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Township Board Meeting

Thursday August 8th, 2013 @ 7:30pm

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

Roll Call

Supervisor Kern, Clerk Alstrom and Trustees Bennefield, Crockett and Holscher were present. Highway Commissioner Troyanowski and Tax Collector Peterson was also present. Assessor Lord and Trustee Mitchell were absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Kern led the Pledge.

Public Comment

There was no one from the audience with public comment

Clerk's Report

A motion was made by Trustee Crockett and seconded by Trustee Holscher to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting held on July 11th, 2013. A roll call vote was taken with Trustees Bennefield, Crockett, Holscher, and Supervisor Kern voting yes. Motion passed 4-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Crockett and seconded by Trustee Bennefield to approve the minutes of the Special Board meeting held on July 29th, 2013. A roll call vote was taken with Trustees Bennefield,

Holscher, Crockett, and Supervisor Kern voting yes. Motion passed 4-0.

Clerk Alstrom stated four FOIA's were filed and completed for the month.

Clerk Alstrom stated that the County Clerk needed confirmation on Early Voting for March and November of 2014. This activity will take place at the Tower Ct. location.

Highway Commissioner Report

Trustee Mitchell arrived at 7:37pm.

Commissioner Troyanowski stated that work on the 111th street project will be completed by 8-9-2013. He met with a representative from FEMA regarding 111th and other sites throughout the Township that possibly qualify for preventative work that may be partially funded by FEMA.

Supervisor Report

Scott Duenser from Klein Hall gave a review of the annual audit and the processes used for completing it. Trustee Crockett commented about the upcoming changes to the way IMRF funding will be detailed in the audit. Mr. Duenser stated these changes will occur in the next few years. Supervisor Kern spoke regarding the recommendations from Klein Hall for issues in the management letter. The Board will address these issues and rectify them.

A motion was made by Trustee Crockett and seconded by Trustee Holscher to approve the audit for 2012-2013. A roll call vote was conducted with Trustees Crockett, Holscher, Bennefield, Mitchell and Supervisor Kern voting yes. The motion passed 5-0.

Supervisor Kern stated that the Tax Collectors in Will County have no official duties and he would like the Board to think about the possibility of removing the position. This would require a citizen movement or referendum by all Townships in the County. There will be more updates in the future on this issue.

Supervisor Kern outlined the new rules for public comment for Township meetings. Trustee Crockett made a motion to approve these rules with a change to "all questions during public comment will be answered by the Board within 48 hours or 2 business days." The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell. A roll call vote was conducted with Trustees Bennefield, Mitchell, Crockett, Mitchell and Supervisor Kern voting yes. The motion passed 5-0.

Trustee Crockett made a motion to approve the agenda and date for the Electors meeting and it was seconded by Trustee Holscher. A roll call vote was conducted with Trustees Bennefield, Mitchell, Crockett, Holscher and Supervisor Kern voting yes. The motion passed 5-0.

Supervisor Kern stated that the IGA between the Township and the Highway Department is pending final approval by both counsels. There is the possibility of a few very small changes. Trustees Bennefield and Holscher expressed concerns about approving an agreement that was not 100% complete. A motion was made by Trustee Crockett to approve the IGA in its substantive form and it was seconded by Trustee Mitchell. A roll call vote was conducted with Trustees Crockett, Mitchell and Supervisor Kern voting yes. Trustees Bennefield and Holscher voted no. The motion passed 3-2.

Supervisor Kern stated that the Plainfield Park District approved the resolution to terminate the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Township with a 5-0 vote.

Park Committee

Trustee Bennefield stated that the street lights have been fixed at the park and two pieces of play equipment will be removed for safety reasons. He is in the process of getting the flag pole light replaced. New signs have been installed at the park detailing the hours of operation and the no pets sign has been installed.

Transportation Committee

Trustee Holscher stated they have received calls from users of the Ride Dupage Program concerning the increased fare structure. The users are worried that the fees may become too high for them. Supervisor Kern stated that the last reimbursement for the RDP program was received in December of 2012.

Senior Committee

Trustee Holscher stated 20 people had signed up for the August 21st bus trip. The capacity of this trip is 47. The cost for Township residents is \$35.00 and non-residents \$42.00. Trustee Mitchell is working on a date for the annual picnic and is researching a caterer to provide the grilled meats.

Cemetery Committee

Collector Peterson reviewed the submitted written report.

Communications Committee

Clerk Alstrom stated the website was almost in compliance with requirements from the Illinois Policy Institute.

The IPI routinely reviews 100's of government websites each year and hands out "transparency" scores. Clerk Alstrom needed input from the Board regarding the format to be used for a compensation report on Township employees. The consensus was to use job titles and not names on this report. The report will include salary, insurance and IMRF contributions for each employee made by the Township.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Bill Payment

A motion was made by Supervisor Kern to approve the bills for the Town, Hard Road, Road and Bridge and Culvert Funds in the amount of \$44,693.58. This was seconded by Trustee Crockett. A roll call vote was conducted with Trustees Crockett, Holscher, Mitchell, Bennefield and Supervisor Kern voting yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Supervisor Kern with a second by Trustee Mitchell. A voice vote of 5-0 passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.

**Next meeting: September 12th, 2013, @ 7:30 P.M. – Monthly Board Meeting
12337 S Rt. 59, St 117, Plainfield, IL 60585**

Prepared by Bill Alstrom, Township Clerk