		\$ 25,516.56
 <u>FICA</u> Total Expenses		\$ 2,431.71
 <u>IMRF</u> Total Expenses		\$ 0
 TOTAL BILLS:		\$ 68,388.21

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

HARRIS POLICY LABS GRANT PROPOSAL/TOWNSHIP CONSOLIDATION STUDY

Chairman Neal stated that she, Mayor Hill and Benton Township officials have discussed having a third party analysis performed 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 the Metropolitan Planning Council was asked to provide the pros and cons of all four scenarios. She stated they are gathering the facts and attempting to learn the benefits and costs of each scenario. Chairman Neal stated that University of Chicago Harris School provided a proposal to conduct the study. She stated that the study results could be compiled in one semester and would be available in December 2016. She stated that the estimated cost of the study would be \$1,500 because it can be completed in one semester. Chairman Neal stated that Benton Township does not feel the need to do the study so they will not participate. She stated that Benton Township does not endorse merging Zion and Benton Townships. Chairman Neal stated that she, David Knabel and Mayor Hill will meet when the study documents have been received. She stated that Zion Township and City of Zion will split costs equally.

It was moved by Trustee McDowell, seconded by Trustee McKinney to approve the proposal of Harris Policy Labs to conduct the study regarding the four scenarios for Zion Township as presented. The vote on roll call was: Trustees McKinney, aye; DeTienne, aye; Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; and Chairman Neal, aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE/SETTING SALARIES

It was moved by Trustee McDowell, seconded by Trustee Frierson to pass Ordinance 2016-03 “Setting the Compensation of the Elected Officials of the Township of Zion for 2017 through 2021”. The vote on roll call was: Trustees McKinney, aye; DeTienne, aye; Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; and Chairman Neal, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ASSESSOR’S REPORT

Assessor Wicketts stated that the Assessor’s Office received 107 appeals which is down from 2015. He stated that August 24, 2016 is the last day to file an appeal.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Chairman Neal provided the following information:

- HB4391 was signed into law prohibiting persons convicted of a felony to hold a Township office.
- Zion Township Monthly Report –June 2016
- Zion Area Job Fair, spearheaded by Senator Melinda Bush, will be held on August 25, 2016.
- Top Box will be at the Shiloh Center on September 14, 2016 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- The Zion-Benton Leadership Academy has 16 participants in the 2016 Class. Participants are being matched with mentors from the community.
- The Community of Character Walk will be held on September 15, 2016.
- A Community of Character gathering will be held on September 11, 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.

ADJOURN

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

Town Clerk