

Lake County Board member, Mara Altenberg, addressed the Board on Lake County Board's help to residents during the pandemic. The County needs to stay financially healthy to provide all their services. The county is dependent on the taxing bodies to provide these services. There are many residents that need financial help during the pandemic. She is hoping the county can help the most vulnerable of residents by eliminating late fees by 30 to 60 days. This pertains to only those in need. Anyone who is financially able should pay their taxes on time. This program would be administrated by a declaration of need application system.

Lake County Board member, Julie Simpson thanked the Board for all they have done during the pandemic. Proud of their leadership. She will continue to work with the County Board for relief to taxpayers. If the County Board does not provide assistance she will work with the Township to help residents in need.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a.A RESOLUTION URGING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING A TWO MONTH WAIVER OF LATE FEE PENALTIES TO PROPERTY OWNERS IMPACTED BY COVID-19

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

Supervisor Altenberg began the discussion:

The Board discussed the need for this resolution as the Lake County Board is reluctant to address the financial difficulty of taxpayers. It is important to send a message to the county that there is a need for assistance to residents. This resolution will give constituents time to get finances in order.

Supervisor Altenberg said the township is establishing a fund with private and public resources to relieve constituents in the event the county board does not provide any relief. He will work with Representative Didech, County Board members Mara Altenberg and Julie Simpson to present a program to help pay late fees. The township would administer the program and taxpayers would have to provide proof of need i.e. unemployment application. The township would then send a check to the county on their behalf for the late fee.

This is only a concept thus far he will have more details next meeting.

The Board is behind this resolution. If need be and economic help is needed in the future the Board should begin to address this problem. Hopefully, other townships will consider a similar resolution.

Vernon Township has a 7-month reserve and has taken action to freeze salaries to protect their jobs.

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

Trustee Addelson suggested the township fly the American flag at half mask during the pandemic. Trustee Broad would like it flying high for morale and Trustee Hirsh can understand both

sides. Trustee Sebor would like it half mask until all shelter at home orders have been rescinded. It will be considered by Supervisor Altenberg before implemented.

Trustee Addelson strongly suggest temperatures are taken before entering the building. Safety for all. There are 2500 masks for residents. The office will devise a system for distribution to the residents. Only for adults.

11. Adjournment

It was moved by Trustee Broad and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to adjourn the meeting at 4:42 p.m. Roll call vote: ayes, Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Barnabee,
Township Clerk