

MINUTES
VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING January 10, 2018

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
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 Lake County, } ss.
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 Town of VERNON , }

 THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the
 office of the Town Clerk at 7:00 P.M. on January 10, 2018

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

<u>PRESENT:- Daniel Didech,</u>	<u>Township Supervisor</u>
<u>Barbara Barnabee,</u>	<u>Township Clerk</u>
<u>Roger Addelson, Jonathan Altenberg</u>	<u>Township Trustee</u>
<u>Roger Broad, Philip Hirsh,</u>	<u>Township Trustee</u>
<u>Gary Raupp,</u>	<u>Township Assessor</u>
<u>Michael Lofstrom,</u>	<u>Township Highway Commissioner</u>
<u>Ann Williams,</u>	<u>Attorney</u>

Supervisor Didech acting as Chairman and Mrs. Barnabee as clerk
 the following business was conducted:

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Altenberg and seconded by Trustee Hirsh
 to approve the minutes of the previous four meetings. Voting
 aye, Addelson, Altenberg, Broad, Hirsh, Didech. No nays.
 Motion carried.

REPORTS

Supervisor - Daniel Didech

Supervisor Didech reported:

1. He has requested budget numbers for the FY2018-91 from the
 various departments by Feb 1.
2. The final budget approval will be in March after two budget
 hearings.
3. On the advice of the auditors financial duties have been
 taken from the clerk and given to the financial officer.
4. Social Service grant applications for FY2018-19 are due
 Feb. 1. Trustee Addelson, Holly Kim, and Supervisor Didech
 will make recommendations and presentations before the
 approvals of the grants by the entire Board.
5. There is a public hearing on Jan. 22 at 7:30p.m. at the
 Buffalo Grove Village Hall in regard to the annexation of
 Link Farm Crossing property (part of Didier Farm) which
 will become dense town homes.

Clerk - Barbara Barnabee

Clerk Barnabee reported:

1. She has certified all elected officials and Mr Gedville to
 the county in regard to their economic interest statements.
 Each individual must now file their statements with the
 county.

Highway Commissioner - Michael Lofstrom

Highway Commissioner Lofstrom reported a summary of the last 9
 months of activity:

1. The flood response during the heavy rains in mid-July was excellent and the cleanup was good.
2. The Homeland Security Stock Pile meeting of the coordination of municipality's duties in the event of a pandemic has been very informative.
3. The vehicle signage on Brockman and Prairie is in place for traffic control.
4. The township snow removal crew is in place for the snow season.
5. The siding has been replaced on the township building and the next project will be the roof repairs.
6. The railroad has been parking their engines along Juneway in Inverrary Subdivision. The residents complained of noise and pollutants. They are no longer parking the trains there.

Assessor - Gary Raupp

Assessor Raupp reported:

1. He has had several calls in regard to prepayment of property taxes. The IRS ruling is not clear and in Illinois it has not been determined if prepay is accessible.
2. The county is switching to a new camera system at the end of the month. There will be a need for training with the new system.
3. He will have the budget numbers by the end of January.
4. There is still no update to the investigation into Phillip Raupp and Joshua Cohen's alleged misconduct. He expects that the investigation will be completed by the February board meeting.
5. There are no policies in place to ensure that his employees are not under the influence of mind-altering drugs when they operate township vehicles. The board expressed extreme concern for this failure to ensure public safety.

Trustees

Trustee Addelson

He is working on a mental health fair with Mr Dorfman to be presented in Vernon Township.

Trustee Altenberg

No report.

Trustee Broad

He has been working with Mr. Gedville for long and short term maintenance of the Prairie View Station.

Trustee Hirsh

No report.

DIRECTOR OF PARKS & RECREATION - Todd Gedville

Director Gedville reported:

1. IT service is complete and has worked out well.
2. The web site development is in progress.
3. Maintenance has been busy with snow removal.
4. There have been no problems with Stevenson students parking in the Peterson Park lot.
5. Camp registration is complete.
6. He will begin hiring summer staff for pool and camp positions.
7. Trustee Addelson would like to know the impact on the environment with regard to snow removal. Commissioner

Lofstrom and Ed Schultz have been looking at other options rather than salt.

DIRECTOR OF CONSTITUENT AFFAIRS - Holly Kim

Director Kim reported:

1. The taxi program ran out of funds for this fiscal year. Transportation is important for the residents of Vernon Township.
2. The Farmer's Market will be from 10 to 2 on Sunday Jan. 14.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

TOWN FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Hirsh and seconded by Trustee Broad to approve the Town Fund bills in the amount \$182,962.42 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Altenberg, Broad, Hirsh, Didech. No nays. Motion carried.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Broad and seconded by Trustee Altenberg to approve the General Assistance Fund bills in the amount of \$2,250.06 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Altenberg, Broad, Hirsh, Didech. No nays. Motion carried.

CEMETERY FUND BILLS

No cemetery bills

PARK FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Altenberg and seconded by Trustee Broad to approve the Park Fund bills in the amount of \$3,330.50 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Altenberg, Broad, Hirsh, Didech. No nays. Motion carried.

ROAD FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Altenberg and seconded by Trustee Broad to approve the Road Fund bills in the amount of \$65,930.93 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Altenberg, Broad, Hirsh, Didech. No nays. Motion carried.

PERMANENT ROAD FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Broad and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to approve the PERMANENT ROAD FUND bills in the amount of \$35,306.76 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Altenberg, Broad, Hirsh, Didech. No nays. Motion carried.

STATION FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Broad and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to approve the Station Fund bills in the amount of \$1,701.71 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Altenberg, Broad, Hirsh, Didech. No nays. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

9A. A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING A BINDING PROPOSITION TO ABOLISH THE VERNON TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT TO THE VERNON TOWNSHIP ELECTORS AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018, FOR VERNON TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

No action

9B. A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE VERNON TOWNSHIP ANTI-DISCRIMINATION/ANTI-HARASSMENT POLICY.

It was moved by Trustee Altenberg and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to approve the amended Anti-discrimination/Anti-harassment policy. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Altenberg, Broad, Hirsh, Didech. No nays. Motion carried

Discussion:

To be in full compliance with state law "Whistleblower

Protections" was added to the policy. (copy on file)

9C. APPROVAL OF VERNON TOWNSHIP ANTI-NEPOTISM POLICY

It was moved by Trustee Hirsh and seconded by Trustee Altenberg to approve the Anti-nepotism policy as presented. (copy on file).

Roll call vote: aye, Addelson, Altenberg, Broad, Hirsh, Didech. No nays. Motion carried.

Discussion:

Supervisor Didech asked Highway Commissioner Lofstrom if he would adopt the policy and Commissioner Lofstrom replied "yes". When Assessor Raupp asked if he would adopt the policy his reply was "no" and had no comment.

A dialogue ensued about his refusal. There are concerns that Assessor Raupp will continue to hire additional family members. The board expressed extreme disapproval of Assessor Raupp's lack of commitment to serving the public.

9D. APPROVAL OF 2018 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

It was moved by Trustee Altenberg and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to approve the 2018 holiday schedule as presented (copy on file).

Roll call vote: aye, Addelson, Altenberg, Broad, Hirsh, Didech. No nays. Motion carried.

9E. ADOPTION OF 2018 REVISED GENERAL ASSISTANCE HANDBOOK

There are minor changes to the general assistance handbook which requires no Board action.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Hirsh and seconded by Trustee Broad to adjourn meeting at 9:00 p.m. All voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Barnabee,
Township Clerk