

**MINUTES**  
**VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 8, 2017**

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 November 8, 2017

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

<u>PRESENT:- Daniel Didech,</u>	<u>Township Supervisor</u>
<u>Barbara Barnabee,</u>	<u>Township Clerk</u>
<u>Roger Addelson,</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>Melissa Wolf,</u>	<u>Attorney</u>

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 Hirsh seconded by Trustee Addelson to  
approve the minutes of the October 11, 2017 regular meeting  
minutes as submitted. All voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

**REPORTS**

**Supervisor - Daniel Didech**

Supervisor Didech reported:

1. The township is being audited by an IT firm to find any  
inefficiency in the present system. They will be  
providing a full report which he will share with the  
Board.
2. The payroll process has been switched to an outside firm.  
Employees are now paid twice per month to ensure  
compliance with the law.
3. He had a meeting with the Lake Forest Fire Department in  
regard to emergence response plans.

**Clerk - Barbara Barnabee**

1. The trustees were alerted to the process of social agencies  
requests for funding for the 2017-18 budget.

**Highway Commissioner - Michael Lofstrom**

In the absence to Commissioner Lofstrom, Tracy Gastfield, his  
administrative assistance gave a short report.

1. The new truck is in and begin prepared for winter.
2. Thomas Long is the new hire.

**Assessor - Gary Raupp**

Assessor Raupp reported:

1. He has been working on the appeals in Waukegan.
2. He anticipates finishing the residential appeals by  
Thanksgiving.

3. The county would like the appeals process completed as soon as possible.

**Trustees**

**Trustee Addelson**

No report

**Trustee Altenberg**

absent

**Trustee Broad**

He has been contacted by a constituent about the Metra station condition. He will have a full report at the next meeting.

**Trustee Hirsh**

No report

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

Director Gedville reported:

1. He is working on summer programs.
2. His staff is preparing the vehicles for winter.
3. He is investigating the Comcast bills. At present there are 5 separate bills which he is trying to consolidate.

**DIRECTOR OF CONSTITUENT AFFAIRS - Holly Kim**

Director Kim reported:

1. The adopt a family programs are in full swing:  
The Thanksgiving program has 140 families and the holiday program has 120 families matched with donors.
2. The food pantry has seen an increase in participants since it has been changed to a shopping experience.
3. The Illinois Food Bank will be sharing fresh food and dairy for distribution.
4. The senior programs are flourishing. There is one volunteer who has helped with a senior outing.
5. The 50/50 taxi program is a success.

**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 in the amount \$185,132.71 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, 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 \$916.03 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Didech. No nays. Motion carried.

**CEMETERY FUND BILLS**

It was moved by Trustee Broad and seconded by Trustee Addelson to approve the Cemetery Fund bills in the amount of \$3637.00 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Didech. No nays. Motion carried.

**PARK FUND BILLS**

It was moved by Trustee Hirsh and seconded by Trustee Broad to approve the Park Fund bills in the amount of \$9,827.74 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Didech. No nays. Motion carried.

**ROAD FUND BILLS**

It was moved by Trustee Broad and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to

approve the Road Fund bills in the amount of \$31,618.32 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Didech. No nays. Motion carried.

**PERMANENT ROAD FUND BILLS**

It was moved by Trustee Broad and seconded by Trustee Addelson to approve the PERMANENT ROAD FUND bills in the amount of \$28,433.29 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, 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 \$2,939.03 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Didech. No nays. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. APPROVAL OF TOWNSHIP TAX LEVY ESTIMATE**

It was moved by Trustee Addelson and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to approve the Township tax levy estimate as presented (copy on file).

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

A short discussion was held: the estimate will be reducing the corporate tax by over 5% from the 2016 levy.

**B. APPROVAL OF ROAD DISTRICT TAX LEVY ESTIMATE**

It was moved by Trustee Addelson and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to approve the Road District Tax Levy estimate as presented (copy on file).

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

A short discussion was held to the estimate as just procedural at this time and the actual levy must be passed by Dec.

**C. APPROVAL OF ANTI-DISCRIMINATION/ANTI-HARASSMENT POLICY**

It was moved by Trustee Addelson as seconded by Trustee Altenberg to approve the policy as presented (copy on file).

Roll call vote: aye, Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Didech.

No nays. Motion carried.

A discussion was held as to the updating of the existing policy.

Trustee Addelson cites the policy as an excellent piece of work and thanked the Township Attorney.

**D. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING SKUNK CONTROL**

No action

**E. RESOLUTION TO JOIN LAKE COUNTY COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Trustee Addelson and seconded by Trustee Broad to approve the resolution to join Lake County Coordinated Transportation services committee as presented. (copy on file)

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No executive session

**STORM WATER PLAN**

A representative from Gewalt Hamilton Partners gave a brief overview of the MS4 program of the storm water discharge plan to the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Trustee Hirsh and seconded by Trustee Broad to adjourn meeting at 9:12 p.m. All voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Barnabee,  
Township Clerk