

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
VERNON TOWNSHIP HELD ON MAY 11, 2023, AT 7:00 PM, AT VERNON
TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 3050 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 Sebor, Trustee Sender, Township Manager
Gedville, Director of Constituent Affairs Monie, and
Attorney Acker.

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED

MOTION: Made by Trustee Sebor and Seconded by
Trustee Sender to allow Trustee Magati to participate
remotely in accordance with Board rules.

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

Trustee Magati added to the Roll and participated in
the meeting remotely.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

5. TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS OF ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIP
PRESENTATION TO AIDAN SUBACZ

Ms. Lisa Hodge, Township Officials of Illinois Board Director presented the Troy A. Kost Scholarship to Mr. Aidan Subacz. Aidan is a resident of the Township, a student at Stevenson High School, and will be attending the University of Illinois in the fall.

Aidan thanked the Township Officials of Illinois for awarding him the Scholarship. He also thanked Clerk Kobler and Township Manager Gedville who he interviewed as part of the scholarship processes.

6. CLOSED SESSION, IF NEEDED

- a. Discussion Of Minutes Of A Meeting Lawfully Closed Under This Act, Whether For Purpose Of Approval By The Body Of The Minutes Or Semi-Annual Review Of The Minutes As Mandated By Section 2.06 Pursuant To 5 IlCS 120/2 (C) (21)

There was no need to enter Closed Session.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Made by Trustee Hirsh and Seconded by Trustee Sebor to approve a) Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, April 13, 2023, b) Closed Session, July 8, 2021, c) Closed Session, October 14, 2021, d) Closed Session, April 11, 2022, e) Closed Session January 25, 2023.

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

After the vote Trustee Hirsh asked the record to reflect for items b, c, and d he was not at those meetings and would vote present. Trustee Sender requested the same for items b, c, d, and e.

8. REPORTS

a. SUPERVISOR:

Supervisor Altenberg reported that the Village of Buffalo Grove approved the permits for the cricket pitch. The work of Vernon Township Energy Resilience Commission has slowed with the departure of Max. Supervisor Altenberg also advised that he has promoted Barrett Monie to Deputy Township Manager.

b. CLERK:

No Report.

c. ASSESSOR:

No Report.

d. TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Sebor advised she would have an item to discuss under Prior Business.

Trustee Hirsh has tried to schedule the first Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency meeting to be compliant with the Statute.

Trustee Magati thanked the Board for allowing her to participate remotely. She advised that she has meetings with a solar commission and will hopefully be able to give an update in June.

e. TOWNSHIP MANAGER:

The Highway and Maintenance staff have been completing a lot of work at the pool.

The pool has been filled in anticipation of its opening.

New Township sign for the administration building will be installed next week.

The annual audit is scheduled to start next week.

The Baseball fields have been groomed and cut.

Township Manager Gedville advised the Board that the all the Townships' bank accounts can be combined and kept at one banking institution. The auditors did not have any objections to this as well as the finance provider. This would provide a higher interest rate, all the funds would be protected under the FDIC, and provide positive pay protection.

Supervisor Altenberg did not think this would be a wise move given the current uncertainty in the banking industry. He feared a collapse of the bank would disrupt day to day operations of the Township. He recommended keeping accounts at multiple institutions in case one should fail.

The remainder of the Board indicated that combining accounts at one institution made sense and the accounting and administrative gains outweighed the very low probability of a collapse of the institution and disruption to services of the Township that Supervisor Altenberg feared.

The Highway Department had an employee resign.

Information on contract approval authority is still being gathered.

f. DIRECTOR OF CONSTITUENT AFFAIRS:

The pool is fully staffed with an anticipated opening day of May 27, 2023, weather permitting.

Camp is also fully staffed with training beginning June 7, 2023. There are a couple of openings left in the four-year-old group.

He and Nancy attended the Spring General Assistance Institute in Rockford, Il. The focus of the training was on workfare and general assistance. Nancy also attended the annual Case Workers Conference in Peoria.

There are several summer events planned beginning with an ice cream social on June 9th.

Attended Township Communicators of Illinois and will be hosting the September meeting.

The Township News Letter will be mailed in the next 10-14 days.

g. ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

No Report.

9. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES IN THE FOLLOWING FUNDS:

- a. Town Fund
- b. General Assistance Fund
- c. Cemetery Fund
- d. Park Maintenance Fund
- e. Road Fund
- f. Permanent Road Fund
- g. Metra Fund

MOTION: Made by Trustee Magati and seconded by Trustee Sebor to approve the expenditures in its entirety for a grand total of \$361,976.54.

DISCUSSION: Trustee Hirsh questioned and received clarification on expenses for Northern Illinois University, 708 Board, and 708 Board Attorney. Trustee Hirsh also questioned the added expense of videotaping the Annual Town meeting and what is planned with the recording. Supervisor Altenberg advised that he thought it was important to record the Meeting for the residents to see. Trustee Hirsh asked if the monthly Board meetings would be recorded as more of the Township businesses is conducted then. Supervisor Altenberg advised it could be looked into.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

10. PRIOR BUSINESS:

Trustee Sebor related that after reviewing the committee assignments and knowing that Trustee Magati was eager to be involved she observed that the men were assigned to three committees each and the women to two. It at the very least gives the appearance of gender bias. She noted that Clerk Kobler was assigned to the Food Pantry when the by-laws of the Food Pantry do not allow the Clerk to be apart of that Board.

Supervisor Altenberg related he now sees the disparity but assured that there was no bias in the decision-making process. Changes suggested as part of the discussion were accepted.

Deputy Township Manager Monie clarified that Clerk Kobler is a liaison to the Food Pantry and not a member of the Board.

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. APPOINTMENT OF MS. BROOK ROSBERG TO THE DECENNIAL COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY

Motion: Made by Trustee Sebor and seconded by Trustee Magati to appoint Ms. Brook Rosberg to the Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

b. APPOINTMENT OF MR. GEORGE YAEGER TO THE DECENNIAL COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY

Motion: Made by Trustee Hirsh and seconded by Trustee Sebor to appoint Ms. Brook Rosberg to the Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

c. APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE PHILIP HIRSH AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE DECENNIAL COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Motion: Made by Trustee Sender and seconded by Trustee Sebor to appoint Trustee Philip Hirsh as Chairperson of the Decennial Committee on Local Government.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Made by Trustee Sender and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

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

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED