

MINUTES
VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MAY 9, 2018

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 May 9, 2018
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

<u>PRESENT:- Daniel Didech,</u>	<u>Township Supervisor</u>
<u>Barbara Barnabee,</u>	<u>Township Clerk</u>
<u>Roger Addelson, Jonathan Altenberg</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>Mr. Holmes,</u>	<u>Attorney</u>

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

James Kedoski of Buffalo Grove questioned when work would begin on the beautification of the train station. Supervisor Didech outlined the extensive landscape and painting of the station timeline. The landscape plan must go out to bid as it will be over \$20,000.00. It will be a Prairie Style landscape. He anticipates the work will begin in the fall.

Supervisor Didech relayed the vision that Buffalo Grove has for the area surrounding the station. The Village feels that the parcel along Main Street up to Rt. 22 is underused. Redevelopment of the area would include retail, restaurants, walkway, etc. He will keep the Board informed as things develop.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Broad and seconded by Trustee Addelson to approve the minutes of the March and April meeting minutes. All voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

Supervisor's Report - Daniel Didech

Supervisor Didech reported:

1. The Mental Health Fair is coming up shortly. He wants to make sure the public is aware of this valuable fair.

Clerk's Report - Barbara Barnabee

No report

Highway Commissioner's Report - Michael Lofstrom

Commissioner Lofstrom was not in attendance:

He emailed the Board with his report

Assessor's Report - Gary Raupp

Assessor Raupp reported:

1. Tax bills will be out by May 3. First installment is June 6 with second installment September 6.
2. He has been working on Long Grove's special service areas. Farm land, at one time, was considered farm land at 53 acres now it must be 83 acres to be considered farm land.
3. The new CAMA system is in place and he is working on adjusting the cost conversions to the system.
4. There have been numerous senior exemptions and senior freeze applications his office has processed.
5. The new appraisal system at the county will be active in 2020.
6. The county will no longer be accepting emails for the townships. Each township will need to have its own email provider.
7. He is working on all policies for his office.

Trustees

Trustee Addelson -

Supervisor Didech and he examined all social agencies requests from the FY2018-19 budget. The procedure for funding could do with some changes. He suggested an intern position in which the individual would conduct a comprehensive review all agency requests and their programs and report back to the Board before any decisions are made.

Trustee Altenberg - no report

Trustee Broad

His grant writing class would be helpful in the social agency grant request procedure. He envisions a private/government collaboration for funding to the agencies which would be a cost benefit to the township.

Trustee Hirsh

Questioned when the details for the referendum of the consolidation of the road district would be available for the residents. Supervisor Didech assured him that the information will be available. Information will be in the next newsletter, on Facebook, the newspaper, and there is a possibility of an additional mailing to the unincorporated areas of the township. The information should include what the yes or no vote would mean to the residents.

DIRECTOR OF PARKS & RECREATION- Todd Gedville

Director Gedville reported:

1. Camp and pool are ready for summer season.
2. The new website is up and running. The office personnel have been trained in its use. He had a demonstration of the website.

DIRECTOR OF CONSTITUENT AFFAIRS - Holly Kim

Director Kim reported:

1. The part-time employee, fluent in Spanish, started work.
2. The Community Service building is taking shape with some repurposing of space.
3. The paper shredding event was a success as usual.
4. Spring clean-up will be on the 12th with a dumpster for all residents.
5. The garage sale will be on June 9, rain or shine.
6. A SWALCO representative gave a review of a textile/clothing recycling event the township may be interested in hosting and maintaining a collection site. The program is called recycle/reuse. The township will receive a very small portion of the monies generated by the recycling. Trustee Addelson is concerned about where the textiles are being distributed. She assured him the vendor they are using SMART is reputable.

The representative said she will get the Board more information about the vendor before any decision is made.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

TOWN FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Addelson and seconded by Trustee Broad to approve the Town Fund bills in the amount \$187,870.59 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 Broad to approve the General Assistance Fund bills in the amount of \$1,111.83 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Altenberg, road, Hirsh, Didech. 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 \$3,637.24 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Altenberg, Broad, Hirsh, Didech. No nays. Motion carried.

PARK FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Addelson and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to approve the Park Fund bills in the amount of \$28,833.48 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Altenberg, Broad, Hirsh, Didech. No nays. Motion carried.

ROAD FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Hirsh and seconded by Trustee Broad to approve the Road Fund bills in the amount of \$47,403.16 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Altenberg, Broad, Hirsh, Didech. No nays. Motion carried.

PERMANENT ROAD FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Broad and seconded by Trustee Altenberg to approve the PERMANENT ROAD FUND bills in the amount of \$40,140.66 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 \$39,679.73 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Altenberg, Broad, Hirsh, Didech. No nays. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

9a. APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER KENNEDY OF PRAIRIE VIEW TO A 3-YEAR TERM ON THE LINCOLNSHIRE-RIVERWOODS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

Mr Kennedy addressed the Board. He is a lifelong resident of Vernon Township and presently a Lieutenant in the Elgin Fire Department. He is very happy to be appointed to serve on the Fire Board. His knowledge of fire administration will be an asset to his appointment.

9b. APPROVAL OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE VERNON TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND THE SOLID WASTE AGENCY OF LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS REGARDING THE TOWNSHIP HOSTING AND MAINTAINING A SITE TO COLLECT CLOTHING AND TEXTILES.

After a discussion of the SWALCO presentation and where the monies that the program generates it was:

Moved by Trustee Addelson and seconded by Trustee Altenberg to table the agreement until June for further study of the program. All voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

9c. APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING SCHEDULE

It was moved by Trustee Broad and seconded by Trustee Addelson to approve the grant funding schedule as presented. (copy on file) Voting aye, Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Didech. Voting nay, Altenberg. Motion carried.

There was a discussion of the funding of the agencies for this year. Trustee Altenberg feels there should be no increases to the funding. The Board has a fiscal responsibility to the taxpayers. Trustees Addelson, Hirsh and Broad strongly believe the grants the township allocates is needed by the agencies to continue their service to the Vernon Township community as federal and state monies are almost nonexistent.

9d. AUTHORIZATION OF THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR TO BE THE PRINCIPAL AGENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP'S ILLINOIS FUNDS ACCOUNTS.

It was moved by Trustee Broad and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to approve the authorization of the supervisor to be principal agent for Illinois fund accounts. All voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Addelson and seconded by Trustee Altenberg to adjourn. All voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Barnabee,
Township Clerk

