

\$200,000.00 grant to defray the foundation's expenses. The Board alerted MS Rogers of the Mental Health Fair the Township will be hosting in May.

Supervisor Didech thanked each organization for their presentation. The final decisions will be forthcoming in April during the budget process.

RECOGNITION OF NANCY URICE AND VOLUNTEERS FOR FOOD PANTRY CONVERSION

Supervisor Didech asked Nancy Urice, the Township's General Assistance Caseworker, to come forward and receive kudos for a job well done in converting the food pantry to a shopping experience.

MS Urice thanked her volunteers for all the help in converting and administrating the shopping experience. There are approximately 30% more families back to the pantry due to the new program. They no longer get two bags of food which they may not need; they can now fill two bags of food which they choose from the pantry shelves.

The pantry is stocked by 100% of donations from the community. The township has approximately 250 families using the pantry. She is very proud of the pantry and can see it growing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

George Jaeger from Long Grove questioned the savings by consolidating the highway department. If the consolidation happens he wanted to know who the responsible party will be.

Tim Durkin of Krisview Subdivision addressed the Board. He was thankful that the agenda was posted 72 hours before the meeting. He would like to have a Resolution passed outlining the structure and process of restructuring the highway department before a vote is taken to Consolidate.

Supervisor Didech and Trustee Altenberg would like the Consolidation Resolution be approved tonight. Supervisor Didech said he will put together a resolution with the township commitment to not reduce service and have proper oversight of the roads.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Altenberg and seconded by Trustee Broad to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2018 regular meeting as presented. All voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Supervisor - Daniel Didech

Supervisor Didech reported:

1. The new accounting system is still to be implemented.
2. A recent FOIA request by the Daily Herald for past years expenses were sent to the paper. In his perusal of the expenses he noticed payments for cigarettes. This is an improper use of taxpayer monies, and the matter has been referred to the State's Attorney.

Clerk - Barbara Barnabee

No report

Highway Commissioner - Michael Lofstrom

Commissioner Lofstrom reported to the Board:

1. During the snow from Feb 2 thru 12 the crew did a great job. To anticipating, pretreating and timing the roads were well covered. The crew worked from 2am to 6am and from 8pm to 12am. It was round the clock service.
2. He and his administrative assistant attended a Highway Commissioner's Association meeting. It was interesting to learn about all the other programs and meet many other Commissioners.
3. In late January Supervisor Didech and Commissioner Lofstrom met with Mr. Norris of Lake Forest. They are interested in the township taking over their plowing needs. This should bring in additional revenue to the township.
4. He reminded everyone that the road levy has been decreased by 10%. One half of the road levy is shared with the villages.
5. In mid-March he anticipates repaving North and South Elm. Lincolnshire will be reimbursing some of the cost.

Assessor - Gary Raupp

Assessor Raupp reported to the Board:

1. He has been working on the consolidation appeals.
2. His office is being converted to a new CAMA (Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal) system by the county.
3. The senior freeze threshold is up to \$65,000.00 from \$55,000.
4. The investigation of the harassment is complete. If anyone wants the report you must FOIA it. There was a discussion of the employees in his office and any disciplinary action to the employees as of yet. There is none planned. He is working on a drug and alcohol policy for his office.

Trustee Addelson

No report

Trustee Altenberg

He feels the township should prepare a resolution urging the Village of Buffalo Grove reconsider the Didier Farm development. It is an uncontrolled development which the village ignored.

Trustee Broad

No report

Trustee Hirsh

He worked with Mr. Gedville to lower the park budget without compromising services.

DIRECTOR OF PARKS & RECREATION - Todd Gedville

Director Gedville reported:

1. The newsletter will be out shortly. He said it would not cost as much as previous newsletters due to the addition of the advertisements.
2. Thus far there are 11 sponsors for the Mental Health Fair.
3. Still working on the financials.

DIRECTOR OF CONSTITUENT AFFAIRS - Holly Kim

Director Kim reported:

1. 27 wire racks were donated to the food pantry as well as several chairs.
2. The food pantry change has a feel good experience.
3. The lower section of the Community Service building has been rented out. More revenue to the township.

4. The 50/50 taxi program is a success.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

TOWN FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Altenberg and seconded by Trustee Broad to approve the Town Fund bills in the amount \$204,597.04 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Altenberg, Broad, Hirsh, Didech. No nays. Motion carried.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Hirsh and seconded by Trustee Addelson to approve the General Assistance Fund bills in the amount of \$2,219.43 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Altenberg, Broad, Hirsh, Didech. No nays. Motion carried.

CEMETERY FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Altenberg and seconded by Trustee Broad to approve the Cemetery Fund bills in the amount of \$2,800.00 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Altenberg, Broad, Hirsh, Didech. No nays. Motion carried.

PARK FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Hirsh and seconded by Trustee Altenberg to approve the Park Fund bills in the amount of \$8,812.17 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Altenberg, Broad, Hirsh, Didech. No nays. Motion carried.

ROAD FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Broad and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to approve the Road Fund bills in the amount of \$37,568.17 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Altenberg, Broad, Hirsh, Didech. No nays. Motion carried.

PERMANENT ROAD FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Altenberg and seconded by Trustee Addelson to approve the PERMANENT ROAD FUND bills in the amount of \$58,417.00 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 \$3,173.27 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Altenberg, Broad, Hirsh, Didech. No nays. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

11a. 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

It was moved by Trustee Altenberg and seconded by Trustee Broad to approve the resolution as presented (copy on file).

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

With approval today Supervisor Didech assured the audience that he will prepare a resolution for next meeting outlining the full details of the consolidation.

11b. A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A WELCOMING AND INCLUSION POLICY FOR VERNON TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

It was moved by Trustee Altenberg and seconded by Trustee Addelson to approve the resolution as presented (copy on file).

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

Trustee Addelson read the resolution in full. He assures the township community that the township is a welcoming community for everyone. Trustee Broad concurred with Trustee Addelson's

comments.

11c.A RESOLUTION URGING ALL VERNON TOWNSHIP ELECTED OFFICIALS TO DONATE THEIR AUTOMATIC, TAXPAYER-FUNDED ANNUAL SALARY INCREASE FOR THE YEAR 2018 TO THE TOWNSHIP'S FOOD PANTRY FOR VERNON TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

It was moved by Trustee Altenberg as seconded by Trustee Hirsh to approve the resolution as presented (copy on file).

Roll call vote: aye, Addelson, Altenberg, Broad, Hirsh, Didech.

No nays. Motion carried.

Supervisor Didech made a donation and received a check from each of the Trustees for their donation; Clerk Barnabee read a statement in which she stated "...I am fully capable of making decisions on how I spend and donate my salary, without the "Resolution" of a government body". Assessor Raupp stated he made no promises during his campaign to donate any monies to the food pantry.

Preliminary FY19 Budget Review

The Board reviewed the Park and Assessor's budget.

Director Gedville told the Board he will reduce pool fess and program fess for 2018. He will cut the development line item.

His portion of the tax revenue will remain the same as 2017 which is \$60,000.00.

Assessor Raupp reviewed his budget with the Board. After a discussion of his line items for legal and salaries, the Board recommended striking \$30,000.00 from legal and reducing salaries to \$212,000.00.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Trustee Altenberg and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to go into executive session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint ledged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity, held in executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120(2) (1). All voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Trustee Broad and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to come out of executive session. All voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION

It was moved by Trustee Hirsh and seconded by Trustee Addelson to resume regular session. All voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Addelson and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to adjourn meeting at 10:26 p.m. All voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Barnabee,
Township Clerk