

MINUTES
VERNON TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 13, 2018

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
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 Lake County, } ss.
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Town of VERNON , }
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office of the Town Clerk at 7:00 P.M. on June 13, 2018

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT:- Daniel Didech Township Supervisor
 Barbara Barnabee Township Clerk
 Johnathan Altenberg, Roger Addelson Township Trustee
 Roger Broad, Philip Hirsh Township Trustee
 Gary Raupp Township Assessor
 Michael Lofstrom Township Highway Commissioner
 Ann Williams Attorney
Supervisor Didech acting as Chairman and Mrs. Barnabee as clerk
the following business was conducted:

PROCLAMATION

It was moved by Trustee Addelson and seconded by Trustee Didech to approve a proclamation to be given to Mr. Dorfman for his tireless efforts in regard to mental health.
Proclamation read by Trustee Addelson (copy on file)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board thanked Mr. Dorfman for his tireless efforts for mental health issues. The Mental Health Fair he organized for the township was a success and the Board anticipates another fair for next year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were not acted upon

REPORTS

Supervisor - Daniel Didech

Supervisor Didech reported:

1. A design architect took a look at the township building to redo the space to be more efficient. He will be submitting a proposal. He will keep the Board informed.

Clerk - Barbara Barnabee

1. No report

Highway Commissioner - Michael Lofstrom

Highway Commissioner Lofstrom reported:

1. The resurfacing of Elm Road by Peter Baker is almost complete. The project is approximately 1½ miles of road. He invited the Board to take a look at the new road.
2. He will be preparing for another resurfacing project either late summer or early spring of 2019.
3. The Woodbine Circle new construction of homes is on hold. Several complaints have been lodged by the current homeowners which need to be addressed i.e. density, size of lots, traffic flow. There is a meeting with all involved shortly.
4. The department is busy with summer ditch work, tree trimming, etc.
5. The new skid steer is being customized for the road district.
6. An old trailer has been traded in for a new one.

Assessor - Gary Raupp

Assessor Raupp reported:

1. His internet has been converted from the county to the

- township Comcast.
- 2018 field work has begun. There are several commercial and industrial vacancies which need to be investigated.
 - There are approximately 900 changes to the assessment rolls. During the quadrennial all properties need to be revalued. He anticipates at least 1000 changes.
 - He would like the photos of homes from the 70's and 80's be put on line. It is a large project for the future.
 - The new CAMA system from the county will be up and running within 2 weeks. After the CAMA system is available from the county he will be hiring a new employee. He anticipates a July 2 start date.
 - The Personnel Guidelines and Procedures for the Assessor's office are complete.
 - There have been approximately 100 senior exemptions and 450 senior freeze applications processed by his office. Trustee Addelson asked if Mr. Raupp conducted any seminars for the residents in regard to their tax bills. He said no but he has participated in numerous meetings held within the township for that reason.

Trustees

Trustee Addelson

The Mental Health Fair was a success.

Trustee Altenberg

No report

Trustee Broad

No report

Trustee Hirsh

No report

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS - Todd Gedville

Director Gedville reported:

- Camp is in full steam.
- The audit is complete. Report is expected soon.
- Working on newsletter.
- Attended a government accounting class.
- The design consultant will be conducting work flow design.
- Deep red paint is the color for the station along with new prairie style landscaping.
- He will have the timers at the station maintained.
- The siding on the front of the building will need to be updated. He will be getting quotes for the work.
- Holly Kim had a baby girl.

DIRECTOR OF CONSTITUENT AFFAIRS - Holly Kim

Director Kim is on maternity leave.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

TOWN FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Addelson and seconded by Trustee Altenberg to approve the Town Fund bills in the amount \$188,838.92 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 \$3,423.87 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Altenberg, Broad, 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 \$4,356.33 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Altenberg, Broad, Hirsh, Didech. No nays. Motion carried.

PARK FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Broad and seconded by Trustee Altenberg to approve the Park Fund bills in the amount of \$16,737.15 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Altenberg, Broad, Hirsh, Didech. 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 \$30,564.42 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 Hirsh to approve the Permanent Road Fund bills in the amount of \$38,079.32 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 \$2,331.02 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Altenberg, Broad, Hirsh, Didech. No nays. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Approval of 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.

It was moved by Trustee Hirsh and seconded by Trustee Broad to approve the Intergovernmental agreement as presented. (copy on file) Roll call vote: Addelson, Altenberg, Broad, Hirsh, Didech. No nays. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. An Ordinance Adopting the Prevailing Rate of Wages to be paid to laborers, mechanics, and other workers performing construction of public works for Vernon Township, Lake County, Illinois

It was moved by Trustee Hirsh and seconded by Trustee Broad to approve the above ordinance as presented. (copy on file) Roll call vote: aye, Addelson, Altenberg, Broad, Hirsh, Didech. No nays. Motion carried. This ordinance complies with state law which needs to be passed every year in June.

B. An Ordinance adopting the Prevailing Rate of Wages to be paid to laborers, mechanics, and other workers performing construction of public works for the Road District of Vernon Township, Lake County, Illinois.

It was moved by Trustee Broad and seconded by Trustee Addelson to approve the above ordinance as presented. (copy on file) Roll call vote: Ayes, Addelson, Altenberg, Broad, Hirsh, Didech, No nays. Motion carried. This ordinance complies with state law which needs to be passed every year in June.

C. A Resolution Condemning the Trump Administration's Family Separation Policy.

It was moved by Trustee Addelson and seconded by Trustee Didech to approve the above resolution as presented. (copy on file) Roll call vote: Ayes, Addelson, Altenberg, Broad, Hirsh, Didech. No nays. Motion carried. All Trustees agreed that the family separation policy is an appalling policy. The township must speak out. To do nothing is not acceptable. This resolution should be sent to the Department of Justice, the press, Illinois Caucuses and any venue that will express the townships disdain of this policy.

D. Discussion and possible action regarding food pantry finances and policies

Supervisor Didech asked the Board for their input into the 501 (C)(3) fund allocation of this money.
Trustee Addelson - once or twice month bring good to shut ins; dinner at township once a month; supplement PADS
Trustee Broad - support other needy township's i.e. Zion, North Chicago, Waukegan, etc. Help women's shelters as well as male shelters.
Trustee Hirsh - reserve the monies

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Trustee Addelson and seconded by Trustee Altenberg to adjourn meeting at 7:59 p.m. All voted aye. No nays.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Barnabee
Township Clerk