



**Township Manager- Todd Gedville**

Mr. Gedville reported:

1. Cemetery spring clean-up is in progress at both cemeteries.
2. There will be a need for more niches in the cemetery before long as most are now occupied. He will be pricing new structures.
3. All outdoor activity continues i.e. drainage, brush cutting, dirt work, etc is in full swing.
4. Salt will be obtained by a state bid rather than from the county. Trustee Addelson recommended he investigate environmentally safe options for snow removal.
5. He is looking for any ordinances pertaining to parking on township roadsides.
6. The shredding event has been rescheduled for the end of August and spring clean-up to fall.
7. If the tax distributions continue he is not concerned about the township cash flow. The township has approximately 7/8 months of reserve if necessary.

**DIRECTOR OF CONSTITUENT AFFAIRS - Barrett Monie**

Director Monie reported:

1. The Buffalo Grove Pride Parade was last Sunday.
2. Food for the pantry continues to be donated.
3. There has been approximately \$40,000.00 in donations to the food pantry.
4. Volunteers will be returning to the food pantry with strict adherence to Covid protocol.
5. The township distributed food to approximately 90 people on shopping day.
6. Mask distribution was very high.
7. June 12 blood drive was a success. It was run by the Red Cross and coordinated by Representative Didech and Supervisor Altenberg.  
There will be another blood drive on June 21 at the Community Service building of which there are volunteers needed. Trustee Broad volunteered.
8. Camp was cancelled and refunds mailed.
9. Summer programs will be difficult but doable. The township is working diligently to offer some programs.
10. He attended a CARES informational meeting in Lake County on how the program works and who will benefit from the monies.

**Trustee Hirsh would like the township to consider programs for seniors so that they continue to be engaged in the community.**

He also stated that with high unemployment it is important that the township help in the funding of job fairs, training, etc. of which Career Resource has been instrumental with employment opportunities.

Trustee Sebor said language diversity is a necessity with job assistance.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**TOWN FUND BILLS**

It was moved by Trustee Hirsh and seconded by Trustee Addelson to approve the Town Fund bills in the amount \$206,854.67 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried.

**GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND BILLS**

It was moved by Trustee Hirsh and seconded by Trustee Addelson to approve the General Assistance Fund bills in the amount of \$1,575.00 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried.

**CEMETERY FUND BILLS**

It was moved by Trustee Sebor and seconded by Trustee Addelson to approve the Cemetery Fund bills in the amount of \$3,986.86 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried.

**PARK FUND BILLS**

It was moved by Trustee Addelson and seconded by Trustee Sebor to approve the Park Fund bills in the amount of \$100,101.69 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried.

**ROAD FUND BILLS**

It was moved by Trustee Addelson and seconded by Trustee Sebor to approve the Road Fund bills in the amount of \$22,858.58 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried.

**PERMANENT ROAD FUND BILL**

It was moved by Trustee Addelson and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to approve the PERMANENT ROAD FUND bills in the amount of \$31,669.72 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried.

**STATION FUND BILLS**

It was moved by Trustee Sebor and seconded by Trustee Hirsh to approve the STATION FUND bills in the amount of \$6,536.02 for payment. Roll call vote: Aye, Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - none

**NEW BUSINESS**

**9a. Ratification of an agreement between Vernon Township and Prompt.io for texting services.**

It became more difficult to send prompt alerts during Covid-19. A contract has been signed with Prompt.io for texting services to the township constituents of all alerts affecting the community. Names were obtained from voter files. Any resident opposed to the alerts can opt-out.

**9b. Discussion and possible action on changes to the General Assistance and Emergency Assistance program.**

It was moved by Trustee Broad and seconded by Trustee Addelson to approve the following changes to the township assistance program. Roll call vote: Ayes: Addelson, Broad, Hirsh, Sebor, Altenberg. No nays. Motion carried.

The new one-time emergency assistance applications will change from once every 18 months to once every 12 months to reapply. For a family of 4 the monthly income has been raised to \$5941. and single is \$1,900.

General assistance monthly allotment will increase from \$315. per month to \$500. per month

Grant money distribution to social agencies was discussed. There has not been a final approval of any allotments to the agencies. It was suggested that funding to the agencies be reviewed again post Covid to determine if any funds need to be reassigned due to the pandemic. Supervisor Altenberg will follow up on the social agency requests.

**9d. Discussion of Vernon Township salary freeze**

There was a lengthy discussion on the salary freeze of the township employees. It is frozen on the township employees but not the assessor's employees. Supervisor Altenberg will extend the freeze. The Board considered giving a bonus in the fall. It was reminded that the health insurance benefit is very generous to the employees. It was also suggested that the increases be set aside and distributed at the end of the year if possible. Supervisor Altenberg suggested the elected officials donate their 2020 salary increase to the food pantry.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Broad seconded by Trustee Addelson to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. All voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Barnabee,  
Township Clerk

