

MINUTES, TOWNSHIP BOARD
DEKALB, ILLINOIS
October 9th, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Johnson at 6:00 p.m. at the township office located at 2323 South Fourth Street in DeKalb, Illinois. Roll was taken; those present were Supervisor Johnson, Trustees Flavin, King, and Teboda; Highway Commissioner Smith and Township Assessor Hietikko were also present. Trustee Schweitzer was absent and there were no members of the public present.

The pledge of allegiance was not performed.

Response from public: None

REPORTS:

Supervisor Johnson: Please continue to attend education seminars, as a Township we receive recognition for all credit hours of attendance. Since we have reached the minimum requirement the Township will be receiving an Educational Award at the annual convention. The presentation will take place at the breakfast and tickets have been purchased for all attending the convention, please make sure your breakfast ticket is in your packet when you check in. It has been discovered that Joseph F. Glidden's parents are buried in Evergreen Cemetery, directly under the cemetery's stone marker. He is working on a project for the spring where the marker will be moved and the family will be purchasing a new marker for the Gliddens. On 11/11 restoration of Evergreen will begin. According to Blue Cross Blue shield we are okay with our insurance regarding the Affordable Healthcare Act, but we will have a re-evaluation in April for our renewal.

Clerk Kunde: None

Road Commissioner Smith: Our old plow truck has been purchased and money has been put down on the purchase of a new one. Bids for the new loader were assessed and the lowest bidder meeting all criteria was CSR Bobcat, a local business and the loader has been purchased. ComEd has contacted the Township and will begin to trim trees in our jurisdiction. Commissioner Smith will work with ComEd and area residents to make sure all goes smoothly. Reports that salt prices are down this year and good for the budget. There is discussion about obtaining one of the NIU Huskie Dogs for the front of our building.

Assessor Hietikko: Reassessment notices will be going out in the next couple of weeks.

Trustee King: Reported that she spoke with Kim Whelan from the Village of Hillcrest regarding the grant for solar energy and how to obtain. The Village of Hillcrest is making money from ComEd for the extra energy they put back into the grid. Ms. King asked Ms. Whelan if she would be willing to discuss the process and outcome with Road Commissioner Smith and she agreed. Commissioner Smith also agreed to the discussion.

Trustee Teboda: Would like to coordinate meeting with our Social Service agency directors in order to make them more aware of the Township, and to invite them to attend more of our meetings.

Ms. Teboda extended an invitation to the Township board from the Children's Learning Center to attend their annual meeting and festivities next Wednesday evening at 7PM.

Bill Paying:

A motion to approve the September audit report and October bills to pay was made by Trustee Teboda and seconded by Trustee Flavin. Motion passed.

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

New Business:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 11th, 2013 by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Teboda. Motion passed

A motion was made by Trustee Teboda approve the minutes for the Special Township meeting of September 5th, 2013 and the motion was seconded by Supervisor Johnson. Motion passed.

Supervisor Johnson gave the board an update on the building, stating that excavation should begin next week. Commencement has not begun because the City of DeKalb has not issued our permit yet; the delay is being caused by the City Engineers office who has not yet signed off on the project. Commissioner Smith met with the sub-contractor last week and we have a four month time line for completion, and April 1st is the target date. Discussion took place regarding moving the Township offices to 444 Hillcrest Drive in DeKalb during the construction for safety issues for the employees and the General Assistance recipients. There will be an \$8,000.00 buy back with the contractor and with the cost of rent for the facilities and the move out and back in we would still be under budget. The board reached a verbal consensus to go ahead and move the offices; there was no need for a vote due to expenses being under the proposed budget. The tentative move out date is set for November 15th.

Supervisor Johnson presented the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between DeKalb Township and the DeKalb Township Road District regarding the building ownership, expansion/costs and future operating terms and expenses and the liabilities each entity has to one another and their creditors. A motion was made by Trustee Teboda to accept the agreement and second was provided by Trustee Flavin. Motion passed.

Next Regular Meeting: November 6th, 2013 @ 6:00 pm.

The next regular meeting for the Committee on Youth will be October 24th, 2013 at 4PM.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Flavin and seconded by Supervisor Johnson. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Eric Johnson, Supervisor

Geralynne Kunde, Clerk