

NORMAL TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2015
8:16 AM
NORMAL TOWNSHIP HALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Rich Farr, Supervisor, Randy Schaab, Mel Schultz

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ray Ropp, Rick Phillips

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jennifer Engelman, Senior Center Director, Michael Buragrass and Patricia Micisick from Farnsworth Group, and Robert McGlade from Striegel, Knoblock and Co.

Robert McGlade presented the Township Audit Report. This year, Assets within the Township were added. Next year, Pension Assets/Liabilities will be added. Revenues were good. General Town and General Assistance were both under budget. Road and Bridge's capital varies year- to- year depending on equipment purchases and projects. Senior Fund is under budget as the construction of Sr. Center is still on going

Mel Schultz moved to accept the audit report presented by Robert McGlade and Randy Schaab seconded. It is approved for subject of approval.

Randy Schaab moved to accept the minutes of the June 18, 2015 monthly board meeting. Mel Schultz seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mel Schultz moved for approval of the bills for the month of July 2015, 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: \$417,503.08 (\$412,509.98 to Tarter
Construction)
GENERAL ASSISTANCE: \$8,555.07
SENIOR CITIZEN ACCOUNT: \$13,180.67
ROAD AND BRIDGE ACCOUNT: \$21,000.25

Rob Cranston noticed the Lawn Service bill seemed high and Rich Farr will look into the matter.

Randy Schaab seconded the motion and the motion carried.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE REPORT by Supervisor Rich Farr: In June there were 80 appointments with 60 clients. May had only 60 appointments with 44 clients. June had 30 GA clients receiving \$7,383.68 compared to May's 28 at \$7,000.00. We jumped up to 20 EA clients in June for \$4,186.95 compared to May's 6 at \$1,775.00. One year ago we paid out to 60 GA clients \$9,990.25 and to 13 EA's for \$3,925.49. We are seeing rent, electric and gas for everyone as LIHEAP has ended. Some people have lost their jobs.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Rob Cranston informed us that they are finishing the Apartment values. There will be big changes in numbers and the owners should be prepared. CVS sold for \$27 million, which is much higher than previous value. The office's 5 year old computers are showing errors on hard drive and are planning on purchasing new computers.

CLERK REPORT: Amy Conklin had nothing to report.

ROAD COMMISSIONER REPORT: Arin Rader reported that some road signs and posts are being replaced. The shoulders are being filled in after all the rain this season. Seal coating should begin tomorrow.

SENIOR CITIZEN DIRECTOR REPORT: Jennifer Engelman informed the board that the new Intern finished the new Website. There will be a picnic on July 23 which will be catered by the new HyVee Store. The Senior Center would like to be represented in the Illinois State University Homecoming Parade on October 24 at 10:00 am. All Bingos are sponsored. The Matter of Balance classes are all full. There will be a presentation by Dick Volker on the history of Coca Cola followed with a Coke Float. On August 28th there will be a bus trip to Her Majesty's Tea Room.

SUPERVISOR REPORT by Rich Farr: The Cash Management and Maturities report was distributed. Total cash balance is \$3,787,693.00. The first check was drawn on the Building Loan. Furniture and Fixture cost estimate will be around \$400,000-\$500,000. The Custodial Crew and Supply Budget is still being reviewed. Rich encouraged the Board to attend the Annual Education Conference on November 8-10 in Springfield.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No comments

OLD BUSINESS:

Senior Center Building Construction Progress

Michael Buragrass of Farnsworth informed the board that the change order of a \$775 deduction went through. The Proposal Request to finish the Parking Lot will be submitted next week. The building's insulation is half way finished. The steel for

the second floor and exterior has not been delivered. Stark Construction has installed new beams and will later install the concrete blocks for the staircases.

Mel Schultz moved to approve the July 10th change order of a \$775.00 deduction and Randy Schaab seconded.

After discussion on the participation of Bloomington Residents at the Sr Ctr, the board thought Bloomington Township should contribute \$175,000.00 to cover costs of operation for 2016 with an annual review.

Randy Schaab moved to authorize the City of Bloomington Township to pay \$175,000.00 for 2016 for Bloomington Residents to participate and use the Normal Township Senior Activity Recreation Center. Mel Schultz seconded and was approved.

The board discussed the daily operation hours for the Sr. Center.
Monday-Thursday opened 6:30am to 7:00pm
Friday 6:30 am to 5:00pm
Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm for Daily Organized Activities
Saturday opened 6:30 am to 12:00 noon

NEW BUSINESS:

Rich Farr will get bids sent to the Township for Senior Center Shuttle Buses.

Will possibly continue the \$6000.00 grant to PATH and they will pay rent to the Township to use the extra space in the Center.

Faith In Action is a National group that is supported by churches to help Senior Citizens be transported to appointments/errands.

Mel Schultz moved to approve the Senior Center to participate in the Illinois State University Homecoming Parade. Randy Schaab seconded and was approved.

Randy Schaab made motion to adjourn the meeting and Mel Schultz seconded and was approved at 10:37 am.

Clerk

Date

