

**MINUTES - BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }  
\_\_\_\_\_ 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 May 9, 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 Steininger and seconded by Trustee Luby to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2009 regular meeting as mailed. Voting aye, Steininger, Flader, Nelson, Luby. No nays. Motion carried.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION** - none

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT - Peter Karlovics**

Mr. Karlovics reported:

1. He is working with Commissioner Schroeder and Hartford Insurance Company in regard to a damaged guardrail. The rail was hit by an automobile.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Supervisor Peterson reported to the Board:

**TRUSTEE RECOGNITION**

It is with much regret that Mr. Peterson presented William Flader, a plaque representing his years of dedication and service to the residents of Vernon Township, as he must vacate his seat due to the election process. The Board was unanimous in their praise of the pleasure and experience of working with Trustee Flader through the years.

1. A Krebs family representative met with Mr. Peterson and reiterated that the family was interested in selling the property. They will contact the Vernon Hills Park District as well. He will keep the Board informed.
2. The office submitted a preliminary application for grant money through the Recovery Illinois for an elevator to access the second floor for a food pantry.
3. The permanent road fund monies is distributed among the villages in the Township according to a county formula. This will be a newsletter item informing the residents of the disposition of tax dollars.
4. The Township finances are being audited. Trustee Nelson met with the auditors and was impressed by their professionalism. He would like the auditors to attend a Board meeting and present a short synopsis of the audit procedure. The office will arrange for their attendance probably sometime in July or August.
5. The National Association of Towns and Townships convention will be September 8-11. Anyone interested in attending should let the clerk know in order to be registered.
6. Leo Ippolito, a Township employee is doing well after open heart surgery. On returning to work he will need a letter

from the doctor on his work capacity.

#### **TRUSTEE REPORT**

Trustee Nelson reported:

1. The Affordable Housing of Lake County newsletter is a good resource for Vernon Township. He would like Lisa Tapper attend the June meeting and present details of the housing program

#### **HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Highway Commissioner Schroeder reported to the Board:

1. Hopefully winter is over.
2. His department has been cleaning storm sewers and manholes using a vacuum trailer that the township shares with Ela Township.
3. His department will be dismantling winter plows from the trucks.

#### **ASSESSOR'S REPORT**

Assessor Raupp reported to the Board:

1. The senior assessment freeze has brought many seniors in for the freeze processing.
2. Mr. Braun is appealing his 2007 taxes due to water problems.
3. Tax bills will be coming out May 1.
4. The computer system between the county and the townships is being upgraded to improve communication between the entities.

#### **APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS**

##### **TOWN FUND BILLS**

It was moved by Trustee Nelson and seconded by Trustee Steininger to approve the TOWN FUND bills in the amount of \$18,494.77 for payment. Voting aye, Steininger, Nelson, Luby. No nays. Motion carried.

##### **GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND BILLS**

It was moved by Trustee Flader and seconded by Trustee Nelson to approve the GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND bills in the amount of \$2,404.00 for payment. Voting aye, Steininger, Nelson, Luby. No nays. Motion carried.

##### **CEMETERY FUND**

It was moved by Trustee Luby and seconded by Trustee Steininger to approve the CEMETERY FUND bills in the amount of \$59.33 for payment. Voting aye, Steininger, Nelson, Luby. No nays. Motion carried.

##### **PARK MAINTENANCE FUND BILLS**

It was moved by Trustee Nelson and seconded by Trustee Flader to approve the PARK MAINTENANCE FUND bills in the amount of \$4,468.01 for payment. Voting aye, Steininger, Nelson, Luby. No nays. Motion carried.

##### **ROAD FUND BILLS**

It was moved by Trustee Nelson and seconded by Trustee Luby to approve the ROAD FUND bills in the amount of \$6,494.42 for payment. Voting aye, Steininger, Nelson, Luby. No nays. Motion carried.

##### **PERMANENT ROAD FUND BILLS**

It was moved by Trustee Steininger and seconded by Trustee Falder to approve the PERMANENT ROAD FUND bills in the amount of \$957.20 for payment. Voting aye, Steininger, Nelson, Luby. No nays. Motion carried.

##### **STATION FUND**

It was moved by Trustee Flader and seconded by Trustee Nelson to approve the STATION FUND bills in the amount of \$1,459.60 for payment. Voting aye, Steininger, Nelson, Luby. No nays. Motion

carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. APPROVAL OF SOCIAL AGENCY GRANTS**

Trustee Steininger reviewed the complete social agency requests with the Board. Several changes were made to the allotment requests.

It was moved by Trustee Nelson and seconded by Trustee Luby to approve the social agency grants as presented with the changes. (copy on file) Voting aye, Steininger, Nelson, Luby. No nays. Motion carried.

**B. BUDGET HEARING AND AOPTION - CORPORATE, GENERAL ASSISTANCE, CEMETERY, PARK AND METRA FUNDS**

Supervisor Peterson reviewed the entire budget with the Board before passage

It was moved by Trustee Nelson and seconded by Trustee Steininger to approve the Corporate, General Assistance, Cemetery, Park and Metra budget as presented. Voting aye, Steininger, Nelson, Luby. No nays. Motion carried.(copy on file)

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. ROAD AND PERMANENT ROAD FUND BUDGET HEARING ADOPTION**

Highway Commissioner Schroeder reviewed the entire road and permanent road budgets before passage. It was moved by

Trustee Luby and seconded by Trustee Nelson

To approve the Road Fund budget and the Permanent Road Fund budget as presented. Voting aye, Steininger, Nelson, Luby.

No nays. Motion carried. (copy on file)

**B. APPROVAL OF STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN VERNON ROAD DISTRICT AND LINCOLNSHIRE/RIVERWOODS FIRE DEPARMENT**

Several representatives from the Lincolnshire/Riverwoods Fire Department addressed the Board with their request to accept the 1941 International Tanker Fire Truck back to the Fire Department from Vernon Township Road District for \$1.00. When the fire truck was given to the township from the fire department years ago it was with the intention that if the township was not going to keep the fire truck the fire department has the right of first refusal.

A Statement of Understanding has been prepared for the transfer of the fire truck to the Lincolnshire/Riverwoods Fire Department

by the township attorney. (copy on file) It was moved by Trustee Steininger and seconded by Trustee Luby to approve the Statement of Understanding to convey the fire truck to the fire department. Voting aye, Steininger, Nelson, Luby. No nays. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Barnabee,  
Township Clerk