

MINUTES, TOWNSHIP BOARD
DEKALB, ILLINOIS
December 11, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Johnson at 6:05 p.m. at the township office located at 2323 South Fourth Street in DeKalb, Illinois. Roll was taken; those present were Supervisor Johnson, Trustees Schweitzer, Flavin (arriving late at 6:13pm), King, and Teboda; Highway Commissioner Smith and Township Assessor Hietikko were also present. There were no members of the public present.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Road Commissioner Smith.

Response from public: None

Reports:

Supervisor Johnson: The Cemetery project has been completed, 60 stones were repaired. Response from the public has been great regarding the shape and conditions that have been restored.

The sign for Evergreen Cemetery will have to be moved due to the discovery of it having been placed over burial spots, moving of the sign will take place in the spring by Road Commissioner Smith and Supervisor Johnson. If any members would like to stay after the meeting for a walk through of the building to see the progress of the building expansion Commissioner Smith and he will lead the tour.

Clerk Kunde: None

Road Commissioner Smith: The snow season is here, please drive carefully. Commissioner Smith explained that while plowing our Township roads some mailboxes do get hit, and that members of the board might receive phone calls relating to the incidents. Please be assured that the Township will repair or replace the mailboxes that are hit. United Van Lines did a great job moving our offices to our temporary sight; they took everything down and reassembled everything in six hours. The building expansion is still on schedule, Commissioner Smith stated that he has been adamant about the April 1st, 2014 move in date and has been pleased with the progress that has been made.

Assessor Hietikko: Reassessment notices are almost done.

Trustee Teboda: The conference was awesome, she really learned a lot. Ms. Teboda has been reviewing our website and feels that we need to do some cleaning up of our site, e.g. spellchecking and realigning our grant application; she will print out a copy of the grant and proof to turn in to Supervisor Johnson for cleanup.

Trustee King: The TOI conference was great, she attended a Youth Violence class, where the pairing of youth and elder adults was presented during class to help curb youth violence. Ms. King presented information from the Village of Hillcrest relating to the grant for

solar energy that they received. The dollar savings that Hillcrest has realized would benefit the Township if the same type of program were implemented here; we just need to make an appointment with Kim Whalen.

Trustee Flavin: TOI was good; but all products distributed were made in China. Trustee Flavin sent a letter to TOIRMA discussing the matter and has not yet heard a reply. Mr. Flavin does not think our taxpayers should be financing products from China. The Township will continue to pursue and reach out to the President and other staff members of TOI to get this resolved.

Trustee Schweitzer: None

Bill Paying:

A motion to approve the November audit report and December bills to pay (with the removal of General Assistance participant's names) was made by Trustee Schweitzer and seconded by Trustee Flavin. Motion passed.

A motion to approve the November Budgetary report was made by Trustee King and seconded by Supervisor Johnson. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion took place regarding moving the Township Meetings for the months of January, February and March, 2014 from the Township building to 444 Hillcrest Drive, Suite 330 in DeKalb. Discussion also took place regarding the Holiday Schedule for 2014, which coincides with the schedule set by the County and our Township meeting scheduled dates. A motion was made by Trustee Schweitzer to move the place of our meetings, and accept the Holiday and meeting calendars, motion was seconded by Trustee King. Motion Passed.

New Business:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 6th, 2013 as amended by Trustee Teboda and seconded by Trustee Flavin. Motion passed

The Town levy was presented to the board by Supervisor Johnson, the funding to General Assistance has been increased due to the increased demand by GA clients. Law requires a township to provide GA if someone qualifies even if there are no funds available. There is an overall increase to the levy of 5% on paper but an actual increase of only 2% will likely be allowed by the extension office. A motion was made by Trustee Flavin to approve the Town Levy and seconded by Trustee King.

Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Johnson-Yes, Trustee Schweitzer-Yes, Trustee Flavin-Yes, Trustee King-Yes, Trustee Teboda-Yes. Motion Passed.

The Road and Bridge Levy was presented by Commissioner Smith with a 5% increase over last year's levy. A motion was made by Trustee Schweitzer and seconded by Trustee King to approve the Road & Bridge levy.

Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Johnson-Yes, Trustee Schweitzer-Yes, Trustee Flavin-Yes, Trustee King-Yes, Trustee Teboda-Yes. Motion Passed.

Next Regular Meeting: January 8th, 2014 at 6:00pm at the temporary offices of the Township at 444 Hillcrest Drive, Suite 330.

The next regular meeting for the Committee on Youth of December, set at 4:00pm has been cancelled.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Teboda and seconded by Trustee Flavin. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:58pm.

Eric Johnson, Supervisor

Geralynne Kunde, Clerk