

NORMAL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
NORMAL TOWNSHIP BUILDING
304 EAST MULBERRY
JULY 21, 2016
8:15 AM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Rich Farr, Rick Phillips and Mel Schultz

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Randy Schaab and Ray Ropp

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Senior Director Jennifer Engleman, Michael Buragas from Farnsworth Group and Senior Advisory Board Member Ray Miller, Mark Brent from Van Gundy Insurance Agency and Cheryl Gaines

Robert McGlade from Striegel, Knobloch & Co. gave a presentation on our audit report

Mel Schultz made the motion to accept the audit report and Rick Phillips seconded and was approved

Rick Phillips made the motion to approve the June 16, 2016 Board minutes and Mel Schultz seconded and was approved

Mel Schultz moved for the approval of the July 2016 bills to be paid. The bills for the four accounts with payroll amounts being included in the last three of the accounts are as follow:

GENERAL TOWN: \$208,507.58 (\$47,349.54 to Tarter)
GENERAL ASSISTANCE: \$10,782.26
SENIOR CITIZEN: \$38,616.88
ROAD AND BRIDGE: \$5,716.67

Rick Phillips seconded the motion and the motion carried and was approved

GENERAL ASSISTANCE REPORT by Supervisor Rich Farr:

June: 101 appointments with 78 clients
29 GA clients @ \$7,250.00
24 EA clients @ \$7,258.49
May: 66 appointments made 54 shows (April 64/50)
28 GA clients @ \$6,203.37 (April 24@ \$6,186.65)
13 EA clients @ \$4,445.52 (April 14@ \$3,433.78)
June 2015: 30 GA clients @\$7,383.68
20 EA clients @ \$4,186.95

There have been rent requests along with electric and gas shut-offs requests

ASSESSOR REPORT by Rob Cranston:

The State Property Tax Appeal Board will make a decision on the 6 appealed apartment properties. Hopefully, the Appeal Board will use the original numbers from our Assessor's department.

The review on Home Depot and Menards is continuing.

Tax Bills will be ready to be generated on August 18th.

CLERK REPORT by Amy Conklin: None

ROAD COMMISSIONER REPORT by Arin Rader:

Ziebarth Road and 1425 Road projects will begin July 26th. Rowe Co. received the bid at \$68,486.56.

The chips are being spread on roads to stop the bleeding.

Mower was picked up and is ready to use.

SENIORS PROGRAM by Jennifer Engelman:

There are now 1900 members of ARC with in the first 4 months of opening new facility
August 1st is grandchildren day

Resource Fair on August 11 at the ARC with Senator Darin LaHood,

State Representatives Dan Brady and Rodney Davis

August 22-25 Water Color Workshop

August 31 is Cornbelter's baseball game

A retired Apple employee will provide classes on smart phones

State Farm will present a program on Identity Theft

Ray Miller thanked the Board for giving the Seniors new opportunities in the renovated ARC

Ray said that the ARC Rental committee has discussed and has made the decision not to rent out the ARC to any outside personal sources for this first year of the ARC. Will keep option open for discussion next year.

SUPERVISOR REPORT by Rich Farr:

Reviewed investment report and township needs more money in the Senior Center account

There will be Government Day at the State Fair but there is no free admission nor lunch provided

Rick Phillips will be attending the Annual Education Conference on November 13-15

No closed meeting needed

No public comments

OLD BUSINESS

Michael Buragas informed board that Tarter Construction is requesting to be paid the remaining \$47,349.54 of ARC renovation. Farnsworth is still waiting on the waivers.

A \$1000 Retainer is being held until Hermes tests the system for the second floor remodel

All waivers and documents have been received by Farnsworth and the whole renovation is now completed. Michael did a great job with this ARC renovation project!

Rick Phillips made the motion to approve the bid from McLean County Asphalt to resurface the East parking lot at 600 E Willow at the cost of \$27,723.00. Mel Schultz seconded the motion and was approved.

A vote on the next four- year official's salaries will be at the August meeting

There is no need to change the ARC membership fee schedule

There is no discussion or action on the Tax Abatement request at this time

NEW BUSINESS

There was no action on giving the PATH grant to Community Care System.

Board stated that the ARC board can establish a fund raising committee

Rick Phillips made the motion for ARC to participate in the ISU Homecoming Parade again this fall. Mel Schultz seconded the motion and it was approved.

There was some discussion on how employees will be classified by the new regulations on salary/overtime

Mark Brent went over the Medical Insurance information and the township can keep the existing Pre-ACA Plan. Employees already have the option to pay their premiums with pre-tax salary.

Rick Phillips made the motion to renew under the current rate with Van Gundy Insurance and Mel Schultz seconded the motion and it was approved.

Mel Schultz made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Rick Phillips seconded and the meeting ended at 11:09 am.

Amy Conklin- Normal Township Clerk

Date

