

MINUTES
VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING February 12, 2020

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 February 12, 2020
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

<u>Jonathan Altenberg,</u>	<u>Township Supervisor</u>
<u>Barbara Barnabee,</u>	<u>Township Clerk</u>
<u>Roger Addelson, Sheila Sebor,</u>	<u>Township Trustee</u>
<u>Roger Broad, Philip Hirsh,</u>	<u>Township Trustee</u>
<u>Gary Raupp,</u>	<u>Township Assessor</u>
	<u>Township Highway Commissioner</u>
<u>Ann Williams,</u>	<u>Attorney</u>

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS
none

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Hirsh and seconded by Trustee Sebor to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2020 meeting as submitted. All voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

6. Reports

Supervisor's Report - Jonathan Altenberg
No report

Clerk's Report - Barbara Barnabee
Early voting will begin March 2 at Peterson Park

Highway Commissioner's Report - Michael Lofstrom
Not in attendance

Assessor's Report - Gary Raupp
Assessor Raupp reported:

1. Mr. Raupp will be attending assessment appeals at the county until approximately March 1.
2. The computer system changes implemented by the county are working.

Trustees Reports
Trustee Addelson

1. The Board conducted a preliminary review of the social service grant requests from the 2020 township budget. Five additional agencies have requested grants.
2. To properly address the resolution pertaining to Medicare For All on today's agenda Trustee Addelson suggested that a resolution of that importance should be precluded with hearings, details of the bills, etc. He feels this is a big effort for a small township.

Trustee Sebor
No report

Trustee Broad

1. To respond to Trustee Addelson; Trustee Broad reiterated his thoughts on the reasons for approving the Medicare For All resolution. i.e.: savings to township, practical for pharmaceuticals, etc, He is a strong advocate for the resolution.

Trustee Hirsh
No report

Director of Operations:

Mr. Gedville reported:

1. The first payout for the Inverrary project has been processed. The project is not yet complete.
2. LED lights will be phased in throughout the township.
3. The light shields are up at the station.

DIRECTOR OF CONSTITUENT AFFAIRS - Barrett Monie

Director Monie reported:

1. May 16 is the Mental Health Fair.
2. June 13 is the annual garage sale at the train station.
3. April 20 is the paper shredding event from 12 noon to 2:30 p.m.
4. Director Monie introduced John Vita to the Board. Mr. Vita gave a short presentation of his services to help the township with public relations. He will create the content for distribution to all pertinent media with the Boards approval.

7. APPROVAL OF BILLS

TOWN FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Broad and seconded by Trustee Sebor to approve the Town Fund bills in the amount \$319,808.46 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Hirsh and seconded by Trustee Broad to approve the General Assistance Fund bills in the amount of \$5,244.61 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried.

CEMETERY FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Broad and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to approve the Cemetery Fund bills in the amount of \$4,744.39 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried.

PARK FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Hirsh and seconded by Trustee Broad to approve the Park Fund bills in the amount of \$12,452.44 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried.

ROAD FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Sebor and seconded by Trustee Addelson to approve the Road Fund bills in the amount of \$54,455.99 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried.

PERMANENT ROAD FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Hirsh and seconded by Trustee Sebor to approve the PERMANENT ROAD FUND bills in the amount of \$151,535.72 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried.

STATION FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Broad and seconded by Trustee Addelson to approve the STATION FUND bills in the amount of \$12,969.99 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

9. NEW BUSINESS

a.A Resolution thanking the Butler Family Foundation for their generous grant for our food pantry

It was moved by Trustee Hirsh and seconded by Trustee Broad to approve the resolution as presented. With amended wording: that changed to who and encompass to comprises: It was moved by Trustee Addelson and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to approve the amended resolution. Voting aye; Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried. (copy on file)

The Butler Family Foundation's generous contribution of \$35,000.00 over two payments is a monumental impact for the residents of the township. The Board wishes to extend their utmost gratitude to the Butler Family Foundation for their generosity.

b.A Resolution Relating to the Termination of Participation by Elected Officials in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund

It was moved by Trustee Sebor and seconded by Trustee Addelson to approve the resolution as presented. Voting aye: Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried. (copy on file)

c.Discussion and Approval of contract for the Prairie View Train Station - HVAC & Roofing Project.

It was moved by Trustee Broad and seconded by Trustee Sebor to approve the contract for the train station. Voting aye: Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried.

d. Resolution in support of H.B. 1384 - The Medicare for All Act

It was moved by Trustee Broad and no second. No further action was taken.

10. Preliminary FY20 Budget Review

Township Manager Gedville presented the complete budget document for the perusal of the Board. A slide presentation of the budget was also included in his address. Included in the budget presentation was a discussion about saving money in the Road Fund and Permanent Road Fund for future replacement of the Township Highway trucks, each of which will cost approximately \$200,000.00.

11. Adjournment

It was moved by Trustee Broad and seconded by Trustee Sebor to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Barnabee,
Township Clerk