

NORMAL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
NORMAL TOWNSHIP HALL
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2016
8:24 AM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Rich Farr, Randy Schaab, Ray Ropp (departed 10:37), Rick Phillips

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mel Schultz

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Assessor Rob Cranston, Highway Commissioner Arin Rader (arrived 9:43), Township Clerk Amy Conklin

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Senior Center Director Jennifer Engelman and Michael Buragas from Farnsworth Group

Ray Ropp moved to accept the minutes of the January 21, 2016 Board meeting. Randy Schaab seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Rick Phillips moved for approval of the bills for the month of February 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: \$347,127.75 (\$282,153.28 to Tarter Construction)

GENERAL ASSISTANCE: \$9,311.43

SENIOR CITIZEN ACCOUNT: \$24,690.74

ROAD AND BRIDGE: \$3,097.83

Ray Ropp seconded the motion and the motion carried.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE REPORT by Supervisor Rich Farr:
86 appointments/ 54 clients in January (Dec 67/62)
January GA 43@ \$10,432.11 (Dec. 33@ \$8,155.19) (2015 40@ \$9,713.22)
January EA 8@ \$2,343.13 (Dec. 17@ \$5,540.76) (2015 14@ \$4,876.38)
February has started out with many repeat clients coming off of suspensions.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT by Rob Cranston. The 2015 ending EAV is \$941,664,695.00 which increased by \$31,860,631 from 2014. There is a decrease in assessment on apartment/commercial buildings in the Unit 5 School district at the Board of Review level. This issue can be brought to the Property Tax Appeal Board. They have 7 older computer boxes that are no longer in use, which could be given to organizational group.

CLERK'S REPORT by Amy Conklin. The board was reminded to file their Statement of Economic Interest electronically by May 1, 2016.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT by Arin Rader. They salted the roads more than plowing snow in January and February. It has been very mild so far.

SENIOR CITIZEN DIRECTOR'S REPORT by Jennifer Engelman. The Vita tax program is booked through March. Jennifer did not plan any additional programs other than the usual because they are waiting on the opening of new building. The staff are being trained on the My Senior computer program for the new center.

March 20th will be a Sock Hop with Illinois State students.

All bus trips are scheduled with M&M Country Tours, April 13- October 13.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT by Rich Farr. He needed to know who was wanting to attend the Elected Officials Meeting in Ellsworth on 2/25 at 6:30pm.

Annual Meeting will be Tuesday April 12th at 7:00 pm. Three Budget meetings will follow the Annual to approve the 2016 budget.

The 2016 EA Income Limits are at 75% of poverty

There was no Closed Meeting

There were no Public Comments

OLD BUSINESS

Michael Buragas of Farnsworth informed board that the South canopy was installed and the East one will be installed within a few days. The irrigation pipes have leaks and are waiting for parts to arrive for them to be fixed.

The proposal requests:

#67- Southwest Mechanical rooms- credit applied for not having to finish walls

#72R- Concrete Repair- Stark Construction did not take accountability for this issue so Tarter Construction proposed for the repair cost to be split between Tarter, Farnsworth Group and Normal Township.

#74- Sprinkler System

#75- Gate Valve replaced

#76- HVAC Diffusers- Farnsworth will take the additional charge

#77- Electrical in Mechanical 131A

#78- Electrical in Elevator shaft- light added

#79- Paint Panels in mirror locations- Excluded- will be painted in April by volunteers

#82- Lift credit from PR 70-Exercise room

Ray Ropp moved to approve all Proposals excluding #79. Rick Phillips seconded and was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

The only other action to be added to the Annual Meeting Agenda is the approval of being able to sell existing building. This was asked at last year's meeting, but would like the approval again from the townspeople.

Ray Ropp made the motion to approve our contract for the annual audit by Streigel, Knoblock & Co. for a fee of \$6,000. Randy Schaab seconded and it was approved.

Randy Schaab made the motion to approve the meeting dates for the 2016-17 fiscal year and to notify all media outlets who have requested notice along with putting them on our website. Ray Ropp seconded and was approved.

Randy Schaab made a motion to adjourn to budget workshop session and Rick Phillips seconded and it was approved.

Meeting moved to Budget Session at 9:45am

Returned from Budget Session and Randy Schaab motioned to adjourn board meeting and Rick Phillips seconded. It was approved and adjourned at 10:50am.

Amy Conklin, Clerk

Date