

Minutes - Board of Town Trustees

Home Office Survey - Class. 11 - 4

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
LAKE County, } ss.
Town of VERNON }
9:00 a.m. THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the
office of the Town Clerk at _____ on March 14, 2009.
PRESENT
William R. Peterson, Supervisor Barbara Barnabee, Supervisor
Jennifer Steininger, William Flader, Town Clerk
David Nelson, Krystyna Luby, Town Trustee
Gary Raupp, Assessor ~~Town Trustee~~
Bryant Schroeder, Highway Commissioner ~~Town Trustee~~
M r. 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 Luby to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2009 regular meeting as mailed. Voting aye. Steininger, Nelson, Luby. No nays. Motion carried.

TRUSTEE STEININGER GRANT REPORT

Trustee Steininger reviewed the grant request schedule for FY2009-10 with the Board. Trustee Nelson had several comments in connection with the requests; it would be prudent to get the tax returns of the agencies to determine the salary schedule of the organization (Form AG990). In his study of the agencies he determined that some of their fund raisers cost them 10% of their funds; therefore this would be another expenditure of the agency that the township should scrutinize before any allocation is approved. Trustee Steininger will address all the issues raised before any passage of the social agency requests during the budget finalization.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

An anonymous audience participant wanted to know the reserve amount of the budget balance.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT - Peter Karlovics

Attorney Karlovics reported to the Board:
He has a completed indemnification and release agreement from Bright Stars Kids University for passage. (copy on file) Several trustees had questions for Attorney Karlovics which he said he would look into but felt that the agreement was acceptable for passage.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Peterson reported to the Board:

- A. The non-profit status for mailing the newsletter has been revoked. The township is looking into appealing the status.
- B. Dam, Snell and Tavernier will conduct the 2008-09 audit of the township finances.
- C. The township has been approached by someone who is looking for a cell tower location. The township referred him to Northwest Dispatch. If he uses the tower the township will get a portion of the revenue from Northwest Dispatch if the revenue exceeds \$10,000.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee Nelson reported:

- He has reviewed various legislation pieces he would like to share with the Board:
1. per-cent of bio-diesel fuel use - he feels the road district is way beyond compliance
 2. Green initiatives
 3. Bid proposal amounts increased from \$20,000 to \$50,000 before going out to bid.

4. If property is not maintained properly, the lien rights have been changed.
5. Property tax assessment process
6. Developing of wind energy
7. General assistance insurance
8. Federal stimulus package - American Recovery Act.
Web site for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act:
recovery.illinois.gov
Copies of literature to all of the above on file

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Highway Commissioner Schroeder reported to the Board:

1. He has been working with Civiltech Engineering in preparing permitting for the drainage project on Port Clinton and Raleigh Roads. As soon as Building and Zoning approves the project he will commence with the bidding process.
2. His department has been removing dead branches and tree trimming in the unincorporated area.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessor Raupp reported to the Board:

1. He is finished with the assessment appeal hearings at the county.
2. The county has enhanced their assessment notice to be more user friendly (copy on file).
3. His department is processing 2008 sales.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

TOWN FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Nelson and seconded by Trustee Luby to approve the TOWN FUND bills in the amount of \$180,672.32 for payment. Voting aye, Steininger, Nelson, Luby. No nays. Motion carried.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Luby and seconded by Trustee Nelson to approve the GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND bills in the amount of \$4,602.27 for payment. Voting aye, Steininger, Nelson, Luby. No nays. Motion carried.

CEMETERY FUND

It was moved by Trustee Steininger and seconded by Trustee Luby to approve the CEMETERY FUND bills in the amount of \$1,072.26 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 Luby to approve the PARK MAINTENANCE FUND bills in the amount of \$7,007.35 for payment. Voting aye, Steininger, Nelson, Luby. No nays. Motion carried.

ROAD FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Steininger and seconded by Trustee Luby to approve the ROAD FUND bills in the amount of \$55,591.89 for payment. Voting aye, Steininger, Nelson, Luby. No nays. Motion carried.

PERMANENT ROAD FUND BILLS

It was moved by Trustee Luby and seconded by Trustee Nelson to approve the PERMANENT ROAD FUND bills in the amount of \$3,012.82 for payment. Voting aye, Steininger, Nelson, Luby. No nays. Motion carried.

STATION FUND

It was moved by Trustee Steininger and seconded by Trustee Nelson to approve the STATION FUND bills in the amount of \$3,547.27 for payment. Voting aye, Steininger, Nelson, Luby. No nays. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

A. BRIGHT STARS INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT APPROVAL

It was moved by Trustee Nelson and seconded by Trustee Steininger to approve the authorization of Supervisor Peterson to act on behalf of the Board in approving the Bright Stars Kids University, Inc. Release and Indemnification agreement (copy on file) with the certificate of insurance scrutinized for all recommended comments by the Board. Voting aye, Steininger, Nelson, Luby. No nays. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. AGENDA FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

It was moved by Trustee Nelson and seconded by Trustee Steininger to approve the Town Meeting agenda as presented with the correction of the April 2010 date to read the 13th. (copy on file) Voting aye, Steininger, Nelson, Luby. No nays. Motion carried.

B. FY2009-10 MEETING SCHEDULE

It was moved by Trustee Nelson and seconded by Trustee Luby to approve the regular monthly meeting schedule for FY2009-10 as presented (copy on file). Voting aye, Steininger, Nelson, Luby. No nays. Motion carried.

C. TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING FY2009-10 CORPORATE, GENERAL ASSISTANCE, CEMETERY, STATION FUNDS.

Supervisor Peterson perused the entire budget comparing line item expenditures to 2008-09 budget expenditures. Copy of budget is on file for the public before final hearing and adoption on April 18, 2009.

COMMENCE AND CONTINUE

It was moved by Trustee Nelson seconded by Trustee Steininger to Commence and Continue the meeting to March 31, 2009 at 7:00p.m. Voting aye, Steininger, Nelson, Luby. No nays. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Barnabee,
Town Clerk

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