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MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 12, 2016

7:30pm – BOARD MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: Supervisor Prouty called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.
2. Board Roll Call: Supervisor Prouty, Assessor Barrington, Highway Commissioner Kruckenberg (excused), Trustee Bowman, Trustee O'Brien, Trustee Palmblad, Trustee Sikes (excused), Clerk Donnan.
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Supervisor Prouty led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Public Hearing – Ela Township – Budget FY end 3/31/2017
(Published in the Daily Herald and Township website on 4/11/2016): No one in audience from public. Total of all township funds \$5,091,041.00.
5. Public Hearing – Ela Township Road District – Budget FY 3/31/2017
(Published in the Daily Herald and Township website on 4/11/2016): No comments. Total of all Road District Funds \$2,234,200.00.
6. Public Comment: No comments.
7. Approval of Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2016. Motion by Trustee Bowman, seconded by Trustee Palmblad to approve meeting minutes of April 14, 2016. Motion passed 4 – 0.
8. Committee Meeting Minutes: Motion by Trustee Bowman, seconded by Trustee O'Brien to accept minutes from COW (4/25), Senior Committee (4/14), and Communication Committee (4/26). Motion passed 4 – 0.
9. Approval of Board Audit from 04/13/16 to 05/10/16: Motion by Trustee Palmblad, seconded by Trustee O'Brien to approve Audit for a total of \$312,996.58. Motion passed 4 – 0. General Town \$217,787.58, General Assistance \$5,410.07, General Road \$32,286.36, Permanent Road \$33,236.54, Park Maintenance \$19,393.80, Cemetery Maintenance \$4,882.23.
10. Monthly Updates from Elected Officials & Department Heads
 - a. Supervisor Prouty: Just a reminder of the CERTS pancake breakfast Sunday from 8 am to 1 pm at the Fire Station.
 - b. Clerk Donnan: Township Officials Educational Conference will be tomorrow 5/13 in Rockford and last one 6/23 in Normal.
 - c. Trustee Bowman: I met with each team's board to find out any needs. We repaired back fields with more dirt and seed for lacrosse team. Hockey rink is getting much activity and they are keeping it clean.
 - d. Trustee O'Brien: We have a copy of the newsletter for you to check and make any comments on possible changes; it will be sent out soon. E-blast goes out the first of each month and we are trying to get up to 1600 members on the list. If you have any groups or originations, we have speakers that would like to publicize our activities.
 - e. Trustee Palmblad: No report.
 - f. Trustee Sikes: Not in from Springfield
 - g. Highway Commissioner Kruckenberg: excused.
 - h. Assessor Barrington: Had a meeting at the library to discuss property assessments and why ours are at their level. Most understood when I compared Wisconsin to Illinois and some of the differences in services and facilities, Wisconsin has proms in school gyms we have banquet halls; they have less

community programs than we do, so less costs. Another factor is a bill from Springfield that would freeze property taxes at the 2015 level. You would have to pass a referendum to raise your taxes.

- i. Social Worker Fackler: Complete report is found in section 10 of board packet.
- j. Senior Director Dillon: Complete report is found in section 10 of board packet.
- k. Youth Director Tonigan: Complete report is found in section 10 of board packet.
- l. Communications Coordinator Sykora: Complete report is found in section 10 of board packet.

OLD BUSINESS

- 11. Spring Newsletter – Update

NEW BUSINESS

- 12. Budget & Appropriation Ordinance 2016-03: Motion by Trustee Bowman, seconded by Trustee Palmblad to approve Ordinance 2016-03 approving the Township budget for FY end 3/31/17. Motion passed 4 – 0.
- 13. Budget & Appropriation Ordinance 2016-04: Motion by Trustee Palmblad, seconded by Supervisor Prouty to approve Ordinance 2016-04 approving the Road District budget for FY end 3/31/17. Motion passed 4 – 0.
- 14. Resolution 2016-01: Motion by Trustee O’Brien, seconded by Trustee Palmblad to approve Resolution 2016-01 authorizing the accumulation of funds (\$1,000,000) for future improvements in GT Fund. Motion passed 4 – 0.
- 15. Resolution 2016-02: Motion by Trustee Bowman, seconded by Supervisor Prouty to approve Resolution 2016-02 authorizing the accumulation of funds (\$700,000) for future improvements in Park Maintenance Fund. Motion passed 4 – 0.
- 16. Resolution 2016-03: Motion by Trustee Bowman, seconded by Trustee O’Brien to approve Resolution 2016-03 authorizing the accumulation of funds (\$100,000) for future improvements in Cemetery Maintenance Fund. Motion passed 4 – 0.
- 17. Community Center Roofing Contract: Motion by Supervisor Prouty, seconded by Trustee Bowman to approve contract with Waukegan Roofing to complete project as recommended by RCI Roof Consultant, pending final review of required documents (Bid amount is \$138,900). Motion passed 4 – 0.
- 18. Closed Executive session. None.
- 19. Items discussed in Executive Session. None.
- 20. Adjourn: Motion by Supervisor Prouty to adjourn at 8:11 PM. On voice vote Motion passed 4 – 0.

i. . Donnan, Ela Township Clerk

May 6, 2016

Supervisor Lucy A. Prouty
Trustee Larry Bowman

Highway Commissioner Bill Kruckenberg
Trustee Lynn O’Brien

Assessor John Barrington
Trustee Gloria Palmblad

Clerk William Donnan
Trustee Joel Sikes