

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**MINUTES - BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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 June 14, 2017

**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:

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Trustee Addelson and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2017; May 15, 2017 and May 18, 2017 meetings as presented. All voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

**REPORTS**

**Supervisor - Daniel Didech**

Supervisor Didech reported:

1. The July meeting will be held on July 19, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.
2. He will be implementing a new after school science program.
3. He met with Melissa Norton in regard to holding a winter farmer's market in the community service building. It would be the only winter farmer's market in Lake county.
4. He is waiting for proposals for the new website design and production. He will keep the Board informed with his recommendations.

**Clerk - Barbara Barnabee**

Clerk Barnabee reported:

1. Reminded the Board to file their economic interest statement with the county and bring receipt to the office.

**Highway Commissioner - Michael Lofstrom**

Highway Commissioner Lofstrom reported:

1. Mr. Schroeder has accepted a one year consultant contract with Vernon Township Highway Department.
2. Anthony Brucato will fill the vacancy in the highway department due to the retirement of John Bachleda.
3. A 17 year old truck was sold at auction for \$15,000. A new truck is forthcoming at the end of May.
4. Strategic National Stockpile along with the CDC is sponsoring a 4 day emergency preparedness workshop. It is a co-ordination of police, fire, villages, township, etc. in the event of a public health emergency preparedness

- and response if a disaster should occur.
5. He is anticipating cutting off Brockman Ave. at Prairie Road for safety purposes.
  6. The intergovernmental agreement between West Deerfield and the Vernon Township will not be renewed in November. A short discussion was held as to the reason for the cancellation.
    - . it is a revenue wash - and inefficient work process
    - . Trustee Altenberg would prefer Commissioner Loftstrom consider an increase in the fees rather than discontinuing the agreement.
    - . Vernon will assist the West Deerfield Township Supervisor in implementing other means of maintaining their 2 miles of road.
    - . Commissioner Lofstrom said that it would be more beneficial for the Vernon Road District to have an agreement with Vernon Hills which is in our township and has 4 miles of road.
    - . He will be meeting with Rick Mack of Metra to see if the township can expand to week-end commuter service and additional daily service during the 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. hours along the North Central corridor.

#### **Assessor - Gary Raupp**

Assessor Raupp reported:

1. His department is working on 2017 assessments. The assessment books are due to the county by July 15<sup>th</sup>.
2. Any time a property is sold there is a thorough examination of the assessment.
3. Legislation to eliminate local Township Assessors and consolidate all assessment functions and transfer their tax dollars to Lake County has failed. The study by Lake County contained factual errors and was dismissed.
4. Of the 102 counties in IL there are only 12 counties in the entire state with a total EAV that is greater than Vernon Township. Vernon has the highest EAV in Lake County.

#### **Trustees**

##### **Trustee Addelson**

Hydro Force, a business in the Aptakisic/Rt 22 corridor, has reached out for assistance to get low income workers transportation to work. Congressman Schneider's office will investigate federal funding to help with this service.

##### **Trustee Altenberg**

He would like the township to consider avenues to best comply with the Paris Accord. Other states are committed to the Accord.

##### **Trustee Broad**

No report.

##### **Trustee Hirsh**

After further study, perhaps the township bus could be utilized for transportation needs of the businesses in the area.

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

Director Gedville reported:

1. The science programs presented by Noggin Builders will be an asset to the township as school funding is diminished for these types programs.
2. The township newsletter will be out the middle of July.
3. Camp begins the week of the 19<sup>th</sup>. There are 28 camp

employees and 19 pool employees. They are in the middle of training and team building.

4. Parent orientation is the 16<sup>th</sup>.
5. The pool is open and has been very busy. The pool has been audited by the Red Cross and Vernon far exceeds the standards.

#### **DIRECTOR OF CONSTITUENT AFFAIRS - Holly Kim**

Director Kim reported:

1. She was directly involved with the food pantry process this month. The mobile food truck will be here the week of the 19<sup>th</sup>.
2. Several donations to the backpacker program have opted out. She is in the process of obtaining new donations from corporations in the area and possibly Carol Sente's office.
3. Winter Farmer's Market will be an artesian market. It is the first winter market and hopefully will be successful.
4. The garage sale was a success. There were 50 vendors in 2016 and 55 in 2017. All proceeds benefit food pantry.
5. The pool and garage sale were on the township Facebook page.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - none

#### **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 (with an amendment striking the payment of item 4 of page 3) in the amount \$188,900.61 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Altenberg, Broad, Hirsh, Didech. 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 \$1,126.05 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Altenberg, Broad, Hirsh, Didech. No nays. Motion carried.

##### **CEMETERY FUND BILLS**

It was moved by Trustee Hirsh and seconded by Trustee Altenberg to approve the Cemetery Fund bills in the amount of \$4,294.11 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 \$10,048.65 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 Hirsh to approve the Road Fund bills in the amount of \$19,130.89 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Altenberg, Broad, Hirsh, Didech. 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 \$26,367.00 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 Addelson to approve the Station Fund bills in the amount of \$1,450.95 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Altenberg, Broad, Hirsh, Didech. No nays. Motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING GUN FREE ZONES ON CERTAIN PROPERTY UNDER THE CONTROL OF VERNON TOWNSHIP FOR VERNON TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

It was moved by Trustee Addelson and seconded by Trustee Hirsh 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. There was a brief discussion on the importance of a gun free environment.

Trustee Broad a former NRA member commended this ordinance.

**B. A RESOLUTION RELATING TO PARTICIPATION BY ELECTED OFFICIALS IN THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND**

It was moved by Trustee Altenberg and seconded by Trustee Broad to approve the above resolution as presented. (copy on file)

All public bodies must have this resolution in place.

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

**C. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN ROUTINE AND REOCCURRING EXPENSES FOR VERNON TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

It was moved by Trustee Addelson and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to approve the above resolution as presented. (copy on file)

This will eliminate any late payment fees.

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

**D. 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 Altenberg and seconded by Trustee Hirsh 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 is required by public entities.

No nays. Motion carried.

**E. 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**

No motions needed.

**F. A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR NEWSLETTER PRINTING SERVICES.**

It was moved by Trustee Altenberg and seconded by Trustee Broad to approve the above motion as presented.

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

The township will be looking for the lowest rate for production of the newsletter without compromising quality.

There will be advertising options in the newsletter which reaches approximately 25,000 households.

**G. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING THE RENEWAL OF HEALTH INSURANCE FOR VERNON TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES.**

A lengthy discussion was held to the health insurance for employees of the township. The issue is whether the township should pay 100% of the premiums. The consensus is that the township continues to look at the budgetary issues involved in the benefit program.

**H. DISCUSSION OF VERNON TOWNSHIP BUDGETARY ISSUES**

There was a lengthy discussion by the Trustees on budgetary issues. Several points mentioned:

- .must look for savings
- .overview the township plan
- .recommend consultant - identify ways to reduce impact and increase revenue
- .explore the budget fully
- .make sure township is utilizing all equipment
- .decisions should be made with Board input
- .fiscal responsible - more detail of budget
- .ways to enhance revenues
- .full analysis of salaries
- .internal analysis by supervisor and staff

Mrs Rampale of Krisview Subdivision asked to speak. Supervisor Didech gave her the floor. She would like the township to delay closing of Brockman so that there could be further input from residents. She feels this decision will create more problems with traffic. Highway Commissioner Loftstrom will consider all avenues.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Trustee Broad and seconded by Trustee Altenberg to adjourn meeting at 8:06 p.m. All voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Barnabee  
Township Clerk