

# Zion Township

## Updates – 11/20/18

*Mission: At Zion Township, we empower residents through leadership, advocating, and connection to resources, services and solutions.*

*Vision: We work to maximize potential to help create amazing.*

### UPDATES ON OFFICE OPERATIONS

- Monthly Report Attached.
- Elf Network is in progress! This program supports Zion families who are struggling with the holiday season. Partners include: *Christ Community Church, Love INC, Santa's Volunteers, Community Action Partnership, ZB Public Library, Family Resource Center, Nicasa, Affordable Housing, the school districts and the Job Center of Lake County.* Stop by Zion Township to pick up the Participation Card today!
- North Shore Gas has committed to donating \$1,000 for the Elf Network Program!
- LIHEAP applications are now being processed at ZT each Tuesday from 1-3pm. November is for seniors and those with children under the age of 5. December 1 the program opens for all who meet the income guidelines.
- Congratulations to Cancer Treatment Centers of America for winning the ZB Corporate Community Spelling Bee!
- December 14<sup>th</sup> will be an in-service all day staff retreat for the Supervisor's Office to review 2018 and plan for 2019.
- Zion Township processes Passports on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call for an appointment. We also provide Notary, faxing and voter registrar services. Benefit Access and RTA passes are processed as well.

### BOARD SPECIFIC ISSUES

- Discussion on levy – last year vs this year:
  - Town Fund:  
2017: \$646,631 2018: \$645,000
  - General Assistance:  
2017: \$250,000 2018: \$250,000
  - IMRF: 2017: \$5,000 2018: \$5,000
  - FICA: 2017 \$30,000 2018:  
\$36,000
- Working with Jennifer Evans to create a communications strategy for Zion Township. More next month.
- Maintenance Items:
  - We will be painting the offices (building was 10 years old in October).
  - We are looking at cost effective camera options.
- Zion Township closed Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, December 14<sup>th</sup>, December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>.

### COMMUNITY RESOURCES at Zion Township

- ❖ Community Action Partnership Financial Literacy Classes offered by appointment.
- ❖ LIHEAP applications processed on Tuesdays from 1-3pm.
- ❖ Affordable Housing Corp of Lake County: Financial Counseling comprehensive services by appointment.
- ❖ ESL classes every Tuesday and Thursday.
- ❖ Nicasa Substance Abuse services every Monday and Tuesday.
- ❖ Congressman Brad Schneider's Office and Senator Melinda Bush's Office: the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 2:30-4:30pm.