

MEETING MINUTES-BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES

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The board of Town Trustees met at the office of the Township at 3702 Northwest Highway, Crystal Lake Illinois on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 7 PM. The following were in attendance:

Supervisor: Charles Lutzow

Trustee: Rachael Lawrence

Trustee: Dan Shea

Trustee: Melissa Victor

Clerk: Karen Lukasik

Also present: Township Highway Commissioner Andrew Gasser, Township Assessor Robert Kunz, and Township attorney James Kelly.

Supervisor Charles Lutzow acting as Chairman and Karen Lukasik acting as Clerk, the following business was transacted. The meeting was called to order at 7 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Victor to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held September 13, 2017. Voice vote: All Ayes. Motion Passed.

New Business: None

Audit of Bills & Treasurer's Report:

A motion was made by Lawrence, seconded by Shea to audit the claims of the Town Fund in the amount of \$114, 585.35. Roll Call Vote: Victor, yes; Shea, yes; Lawrence, yes; Lutzow, yes. Motion Carried.

Discussion: A bill pulled for separate consideration was a bill from Attorney Bob Gooch, representing Bob Miller in the ongoing court case with Gasser. The bill for \$15, 482.50 presented to be added to the claims in the Town Fund was presented after the bills were reviewed and there was discussion whether or not to pay the bill. Mr. Kelly advised it was the board's decision, however, if they do not pay Mr. Gooch threatened to take the nonpayment of the bill to court. Mr. Kelly advised it is a declaratory judgement action and the board has the choice to pay or not to pay.

A motion was made by Shea seconded by Victor to pay the attorney bill of \$15, 482.50. Roll Call Vote: Victor, yes; Shea, yes; Lawrence, no; Lutzow, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Shea seconded by Victor to amend the amount of the audit of the claims in the Town Fund to \$130,067.85. Discussion: none. Roll Call Vote: Victor, yes; Shea, yes; Lawrence, no; Lutzow, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Victor, seconded by Lawrence to audit the claims of the General Assistance Fund in the amount of \$12,025.55. No Discussion. Roll Call Vote: Victor, yes; Shea, yes; Lawrence, no; Lutzow, yes. All Ayes - Motion carried.

A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Lawrence to audit the claims of the Road and Bridge Fund in the amount of \$140,082.42. Discussion: Victor asked to pull the bill for the Law Offices of Robert Hanlon due to the Highway Commissioner's line item for legal services being over budget. She said that bill cannot be paid at this time as there is no money to pay the bill. Gasser spoke to the fact this was political and it should be paid. Victor said that up until last meeting the board was not getting A and E reports and that moving forward she will not approve a bill without there being money in the line items. Lutzow reiterated there is not money to pay it this month. Lawrence asked if the difference of what the Commissioner is over and what he currently has in the line item could be paid. She explained she has approved other line items that are over for the fact that the Township will be reimbursed for money spent. Lutzow said that is not possible to pay the bill without the money in the line item. Shea expressed his concern for spending beyond budgeted amounts. A motion was made by Lawrence seconded by Victor to reconsider the bill next month. Roll Call Vote: Victor, yes; Shea, yes; Lawrence, yes; Lutzow, yes. Motion carried.

A motion made by Shea and seconded by Victor to approve the new amount of the Road and Bridge Fund to \$116,570.42. Discussion: none. Roll Call Vote: Victor, yes; Shea, yes; Lawrence, yes; Lutzow, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Shea, seconded by Trustee Lawrence to audit the claims of the Equipment and Building Fund in the amount of \$18,583.54. No Discussion. Roll Call Vote: Victor, yes; Shea, yes; Lawrence, yes; Lutzow, yes. Motion Carried.

Audience Participation:

Several audience members spoke about the need to be more diligent about the agenda postings and the ordinance for tall grass and weeds needs to be rewritten.

Reports:

Highway Commissioner: Gasser spoke about recycling and how well it is going. He spoke about the new paint recycling; he is getting good feedback despite the opponent's views. He awarded a contract to Copenhagen for construction of the Edwards Road Bridge. The Highway Department will be partnering with Rotary in an effort to plant more trees next year. He entered into an IGA with Oakwood Hills for salt storing and will cut the levy this year.

Assessor: Kuntz said legal notices will be posted November 13th as informational.

Clerk: Lukasik informed the board that the scanner is up and running and things are moving ahead.

Trustee: Victor requested Dwight Moore's outstanding balance be placed on the next agenda to be paid. Lawrence updated progress with the Opioid presentation and that many donors have stepped forward with food and other items. She will be attending the youth summit on Saturday. She is concerned with the Clerk's legal bills. Shea discussed an article in the Tribune reporting about corruption within local government and it is hard to believe this continues to go on.

Attorney: Attorney Kelly had no report.

Supervisor: Lutzow announced that as a result of the Depository resolution the Township was able to save \$15,000 in fees and \$25,000 in interest so that is an increase of \$41,000 from last year and we are getting new checks.

Old Business: None

A motion to adjourn was made by Lawrence seconded by Victor.
Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Karen Lukasik
Algonquin Township Clerk
Approved:
Date: