

MINUTES, TOWNSHIP BOARD
DEKALB, ILLINOIS
April 8th, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Johnson at 6:01 p.m. at the Township offices located at 2323 S. Fourth Street in DeKalb, Illinois. Roll was taken; those present were Supervisor Johnson, Assessor Hietikko, Road Commissioner Smith and Trustees Flavin and Schweitzer; Trustee King arrived at 6:04p and Trustee Teboda was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Johnson.

Members of the Public Present: None

Reports from the Public: None

Presentations: Susan Peterson presented the program for Community Coordinated Child Care, (4 C's) and the organization's goals to reach at risk families in the community for children before they reach kindergarten; they aim to reach out with support and education.

Budget Hearing:

A motion was made by Trustee King to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into the budget hearing process, the motion was seconded by Trustee Flavin. Motion passed.

The budget hearing began at 6:19p.

Supervisor Johnson explained and presented the Town Budget for the 2015-2016 year. The Cemetery and Town fund checking accounts are being consolidated into one account. There is an increase for the town to pay half the salary for the receptionist, with the other half being paid by the Assessor's budget; this is needed due to the increase in our General Assistance activity. A motion was made by Trustee Flavin to approve the 2015-2016 Budget and was seconded by Trustee King. A roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Johnson-Aye, Trustee Flavin-Aye, Trustee King-Aye and Trustee Schweitzer-Aye. Motion passed.

Road Commissioner Smith presented and explained the Road & Bridge 2015-2016 Budget. This budget matches last year's budget. Money for salt has been doubled due to projected increase to purchase. Payroll expenses are down for this next year due to attrition. Supervisor Johnson made a motion to approve the Road & Bridge 2015-2016 Budget and was seconded by Trustee Schweitzer; a roll call vote was taken. Supervisor Johnson-Aye, Trustee Flavin-Aye, Trustee King-Aye and Trustee Schweitzer-Aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee King to adjourn the Budget Hearing and return to the regular meeting and was seconded by Trustee Schweitzer. Motion passed and the hearing ended at 6:25p at which time the regular meeting reconvened.

Reports:

Supervisor Johnson

Grant applications were sent to the area Social Service Agencies on April 1st and are due back by April 30th; so far we have received one completed application back.

The State is looking to fold the Township Assessor offices into County offices statewide; Supervisor Johnson testified in Springfield as to why this would not be a cost saving measure. The vote to consolidate was taken and failed by one vote.

April 17th is TOI's Professional Day, on May 5th TOI is holding their Topics Day in Springfield and May 15th is a seminar on Legal issues for Townships in Bloomington; if anyone would like to attend any of these functions please let Supervisor Johnson know as soon as possible.

The Township is in negotiations with the owner of the wooded lot next to Oakwood Cemetery to purchase the property, discussions are going forward.

The Township Road District is once again joining the DeKalb Police Department in the Senior Vehicle Safety Check program on May 2nd. Coffee and light pastries will be served and we are donating the use of our building for the program.

The computers and servers will be ready for installation and use on April 20th.

We are going forward with the cleaning products program for our General Assistance members, and will be included in their initial packet. Please note that the Township is going to become a distributor and will not be purchasing through any family members associated with the Township and its Board.

Dana Doty has been asked to be the Moderator at our Annual Township meeting.

Clerk Kunde: The DeKalb County Clerk's office has asked to use the Township building for Early voting for future elections starting next year.

Road Commissioner Smith: Bids are out with the County for road projects. Seal coating and crack filling will begin soon. Kishwaukee and Manor drives will have the sidewalks replaced and the streets redone and all existing driveway entrances will be matched. Commissioner Smith also announced that one of his employees fell out of his truck and will be off the job for 6 to 9 months; surgery for the employee is scheduled for May 6th.

Assessor Hietikko: Nothing to report.

Trustee Teboda: Absent

Trustee King: No report, just further discussion on the Village of Hillcrest and their solar panels.

Trustee Flavin: Nothing at this time.

Trustee Schweitzer: Nothing at this time.

Bill Paying:

A motion to approve the March audit report and April bills to pay was made by Trustee Flavin and seconded by Trustee King. Motion passed.

A motion to approve and file the March Budgetary report was made by Supervisor Johnson and seconded by Trustee Schweitzer. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

A motion was made by Supervisor Johnson to approve the minutes of the regular Town Meeting from March 11th, 2015 and was seconded by Trustee Flavin. Motion passed.

Supervisor Johnson announced that the Agenda for the Annual Township Meeting has been set and the meeting will be next Tuesday, April 14th at 7p at the Township offices.

Next Regular Meeting: Will be on May 13th, 2015 at 6:00pm in the Township Offices located at 2424 S. Fourth Street in DeKalb.

The Committee on Youth will meet on April 23rd, 2015 at 4:00p in the Township offices.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Flavin and seconded by Trustee Schweitzer. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

By:

Attest:

Eric Johnson, Supervisor

Geraldynne Kunde, Clerk

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