

# Minutes - Board of Town Trustees

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LAKE County, } ss.  
Town of VERNON

THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the office of the Town Clerk at 9:00 a.m. on February 14, 2009.  
PRESENT: William E. Peterson, Supervisor  
Barbara Barnabee, Town Clerk  
Jennifer Steininger, William Flader, Town Trustee  
David Nelson, Krystyna Luby, Town Trustee  
Gary Raupp, Assessor  
Bryant Schroeder, Highway Commissioner  
Mr. Peterson acting as chairperson and Mrs. Barnabee as clerk. The following official business was transacted

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Nelson and seconded by Trustee Flader to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2009 regular meeting as mailed. Voting aye, Steininger, Flader, Nelson, Luby. No nays. Motion carried.

## SWALCO PRESENTATION

Peter Adrian, a representative of The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County recognized Vernon Township for outstanding effort and participation in its electronics collection program. Bryant Schroeder, Highway Commissioner, accepted a plaque for the efforts put forth by his department. The last collection netted 22,000 lbs. of recycled materials. The Township has offered residents the opportunity to recycle computers and unwanted related electronics at the highway facility. By 2010 state law will mandate businesses to recycle.

## GRANT PRESENTATIONS

The following social agencies gave a presentation to the Board in regard to their function, the number of residents they serve in Vernon Township and the monies requested from the FY2009-10 budget. (copies on file)

1. Brian Rubin - Clearbrook
2. Randy Frank - Center for Enriched Living
3. Jay Meyer - Omni Youth Services
4. Wayne Kulick - Countryside Association for the Handicapped

Trustee Steininger reviewed the complete schedule for social agencies (copy on file) and asked the Board for their approval for her to contact Stevenson High School for their request. The Board was in approval of the contact. There were several new agencies asking for an allotment, Hospice of Northeastern IL, Lake Forest Hospital Care Coach and Midwest Council for Children with Disabilities. She will have the complete schedule for the budget hearing on March 14.

## AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - none

## ATTORNEY'S REPORT - Peter Karlovics

Attorney Karlovics reported to the Board:

- A. Bright Stars Kids University, Inc., a day care facility, will be using the land adjacent to the cemetery property on the southwest end as a playground for their students. They will be fencing the entire area. Lincolnshire does not want them to put up an additional fence along the Township fence line but to use the Township fence as a barrier. Brite Stars has supplied the township with a release and indemnification agreement which the attorney will finalize before Board approval.

#### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Peterson reported to the Board:

A. April 22, is Township Township's Day in Springfield. If anyone is interested in attending please let the office know.

#### TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee Nelson reported

.That the graphic in the Lincolnshire Newsletter reflecting the amount of how a dollar is distributed among the taxing bodies in the county would be a good addition to the Township Newsletter.

.By his calculations of his last several tax bills, the tax rate of Vernon was .077 in 1998 and .050 in 2007 which is a 35% decrease in nine years.

.He came upon a scholarship program for children of veterans which are sponsored by Dan Rutherford a state legislator. It was for Illinois schools under the Illinois Scholarship Program. The information is too late for this newsletter but will be kept for future newsletters.

.He found the following legislation FYI:

1. Road salt grant - creates a local government road salt purchase reimbursement fund. Monies in the fund will be used for various governmental agencies for purchase of road salt. He feel a letter from the Township and or Lake County supporting the grant is advisable.
2. Amend tax code to give authority to townships to levy for general assistance. It was noted that Vernon has that authority.

#### HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Highway Commissioner Schroeder reported to the Board:

1.His department has used approximately half of their salt supply. He has approximately 400 ton left for the remainder of the winter season, which he feels is adequate.

2.His department is running smoothly.

#### ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessor Raupp reported to the Board:

1.He continues to attend assessment appeal hearings at the county.

2.The Township values in township homes have decreased. As of Jan 1, 2008 each quarter was down. He estimates the average values will be down 10% for 2009 assessments.

3.The tax rates will come out in April.

4:He will be speaking to the Vernon Area Library Board in March.

#### APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

##### TOWN FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Flader and seconded by Trustee Nelson to approve the TOWN FUND bills in the amount of \$198,620.64 for payment. Voting aye, Steininger, Flader, Nelson, Luby. No nays. Motion carried.

##### GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Nelson and seconded by Trustee Luby to approve the GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND bills in the amount of \$2,153.40 for payment. Voting aye, Steininger, Flader, Nelson, Luby. No nays. Motion carried.

##### CEMETERY FUND

It was moved by Trustee Nelson and seconded by Trustee Steininger to approve the CEMETERY FUND bills in the amount of \$600.00 for payment. Voting aye, Steininger Flader, Nelson, Luby. No nays. Motion carried.

**PARK MAINTENANCE FUND BILLS**

It was moved by Trustee Steininger and seconded by Trustee Nelson to approve the PARK MAINTENANCE FUND bills in the amount of \$4,608.85 for payment. Voting aye, Steininger, Flader, Nelson, Luby. No nays. Motion carried.

**ROAD FUND BILLS**

It was moved by Trustee Flader and seconded by Trustee Luby to approve the ROAD FUND bills in the amount of \$89,129.18 for payment. Voting aye, Steininger, Flader, Nelson, Luby. No nays. Motion carried.

**PERMANENT ROAD FUND BILLS**

It was moved by Trustee Steininger and seconded by Trustee Nelson to approve the PERMANENT ROAD FUND bills in the amount of \$8,870.05 for payment. Voting aye, Steininger, Flader, Nelson, Luby. No nays. Motion carried.

**STATION FUND**

It was moved by Trustee Luby and seconded by Trustee Flader to approve the STATION FUND bills in the amount of \$1,900.08 for payment. Voting aye, Steininger, Flader, Nelson, Luby. No nays. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS - none**

**NEW BUSINESS - none**

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Trustee Nelson seconded by Trustee Steininger to adjourn the meeting. Voting aye, Steininger, Flader, Nelson, Luby. No nays. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Barnabee,  
Town Clerk

