

MINUTES
VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 11, 2019

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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 7:52 P.M. on March 11, 2019
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT: - Jonathan Altenberg, Township Supervisor
Barbara Barnabee, Township Clerk
Roger Addelson, Sheila Sebor, Township Trustee
Roger Broad, Philip Hirsh, Township Trustee
Gary Raupp, Township Assessor
Michael Lofstrom, Township Highway Commissioner
Ms Williams, Attorney

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Broad and seconded by Trustee Sebor to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2019 regular meeting as presented. All voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Supervisor's report - Jonathan Altenberg

Supervisor Altenberg reported:

1. His first two months in office have been very productive.
 - .finalized the budget which is \$150,000 under previous budget
 - .worked on a 3 year plan which will be presented at the June meeting
 - .first summer event will be June 7
 - .Trustee Sebor will be the liaison for the food pantry
 - .is working on the transition committee for the highway consolidation. The committee headed by Supervisor Altenberg, will include Highway Commissioner Lofstrom, Trustee Addelson, Todd Gedville, Edward Schultz and Tracy Gastfield.
 - .continue with transparency and efficiency of administrative duties

Clerk report - Barbara Barnabee

Clerk Barnabee reminded the Board of their responsibility to complete their economic interest statement with the county and bring a copy of the receipt to the office for the clerk's records.

Assessor's report - Gary Raupp

Assessor Raupp reported to the Board:

1. His department is working on the quadrennial assessments.
2. There have been several senior's in for the senior freeze exemption

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT - MICHAEL LOFSTROM

Commissioner Lofstrom reported:

1. His final budget is reflective of the 10% decrease in the levy. Perm Road levy is by referendum.
2. Gewalt Hamilton will be preparing the bid package for the spring projects.
3. Krisview Subdivision will have the speed limit on their roads decreased from 25MPH to 15MPH. There will be new stripping on the roads.
The surveillance by police thus far has produced 3 tickets in January, none in February. The speed problem seems to have dissipated.
4. All intergovernmental agreements are in place.

Trustees

Trustee Addelson -

The transition of the highway department to the township should run smoothly. There should be little changes to staff and services and hopefully no outsourcing of work. It was recommended that the transition be published in the newsletter on the website, etc. to reassure the residents involved.

Trustee Broad

Trustee Broad has been working with Todd Gedville implementing the train station improvements. He will continue to investigate "the check book system" for transparency.

Trustee Hirsh

No report

Trustee Sebor

Trustee Sebor told the Board she met the office staff and will be the liaison to the food pantry. There will be a food pantry meeting on April 3.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS - Todd Gedville

Director Gedville reported:

1. Made some adjustments to the website.
2. Is preparing for the audit which will begin in May.
3. The township has several parcels of land that are tax exempt. He will compile a list and location for the Board.
4. He is working with an architect for the upgrades at the train station. Roof replacement, shingles, heating and air conditioning are the immediate projects. The Board reminded Todd to be diligent about being green.

DIRECTOR OF CONSTITUENT AFFAIRS - Barrett Monie

Director Monie reported:

1. Extended office hours began March 5. There were several residents getting passports. This should bring in more revenue.
2. He is contemplating a flyer for distribution to inform every one of the extended food night hours.
3. ABC skunk removal pilot program will begin in April. The township will pay ½ of the initial inspection. The township will pay for the first trapped animal. This program is for township residents only.
4. Camp staff is complete. He is working on pool staff.
5. Continue to improve on the food pantry
6. Looking for musicians for the first pool party
7. Trustee Hirsh asked Director Monie to consider having a job fair.
8. He is trying to coordinate a meeting with all Vernon Township legislative branches to better understand how to serve the residents of Vernon Township.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

TOWN FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Addelson and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to approve the Town Fund bills in the amount \$211,635.87 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 \$1,318.55 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 Sebor to approve the Cemetery Fund bills in the amount of \$700.00 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 \$11,426.18 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried.

ROAD FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Addelson and seconded by Trustee Broad to approve the Road Fund bills in the amount of \$38,222.72 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried.

PERMANENT ROAD FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Addelson and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to approve the PERMANENT ROAD FUND bills in the amount of \$53,013.00 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 Sebor to approve the Station Fund bills in the amount of \$7,479.45 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

9a. Presentation by OMNI Youth Services

Doris McCarthy gave a comprehensive review of the services provided by Omni. With the reduction in state, federal, township, etc monies they are trying to watch their expenses.

9b. Approval of FY20 Town Budget

It was moved by Trustee Hirsh and seconded by Trustee Broad to approve the FY20 Town budget as posted and amended.

Discussion: Mr Gedville gave a short presentation of the several changes to the budget that was posted on line.

Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried. (copy on file)

9c. Approval of FY20 Road Budget

It was moved by Trustee Addelson and seconded by Trustee Sebor to approve the FY20 Road budget as posted on February 5, 2019.

Discussion: After a long discussion of the amended budget presented by the Highway Commissioner the Board felt any changes to the budget must be brought to the Board earlier than was given to them for this budget. They will approve the published budget and a new budget at the May meeting when the Commissioner will bring additional information for his reasons for the line item increases.

Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried. (copy on file)

Supervisor Altenberg called for a short recess. Reconvened within three minutes.

9d. Approval of agenda for 2019 Annual Town Meeting

It was moved by Trustee Hirsh and seconded by Trustee Broad to approve the 169th Annual Town Meeting agenda.

Discussion: Mr Gedville questioned an item to be put on the agenda and this motion was tabled.

It was then moved by Trustee Addelson and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to approve the 169th Annual Town Meeting agenda with the addition of sale of corporate property. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried. (copy on file)

10e. APPROVAL OF 2019-2020 Board Meeting Schedule

It was moved by Trustee Addelson and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to approve the Board Meeting schedule as presented. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried. (copy on file)

10f. Creation of the Highway Referendum Transition Committee

It was moved by Trustee Hirsh and seconded by Trustee Broad to approve the creation of the Highway Referendum Transition Committee. Roll call vote: Aye, Broad, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg, Abstain: Addelson. No nays. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Broad and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to adjourn meeting at 8:50 p.m. All voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Barnabee