

MINUTES OF THE
VERNON TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY INC.
SPECIAL MEETING

JULY 9, 2020

Present: Board President Jon Altenberg, Board Director Roger Addelson, Board Director Sheila Sebor, Vernon Township Director of Operations Todd Gedville, and Vernon Township Director of Constituent Affairs Barrett Monie

Absent: Board Director Adam Broad

1. Call to Order. There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 6:35p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Director Addelson moved to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2020 Quarterly Meeting. Director Hirsch seconded. All voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

3. Food Pantry Management Report – Barrett Monie

a. Barrett Monie summarized the current operations of the Food Pantry. He indicated that both monetary donations and donations of food and other supplies are continuing.

b. The budget of \$56K will be adequate at present, with sufficient reserves to install a driveway on the food pantry side of the administration building so that direct deliveries can be made by the Northern Illinois Food Bank. This work was included in a general repaving project for the administrative offices of Vernon Township.

c. The number of new participants in the drive-up grocery collection has leveled off. We are currently seeing 2-3 new families per week, but that number is expected to rise when the pantry reopens for in person shopping.

4. New Business. Board President Altenberg described a new offer from Comcast Cable to offer discounts on Internet connections to those enrolled in several assistance programs. The offer allows new customers to access Comcast's service for up to one year with the first six months at \$9.95 per month. President Altenberg recommended that the Food Pantry subsidize the first four months (approx.. \$40) for registrants (and EA and GA clients) who apply and are accepted into this program, to a maximum of \$7,000 for the initial program. He proposed a motion to do this, with the Township reimbursing the Food Pantry for the outlay, to allow Food Pantry monies to continue to purchase items for distribution to registered participants.

Director Addelson moved to approve the motion. Director Hirsch seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

4. Adjournment. Unanimous consensus to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

Submitted by:
Sheila Sebor, Secretary