

NORMAL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING
NORMAL TOWNSHIP HALL
MARCH 19, 2015
8:17 AM

Board Members Present: Ray Ropp, Richard Phillips, Randy Schaab, Mel Schultz and Supervisor Rich Farr

Board Members Absent:

Elected Officials Present: Highway Commissioner Arin Rader and Clerk Amy Conklin

Elected Officials Absent: Assessor Rob Cranston

Others Present: Senior Center Director Jennifer Engelman and Gene Gudeman

Ray Ropp moved to accept the minutes of the February 19, 2015 monthly board meeting. Randy Schaab seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mel Schultz moved for approval of the bills for the month of March 2015. The bills for the four accounts with payroll amounts being included in the last three of the accounts are as follows:

General Town: \$115,548.48 (\$114,000 for Tarter Construction's first draw)

General Assistance: \$17,483.84

Senior Citizen: \$20,241.42

Road and Bridge: \$6,209.65

Rick Phillips seconded the motion and the motion carried.

General Assistance Report by Supervisor Rich Farr:

In February 2015 the numbers were lower. There were 60 appointments with 50 clients compared to January 2015 of 87 appointments with 66 clients. February's expenditures of \$7,000.00 were for 28 clients compared to January's of \$9,7113.22 for 40 clients.

February's Emergency Assistance of \$750.00 was for 2 clients compared to January's of \$4,876.38 for 14 clients.

One year ago GA was 39 clients at \$9,750 and the EA was 6 clients at \$2,146.28. February has started off slow but will most likely get busier. March is still a bit slow but GA is picking back up.

Assessor Report: Rob Cranston was not present.

Clerk Report: Amy Conklin reminded the Board that the TOI Education class is Thursday May 21, which is same day as our board meeting.

Road Commissioner Report by Arin Rader:

Have been cold patching the roads and have been cleaning up the Salt and Plow trucks.

Senior Citizen Director Report:

Jennifer has hired 2 new receptionists who will be working between the Senior Center and the Township. Still interviewing for a bus driver. There was \$674 contributed in honor of Bonnie Cox who passed away in February. The money will be used for an honorary plaque/sign for new cafe'. Vita Tax service is still being offered through March.

Two Illinois Wesleyan students will also be teaching a Face Book class in April and May, Bromenn is providing a screening on April 15, and Edward Jones Financial Advisor will provide a class on Taking More Interest In Your Income. Computer classes are starting back in April, Mexican Train Dominoes is being added, 8 Ball Tourney is April 2 and 16, the movie "Hoovey" which is based on the life of Eric Elliot who is from the Bloomington/Normal community will be showed on April 17. Garden Steps Watercolor/Ink is being taught by Lynn Baldwin and the Dinner/Theater Bus Trips are planned with M&M Country Tours.

Supervisor Report: Rich Farr stated that there were no requests to be put on the Annual Meeting Agenda for April 14 at 7 pm. The Budget Hearing and Special Board meeting to approve the budgets will follow the Annual Meeting. The Budgets have been on display since 3/6/15 and the budget hearing notice was published in the March 12 Normalite paper. Mr. Farr asked if the Board would like to move the monthly board meeting a week early so that members can attend the TOI class on May 21.

There were no public comments.

Old Business:

Report on Senior Center Renovation:

Demolition is close to completion.

There is a \$15,000 increase to move 3 pipes out of the way and replace a water valve at the inlet. The floor is being cut for drains and footings. Walls are going up. The PC Computer Guy has given an estimate for installing computer network which will be \$10,000.

Rick Phillips made a motion to approve change order #1 for \$15,504.00 to the contract with Tarter Construction for moving water pipes and new valve. Motion seconded by Ray Ropp.

New Business:

Ray Ropp made motion to approve Margaret Ann Hayden to the Senior Advisory Board for a three year term ending March 31, 2018. Randy Schaab seconded the motion and was approved.

Randy Schaab made motion to approve Robert Stefl to the Senior Advisory Board for a three year term ending March 31, 2018. Ray Ropp seconded the motion and was approved.

There was discussion on the Annual Agenda and was decided that the Board had approval from 2014 Annual Meeting to sell the current Township Building when necessary. This is now removed from 2015 Agenda.

Rick Phillips made the motion for the revised Annual Agenda with seconded by Ray Ropp.

Randy Schaab made motion to approve moving the May Board meeting to May 14 at 8:15 with notification to the press of change. Mel Schultz seconded the motion. Approved

Mel Schultz disclosed that he has stock in US Bank, Busey and Commerce and his son is Officer at Morton Bank.

Ray Ropp made motion to approve the list of Depository Institutions for 2015/2016 fiscal year.

Rick Phillips seconded the motion and was approved.

Mel Schultz made motion to approve the new 501 (c)(3) Corp called "ARC Living/Memorial Fund" and authorize requesting of tax exempt status from the IRS. Ray Ropp seconded the motion and was approved.

There will be time to find possible Directors for ARC. Rick Phillip's Tax Business will be the contact and address for ARC.

The US Bronze Giving Tree Donation Wall Plaque is a possible idea to raise money for Senior Center.

Randy Schaab made motion to adjourn and Ray Ropp seconded and meeting closed at 9:30am.

Clerk

Date