

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
VERNON TOWNSHIP HELD ON April 14, 2022, AT 7:00 PM, AT VERNON
TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SERVICE BUILDING, 2900 NORTH MAIN STREET,
BUFFALO GROVE, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at the hour of 7:00
p.m. by Supervisor Altenberg.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Altenberg led everyone in the saying of the
Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Those present at roll call were Supervisor Altenberg,
Assessor Perlman, Clerk Kobler, Trustee Hirsh,
Trustee Knizhnik, Trustee Sebor, Township Manager
Gedville, Director of Constituent Affairs Monie,
Attorney Williams.

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

State Representative Didech provided a brief review
of the last legislative session that included passing
a budget with a \$3 billion surplus, health care
legislation expanding required testing and service to
be covered by health insurance policies, as well as a
statewide drug take back program.

Representative also congratulated Mrs. Magati on her
pending appointment to the Township Board.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Made by Trustee Sebor and seconded by Trustee Knizhnik to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on March 10, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Trustee Hirsh, Sebor, Knizhnik and Supervisor Altenberg. NAYES: None. Absent: None.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

6. REPORTS

a. SUPERVISOR:

Supervisor Altenberg Reported the Town Meeting went well.

b. CLERK:

No Report.

Supervisor Altenberg requested that item 9a: Motion and approval to fill the vacancy in the Office of Vernon Township Trustee be moved to this part of the meeting. There were no objections to do so.

MOTION: Made by Trustee Sebor and seconded by Trustee Knizhnik to appoint Mrs. Gowri Magati to fill the vacancy in the Office of Vernon Township Trustee.

DISCUSSION: Trustee Hirsh wished to thank the other candidates who applied.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Trustee Hirsh,
Knizhnik, Sebor, and Supervisor Altenberg.
NAYS: None. Absent: None.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Clerk Kobler administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Magati.

Trustee Magati thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve the Township. Trustee Magati took her seat with the Board and participated in the remainder of the meeting.

c. ASSESSOR:

Assessor Perlman and Josh attended the Illinois Property Assessment Institute conference in Normal, Illinois. It was a good experience, and he learned a lot. Josh did additional training and passed his exam.

An offer was extended for employment to a Deputy Assessor with almost a decade of experience. He will be assisting in all aspects of the assessment process, and he specializes in residential. Hopefully he will start Monday.

A payout for past Assessor policies occurred and what that means for future budgets was discussed.

Books need to be turned in June 15, 2022. They are working hard to input all new construction and demolition permits. A lot of decks and patios. There has been a lot of field review of all commercial vacancies as well.

Vacancy allowances for hotels and restaurants that were granted temporarily during COVID lockdowns are being removed.

An issue of past vacancies being applied on top of another vacancy was discovered. We are attempting to identify and remove them as best as possible. They will all be removed when we revalue every property next year.

A tablet and Mobile IMS was purchased to assist in field work. This will make things more efficient, save gas by having the routing replanned and save time in the field and the number of trips going out as you can see what properties need inspections.

A small order for apparel - 2 polo shirts and one hat for each employee for their safety in the field was placed.

d. TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Knizhnik:

No Report.

Trustee Sebor:

Advised that progress continues with the development of the Ruth Bader Ginsburg Scholarship along with two retired high school teachers willing to assist with the selection process.

Trustee Magati:

No Report.

Trustee Hirsh:

Reported that while out in the community he has received a lot of great comments about the work the Township has been doing.

Trustee Hirsh, Knizhnik, and Sebor all congratulated and welcomed Trustee Magati to the Board.

e. Township Manager:

The new phone system should be operational by early May.

The highway department has been preparing equipment so it could be sold.

House Bill 4251 now allows the Township to make purchases up to \$30,000 without going to bid.

The Township's review with energy consultancy Veregy has started.

f. Director of Constituent Affairs

The food pantry resumed indoor services with 100 participants along with Wednesday evening hours with 15 participants. A Food Pantry Board meeting is anticipated sometime in May.

April 20, 2022 at 6 p.m. will be the next Vernon Township Energy Resilience Commission meeting.

It will be in person at the Community Service Building.

Work continued to ensure a smooth transition to PACE for the bus service starting May 1, 2022.

