

NORMAL TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016
8:19am
NORMAL TOWNSHIP HALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Rich Farr, Ray Ropp, Randy Schaab and Rick Phillips

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mel Schultz

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Highway Commissioner Arin Radar, Assessor Rob Cranston and Township Clerk Amy Conklin

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Senior Center Director Jennifer Engelman and Assistant Molly Camper, Senior Center Member Ray Miller and Michael Buragas from Farnsworth Group

Randy Schaab moved to accept the minutes of the December 17, 2015 monthly board meeting. Rick Phillips seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ray Ropp moved for approval of the bills for the month of January 2016 to be paid. The bills for the four accounts with payroll amounts being included in the last three of the accounts are as follows:

GENERAL TOWN: \$639,982.73 (\$347,937.79 to Morton Bank towards construction loan and \$257,417.65 to Tarter Construction)

GENERAL ASSISTANCE: \$11,877.00

SENIOR CITIZENS: \$25,923.63

ROAD AND BRIDGE: \$11,525.50

Randy Schaab seconded the motion and the motion carried.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE REPORT by Supervisor Rich Farr: In December, there were 67 appointments with 62 clients, 73 appointments and 63 clients in November. December GA had 33 for \$8,155.19 compared to November with 30 at \$7,410.50. December EA dropped to 17 at \$5,540.76 while November was 18 at \$5,129.17. 2014 GA: 42 clients at \$9,955.00
2014 EA: 14 at \$4,823.21

There have been previous GA clients returning as their Christmas jobs have ended and or their hours have been decreased.

General Assistant numbers are less for 2015 compared to 2014, 96 less clients and \$22,728 less disbursed. For Emergency Assistant, clients declined by 22 and \$12,292 less disbursed. This has been the second consecutive year with a decrease.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Rob Cranston informed the board that the Board of Review is finished and the numbers are still being entered into the system. There is one owner of commercial property that is trying to get their assessment lowered. The hearing will be in a month and the appeal won't be heard until another year.

CLERK: No report

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER: Arin Radar attended the County Meeting which discussed Road Limits and two officers will continue to check permits and weights on the Township Roads for 2016.

SENIOR PROGRAM: Jennifer Engelman reported that all the Bingos have been sponsored. February 10 there will be a spokesperson from Walgreens to inform of the New Prescription Drugs available. The Vita tax preparation service will be provided February 5 through April 8. On the 24, McLean County Historical representative will educate on Gadgets Around the Kitchen. Watercolor Fall River Scene and Sea Sponge Stamping class will be on February 29. Members are working on a 5K Run/walk beginning and ending at the ARC Building to raise funds for the center. Samantha Oleson wrote an article about the history and future of the senior program and center. It was submitted in a Senior newsletter which is distributed in the Peoria and Normal/Bloomington area. It was a nice tribute to the program.

SUPERVISOR: Rich Farr informed the board that there will be a Budget Workshop immediately following February's Board Meeting.

No closed meeting

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: Michael Buragas stated that it appears that the Center will be completed by the March 1, 2016 deadline. The Awning is still being worked on. The color was selected in April 2015.

Proposal Requests:

- 62- Casework support brackets in restrooms and computer room
- 63- Westside of Building- moving 2 lights from metal band
- 65- Wheel stops- South parking lot, stops in every stall, 12 being salvaged, 30 new ones. Installed after final blacktop coating
- 69- Asphalt undercut

70- Diffusers added to existing system in exercise room. The \$5,181.84 total has a reduction of \$500 and the new total of \$4,681.84 is approved.

71- Door not install and has an \$80 credit

Ray Ropp moved to approve these Proposal Requests and Randy Schaab seconded and the motion carried.

Proposal Requests:

72- Concrete Floor Repair- new concrete patches over new plumbing have raised up. Need to find culprit and repair.

73- Stair Trim- Contractor did not demo enough to install the wall correctly

It was in agreement that the contractors who installed and made the error should correct them at no cost. Concrete should be under warranty.

Tarter Construction did not sign the contract of completion date before this current meeting. Randy Schaab suggested that Tarter can define the completion date and terms and see if there is an agreement on commitment.

NEW BUSINESS

Ray Ropp made motion to approve the transfers between line items per Assessor resolution. Rick Phillips seconded the motion and it was approved

There was additional discussion on the organizations who would like space in the ARC second floor. It was agreed upon that each organization needs to submit square footage and additional needed requirements before board can approve the space. Everything needs to stay simplified with agreements made. Decisions need to be made for what is best for Normal.

Farnsworth needs to complete a floor plan for the possible tenants on second floor and the first floor should remain available for Senior Program expansion.

Ray Ropp made motion to adjourn and motion was seconded by Randy Schaab at 10:27am.

Clerk

Date

