

NORMAL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
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304 EAST MULBERRY
FEBRUARY 16, 2017
8:22 AM

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Assessor Rob Cranston and Township Clerk Amy Conklin

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Highway Commissioner Arin Rader

OTHERS PRESENT: Assistant Senior Citizen Director Molly Camper, Senior Advisory Board member Ray Miller, Becca Rice from Assessor's office, ARC Maintenance Tom Lentz, Cheryl Gaines, Sarah Grammer, Jodie Slothower and Arlene Hosea

Randy Schaab made the motion to approve the January 19, 2017 Board Minutes and Ray Ropp seconded and was approved

GENERAL TOWN: \$1,188.93
GENERAL ASSISTANCE: \$8,519.05
SENIOR CITIZEN: \$34,144.20
ROAD AND BRIDGE: \$3,391.62

Mel Schultz made the motion to approve the February 2017 bills and Ray Ropp seconded and was approved

GENERAL ASSISTANCE REPORT by Supervisor Rich Farr:

January appointments were 71 with 55 clients- December 100 with 68
January GA: 26 clients for \$6,416.89- December was 31 for \$8,642.40
January EA: 12 clients for \$4,289.00- December was 14 for \$4,602.00
2016 January GA: 43 clients at \$10,432.11 and EA at 8 for \$2,343.13
February has started out very slow, but with many repeat clients coming back off of suspension

ASSESSOR REPORT by Rob Cranston:

Meeting with Apartment Representative did not come to an agreement
Received the second FOIA request after this meeting for Assessor's office in tracking sick leave

CLERK REPORT by Amy Conklin:

Statement of Economic Interest Filing is due May 1, 2017 electronically

ROAD COMMISSIONER REPORT by Supervisor Rich Farr:

Arin emptied and cleaned the salt trucks

Planning the repair work for 1425 East Road for summer project: ¾ miles towards Nussbaum Trucking Facility

Randy Schaab made the motion for Arin to purchase a used CLAW attachment for \$6,585 and Ray Ropp seconded and was approved

SENIOR CITIZEN REPORT by Molly Camper:

3426 members as of yesterday

65-69 years old is the largest member group

Fitness, walking and the café' are the most popular activities

Pickle ball had the largest participation of 70 players

Strat-o-matic baseball has returned on Tuesday and Thursday

Quik n EZ is the first business to sponsor the ARC coffee service for 3 months

Discussion of Membership Renewal: 1020 members to renew in April

Computer sign-in will have a 12- day renewal notice for that member

Renewal date printed behind their mailing name on newsletter

No need for mailed survey- can have survey at ARC in person

SUPERVISOR REPORT by Rich Farr:

Annual Town Meeting is April 11 at 7:00 PM

Election for Township officials is April 4

Most trustees are attending the Dry Grove Official's meeting on March 2 at 6:30 PM

TOI Topic Day with legislators is in Springfield on April 26

2017 EA Income Limits at 75% of Poverty

Review Advisory Committee Policy Guideline- Board is be advisory not decision- making

Will be out of office April 23-30

No Closed Meeting necessary

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sarah Grammar informed the Board of the opportunity of submitting to The League of Women Voters on-line Voter's Guide for the upcoming Election on April 4th

OLD BUSINESS

Tom Lentz presented to the Board that the site of the future ARC Bus Garage cannot be built in the location planned due to 15' sewage easement. Board suggested that a garage can be leased nearby or build one on future purchased land.

Ray Miller of the ARC Advisory Board spoke about raising the ARC membership fees by \$5 for individual and \$10 for couples. Supervisor Rich Farr would like to wait for another year to possibly raise the membership due to having enough money for another year to provide for ARC. Mel Schultz believes that people outside Normal-Bloomington should pay more. Bloomington is planning on contributing \$40,000 for 2017.

Rick Phillips made the motion to set the membership fee for the ARC at \$30 for an individual and \$50 for a couple. The motion was seconded by Mel Schultz and was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Rich Farr asked if there are any other subject matters that need to be on the Annual Meeting agenda

Transfer \$350,000 from General Town to Senior Fund

Highway Commissioner, Arin, to be able to purchase land if needed

Ray Ropp made the motion to approve Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract with TOIRMA that they have requested. Rick Phillips seconded and was approved

Ray Ropp made the motion to approve our contract for the annual audit by Streigel, Knoblock and Company for a fee of not more than \$7,500. Randy Schaab Seconded and was approved

Randy Schaab made the motion to approve meeting dates for the 2017-2018 fiscal Year and to notify all media outlets who have requested notice along with putting them on our website. Rick Phillips seconded and was approved

Board Meeting was adjourned to move to Budget work session at 10:05 AM.
Ray Ropp made the motion and Mel Schultz seconded

Returned from Budget work session and Ray Ropp made the motion to adjourn Board meeting and Rick Phillips seconded. All approved and meeting was adjourned at 11:18 AM

Normal Township Clerk- Amy Conklin

Date