

MINUTES  
VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING MAY 8, 2019

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

THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the  
office of the Town Clerk at         7:00 P.M.         on May 8, 2019  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT:- Jonathan Altenberg,                                 Township Supervisor  
Barbara Barnabee,   Township Clerk  
Roger Addelson, Sheila Sebor,                                Township Trustee  
Adam Broad, Philip Hirsh,                                      Township Trustee  
Gary Raupp,   Township Assessor  
Michael Lofstrom   Township Highway Commissioner  
Mr. Holmes,   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 Addelson and seconded by Trustee Sebor to  
approve the minutes of the April 3, 2019 meeting. All voted aye.  
No nays. Motion carried.

**Supervisor's Report - Jonathan Altenberg**  
No report

**Clerk's Report - Barbara Barnabee**  
No report

**Highway Commissioner's Report - Michael Lofstrom**  
Commissioner Lofstrom reported:

1. May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. there will be a bid opening for the  
Juneway Road re-pavement project. He anticipates the work  
to begin in early June. The engineering firm will be  
obtaining the permit for the culvert work from the Army  
Corp of Engineers.
2. The shredding event on April 27<sup>th</sup> was a success.
3. Spring clean-up was also a success. Two dumpsters were  
filled completely. The residents appreciate these programs.
4. The transition meetings are ongoing monthly.

**Assessor's Report - Gary Raupp**  
Assessor Raupp reported:

1. Tax bills are out.
2. The office has been working on quadrennial assessments.
3. Didier property sold for \$400,000.00 per acre. 50 acres were  
sold.

4. The Supervisor of Assessments last day will be Friday the 10<sup>th</sup>. The Deputy will be taking over the position until a permanent replacement is appointed.
5. 100 acres of the Florsheim Estate in Lincolnshire is for sale.

### **Trustees**

#### **Trustee Addelson -**

Reminded everyone of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mental Health Fair being held at the Community Service Building on the 18<sup>th</sup>. He is hoping everyone will come out to support this fair.

#### **Trustee Broad**

No report

#### **Trustee Hirsh**

Questioned whether the township website had the capability for blast reminders to the constituents for any programs, events, etc. that the township will be hosting. Mr Gedville will look into it.

#### **Trustee Sebor**

No report

#### **DIRECTOR OF PARKS & RECREATION- Todd Gedville**

No report

#### **DIRECTOR OF CONSTITUENT AFFAIRS - Barrett Monie**

Director Monie reported:

1. June 7 the Festival in the Park at Peterson Park is in full swing. There will be several food trucks, a big band from Deerfield and much more.
2. The community garden pilot program is in the works.
3. The camp packet is in the mail.
4. Pool is ready for the season.
5. The social service grant agreements have been mailed and several agreements have been returned with proper signatures.
6. The backpacking program will be a joint program with several villages in the area. The backpacks will go to the food pantry families.
7. The Mental Health Fair has several spots available if any organization would like to participate.

### **APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS**

#### **TOWN FUND BILLS**

It was moved by Trustee Addelson and seconded by Trustee Sebor to approve the Town Fund bills in the amount \$239,316.02 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried.

#### **GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND BILLS**

It was moved by Trustee Sebor and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to approve the General Assistance Fund bills in the amount of \$425.00 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried.

**CEMETERY FUND BILLS**

It was moved by Trustee Addelson and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to approve the Cemetery Fund bills in the amount of \$10,238.96 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 Addelson to approve the Park Fund bills in the amount of \$32,320.26 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 Sebor to approve the Road Fund bills in the amount of \$46,981.15 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 \$34,287.38 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried.

**STATION FUND BILLS**

It was moved by Trustee Sebor and seconded by Trustee Addelson to approve the STATION FUND bills in the amount of \$29,573.18 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - none

**NEW BUSINESS**

**9a. APPOINTMENT OF Kristi Ewing to a 3-YEAR TERM ON THE LINCOLNSHIRE-RIVERWOODS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

It was moved by Trustee Hirsh and seconded by Trustee Addelson to appoint Kristi Ewing to a 3-year term on the fire district. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried.

Ms Ewing addressed the Board with a little of her background and interest in the fire position. After working for Shell Oil for many years Ms Ewing now leases the gas pumps and car wash at Ernie's Gas Station. She is looking forward to contributing to the fire protection district.

**9b. APPROVAL of A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COMPROMISE AGREEMENT REGARDING 2012 TAX RATE OBJECTIONS WITH CERTAIN TAX RATE OBJECTORS AND THE LAKE COUNTY TREASURER**

It was moved by Trustee Sebor and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to approve the resolution of approving and authorizing the execution of the agreement regarding 2012 tax rate objections as presented. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried.

**9c. Discussion and approval of health care plan for Vernon Township employees and eligible elected officials, effective July 1, 2019.**

After a lengthy discussion of the health care package and the

funding by the employees it was decided that before next years budget the benefit package for the employees should be thoroughly discussed.

It was then moved by Trustee Addelson and seconded by Trustee Sebor to approve the health care plan as presented. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried.

#### **9d. Trustee Addelson - Highway Transition Update**

Trustee Addelson reported to the Board that the transition of the highway department to the township is moving along smoothly. The meetings are very productive. They are preparing a flow chart with tasks and responsibilities. A bill to speed up the transition of the highway department to the township passed in the State House of Representatives. The transition will begin when the Governor signs the legislation. He will keep the Board informed.

#### **9e. Trustee Sebor - Food Pantry Update**

Trustee Sebor gave a brief synopsis of the April 23<sup>rd</sup> food pantry meeting. Several key points:

- . questions remain of the by-laws of the pantry
- . more volunteers are being sought and more donations needed
- . watching the financial position of the pantry by reducing costs
- . will be taking inventory of items taken by constituents for better understanding of what is needed
- . institute a procedure for use of gift card donations
- . Omni Youth Service has shown an interest of working with the food pantry

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Trustee Hirsh and seconded by Trustee Addelson to adjourn the meeting at 8:05p.m. All voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Barnabee,  
Township Clerk