

Trustees

Trustee Hirsh

No report

Trustee Addelson

He would like to discuss a situation in which he admonished himself for his handling of the problem. He received a letter from a constituent of an issue of weed removal by the township along his fence line. Instead of answering the letter he forwarded it to Todd to handle. In retrospect he knows he should have answered the letter.

He is remiss in not showing the employees the Board's gratitude for their hard work and conveying to them that the increases will be put in escrow. If the township is in a financial position in the coming months the employees will receive their raises. He stated these two incidents have been a learning curve for Trustee Addelson.

Supervisor Altenberg apologized for any comment that was wrongfully stated. He agrees that their needs to be more communication. If all goes well the raises will be considered and retroactive when the township is out of the crisis.

Trustee Sebor reiterated her appreciation for the employees hard work, above and beyond expectations. She stated that the employees were given masks and a meal.

Trustee Sebor

No report

Township Manager- Todd Gedville

Mr. Gedville reported:

1. Nicasa's rental agreement with the township has been finalized and processed.
2. The township continues to clean cemeteries, maintain ballfields, stump removal, etc.
3. Metra station rehab is almost complete. Air conditioning is now in the station. New kick plates have been installed. This project is approximately \$29,000.00 less than anticipated due to the township contributing to the work and insurance credits.

DIRECTOR OF CONSTITUENT AFFAIRS - Barrett Monie

Director Monie reported:

1. The pool is open to the public by scheduling a time on-line. All Covid protocol is followed.
2. Special disinfection materials will be applied once a week to the township facilities.
3. Camp began with fewer participants and small classes.
4. Food drives continue.
5. He has attended several meetings about CARES procedures.

At this point several questions were asked about whether anyone entering the township buildings should be logging in. It was suggested that a log in for every building be on site for everyone's protection.

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 \$128,250.83 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Addelson and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to approve the General Assistance Fund bills in the amount of \$3,393.77 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried.

CEMETERY FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Hirsh and seconded by Trustee Sebor to approve the Cemetery Fund bills in the amount of \$12,832.21 for

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

PARK FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Sebor and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to approve the Park Fund bills in the amount of \$13,944.62 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, 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 \$15,547.81 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried.

PERMANENT ROAD FUND BILL

It was moved by Trustee Hirsh and seconded by Trustee Addelson to approve the PERMANENT ROAD FUND bills in the amount of \$19,151.36 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried.

STATION FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Addelson and seconded by Trustee Sebor to approve the STATION FUND bills in the amount of \$120,653.91 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

9a. Approval of Social Agency Grants

It was moved by Trustee Addelson and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to approve social agency grants.

A discussion was held as to the allocation of the monies and the process. Trustee Sebor recused herself from the process.

Trustee Hirsh feels we need to partner with the agencies to make sure the constituents of the township know about the agencies and their programs. He feels the township is not doing enough to get this message across.

The distribution of monies is quarterly. Before the next distribution there will be a review of the grants and possible readjustment of the monies.

The motion was then amended to:

Accept the social agencies grants as presented with a quarterly review and readjusting the allocations if warranted.

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

9b. Resolution authorizing display of the LGBTQ Pride Flag

It was moved by Trustee Addelson and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to approve the resolution to authorize the display of the LGBTQ flag. (copy on file) Roll call vote: Ayes, Addelson, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried.

9c. Approval of agreement between Lake County and Vernon Township to participate in the COVID Housing Relief Program

It was moved by Trustee Sebor and seconded by Trustee Addelson to approve the agreement for the COVID housing relief program. (copy on file)

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

Trustee Addelson stated with the quality staff of the township this was an easy vote.

9d. Discussion and possible action to change fees associated with Vernon Cemetery and Diamond Lake Cemetery

A discussion was held about the long-term financial health of the cemetery. Diamond Lake is completely occupied, and Vernon has approximately 100 grave sites left to sell. Concern is to the funds available to maintain the cemeteries in perpetuity.

The township prices are low compared to other cemeteries. Mr. Gedville will revisit this discussion next meeting with more information.

Trustee Addelson asked to discuss the following:

Trustee Addelson read a portion of a letter he received from, Dora Guo, a former Stevenson High School graduate thanking the township for their help in supporting SHS students. She would

like the township to sign a student petition asking Stevenson to hold a virtual town hall meeting to discuss anti Blackness. The Board will contact Ms. Guo and invite her to speak to the Board and present the petition and her concerns before any action by the Board. It will be put on next month's agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Hirsh seconded by Trustee Addelson to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes: Addelson, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Barnabee,
Township Clerk