Shred Day is April 18, 2022.

Summer camp is full, and the pool is staffed.

g. Attorneys Report:

No Report.

7. Approval of Expenditures in the Following Funds

a. Town Fund

MOTION: Made by Trustee Knizhnik and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to approve the Town Fund expenditures in the amount of \$224,044.31.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Trustee Hirsh, Knizhnik, Magati, Sebor, and Supervisor Altenberg. NAYS: None. Absent: None.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

b. General Assistance Fund:

MOTION: Made by Trustee Knizhnik and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to approve the General Assistance expenditures in the amount of \$16,532.01.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Trustee Hirsh,
Knizhnik, Magati, Sebor, and Supervisor
Altenberg. NAYS: None. Absent: None.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

c. Cemetery Fund:

MOTION: Made by Trustee Sebor and seconded by
Trustee Knizhnik to approve the Cemetery Fund
expenditures in in the amount of \$2,203.36.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Trustee Hirsh,
Knizhnik, Magati, Sebor, and Supervisor
Altenberg. NAYS: None. Absent: None.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

d. Park Fund:

MOTION: Made by Trustee Hirsh and second by
Trustee Sebor to approve the Park Fund
expenditures in the amount of \$9,057.43.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Trustee Hirsh,
Knizhnik, Magati, Sebor, and Supervisor
Altenberg. NAYS: None. Absent: None.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

e. General Road Fund

MOTION: Made by Trustee Knizhnik and seconded
by Trustee Sebor to approve the General Road
Fund expenditures in the amount of 25,457.06.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Trustee Hirsh, Knizhnik, Magati, Sebor, and Supervisor Altenberg. NAYS: None. Absent: None.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

f. Permanent Road Fund

MOTION: Made by Trustee Knizhnik and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to approve the expenditures in the Permanent Road Fund in the amount of \$32,830.44.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Trustee Hirsh, Knizhnik, Magati, Sebor, and Supervisor Altenberg. NAYS: None. Absent: None.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

g. Station Fund:

MOTION: Made by Trustee Sebor seconded by Trustee Knizhnik to approve the expenditures in the Station Fund in the amount of \$6,183.98.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Trustee Hirsh, Knizhnik, Magati, Sebor, and Supervisor Altenberg. NAYS: None. Absent: None.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

8. PRIOR BUSINESS

There was no prior business.

9. New Business

b. Discussion and approval to sell the following township property at public auction.

1. 2001 Ford Carryall - VIN
1FDXE45F41HA60737 (Township Buss)
2. 2000 Wells Cargo Trailer - VIN
1WC200J27Y1088587
3. 2008 Ford Explorer - VIN
1FMEU73828UA88716
4. 1983 Miller Trailer - VIN 116

MOTION: Made by Trustee Sebor seconded by Trustee Hirsh to sell Township property as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Trustee Hirsh, Knizhnik, Magati, Sebor, and Supervisor Altenberg. NAYS: None. Absent: None.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

c. Discussion and approval of an increase in the daily Metra Lot parking fees from \$1.50 per day to \$1.75 per day, effective May 1, 2022; and to include this increase in any unpublished monthly, quarterly, or half year parking pass for both commuters and high school parking.

MOTION: Made by Trustee Knizhnik seconded by Trustee Sebor to increase the daily Metra Lot parking fees from \$1.50 per day to \$1.75 per day, effective May 1, 2022; and to include this

increase in any unpublished monthly, quarterly, or half year parking pass for both commuters and high school parking.

DISCUSSION: After a brief discussion the Board felt that the increase should take effect on July 1, 2022 rather than May 1, 2022. Trustee Knizhnik amended her motion to have the rate increase effective July 1, 2022. Trustee Sebor seconded the amendment.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Trustee Hirsh, Knizhnik, Magati, Sebor, and Supervisor Altenberg. NAYS: None. Absent: None.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

- d. Discussion and possible approval of fiscal year 2022 Social Agency Grants.

The Board had a discussion regarding the budgeting of the 2022 Social Agency Grants.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Made by Trustee Sebor and seconded by Trustee Magati to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

VOICE VOTE TAKEN: Supervisor Altenburg declared the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

