

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 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, McKinney, Frierson, DeTienne, Assessor Wicketts and Chairman Neal were present.

AGENDA CHANGES

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Frierson to accept the Township meeting agenda as presented:

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

MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee McDowell, seconded by Trustee Frierson that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held on November 15, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. with all members having received printed copies prior to the meeting. The vote on roll call was: Trustees McDowell, aye; McKinney, aye; Frierson aye; DeTienne, aye; and Chairman Neal, aye. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

W.C. Bremner, Zion, shared a personal holiday sentiment with all.

BILLS

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

Assessor's Office	\$ 10,233.11	
Community Support	\$ 0.00	
Youth Services	\$ 32.60	
Senior Services	\$ 1,307.96	
Operating Expenses	\$ 20,828.43	
Township Fund Total Expenses		\$ 32,402.10
<u>General Assistance Fund</u>		
Public Support	\$ 2,725.06	
Community Support	\$ 00.00	
Operating Expenses	\$ 10,934.85	
General Assistance Fund Total Expenses		\$ 13,659.91
<u>FICA</u> Total Expenses		\$ 2,091.49
<u>IMRF</u> Total Expenses		\$ 2,892.14
TOTAL BILLS:		\$ 51,045.64

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

2016 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE

Chairman Neal stated she contracted with former employee Gail Gloudemans to help with this years' tax levy. She stated this years' levy is within one penny of last years'.

It was moved by Trustee McKinney, seconded by Trustee McDowell that Ordinance 2016-04 be passed levying taxes in the amount of \$887,263 for all town purposes for Zion Township, Lake County, Illinois, for the tax year 2016, collectible in 2017, which represents a 0% increase in the tax levy. The vote on roll call was: Trustees McDowell, aye; McKinney, aye; Frierson aye; DeTienne, aye; and Chairman Neal, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessor Wicketts stated he is done with all hearings for 2016. He stated the hearings went well this year. He stated property values will go up between 9 -10 percent. He stated over the last two years property values have increased 20 percent and that is a positive thing.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Chairman Neal stated she is still in the process of hiring a Business Manager. She stated she did hire someone for the position, but they took another job. She stated she is interviewing candidates and hopes to have a person hired soon.

Chairman Neal provided the following information:

- The Zion Township Monthly Report – November 2016
- The Zion Township has an opening for a Business Manager.
- Zion Township will be closed on Friday, January 20th for a staff retreat.
- The Town Board will be holding a special meeting on Monday, January 9th at 6:30pm for Harris Policy Labs to present their findings from the study they completed.
- LIHEAP application processing will resume on Wednesday, January 11th.
- The Elf Network is completed for 2016. Fifty families (156 children) were identified by school social workers from Districts 1, 6 and 126. The Santa's Helpers organization provided gifts and food baskets which were distributed at a dinner held by Christ Community Church, overseen by Pastor Mike McDowell and his wife, Donna. The CCC youth group helped with the toy packing in Chicago. Zion-Benton Kiwanis provided gifts, as did Women Enuff, Inc. Twice as Nice provided diapers and clothing for infants. Love INC provided coats where necessary.
- The Zion-Benton Moose Lodge delivered food baskets for 15 families for Christmas.
- Mano a Mano offers 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) The services are available in English and Spanish.
- Help make the Zinnia the Zion flower by signing the online petition at <https://www.change.org/p/city-of-zion-help-make-the-zinnia-the-official-flower-of-zion>.

- Zion Township will be implementing a new process in 2017. A monthly newsletter will share the changes. Make sure to opt in to the newsletter via www.ZionTownship.org in January, 2017 for information on this program and others.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, it was moved by Trustee DeTienne, seconded by Trustee McDowell and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 6:49 p.m. Motion carried.

Deputy Town Clerk