

NORMAL TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2015
8:20 AM
NORMAL TOWNSHIP HALL

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ray Ropp

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Arin Rader, Highway Commissioner, Kent DePew, filling in for Rob Cranston, Assessor and Amy Conklin, Township Clerk

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OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jennifer Engleman , Senior Center Director and Molly Camper, Senior Center Assistant. Farnsworth Group: Michael Buragas, Trent Ruestman and Joe Lowrance. Mark Brent from Van Gundy Insurance, Jacob Duquette from Great Display Sign Company, Josh Tipton from AFLAC Insurance. Senior Advisory member: Ray Miller.

Mark Brent from Van Gundy Insurance spoke about the changes and options of the Township's Group Medical Insurance for employees and their families. This year there is a Transitional Relief option which means that if you have a current plan before ACA began, you can continue with it. Mark suggested that we should keep our existing plan in which the Premium will be less than last.

Mel Schultz moved to accept the minutes of the July 16, 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 August 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: \$206,224.72 (\$186,412.66 to Tarter
Construction)
GENERAL ASSISTANCE: \$8,632.69
SENIOR CITIZEN ACCOUNT: \$15,715.48
ROAD AND BRIDGE ACCOUNT: \$5,292.98

Randy Schaab seconded the motion and the motion carried.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE REPORT by Supervisor Rich Farr: In July there was 94 appointments with 64 clients. In June it was 80 appointments with 60 clients.

July's GA was 37 at \$9,211.00. June's was at 30 for \$7,383.68. July's EA was 17 at \$3,834.22 and June's was 20 at \$4,186.95. One year ago GA was 43 at \$10,546.00 and the EA was 25 at \$7,285.84. August has been very busy so far and many are back for rent as their year is.

ASSESSOR REPORT: No Report

CLERK REPORT: Amy Conklin had nothing to report.

ROAD COMMISSIONER REPORT: Arin Rader reported that they had to "chip" the roads after temperatures were high. Seal Coat is finished and they have begun maintenance on the trucks.

SENIOR CITIZEN DIRECTOR REPORT: Jennifer Engleman reported that there have been many days where some of the rooms have been completely full. Strat-o-Matic Baseball, which is every Wednesday at 12:30, has been very popular. Artist Lynne Baldwin will teach how to incorporate people into their paintings. There will be another bus trip to Her Majesty Tea Room on September 18th. There will also be an Euchre Tournament and a Pinochle Tournament. The Cookout and Dance that they had had 100 people in attendance and HyVee did a great job grilling and catering the event. Members at the center have been asked if they have any interest in using the Center in the evening hours and /or Saturday hours when the renovated Center opens.

SUPERVISOR REPORT by Rich Farr: According to the Government Finance Act, Illinois Funds cannot do transaction accounting, so there is a possibility of moving to a local bank.

Rick Phillips said he will walk in the Illinois State University Homecoming Parade to help represent the Senior Center.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No comments

OLD BUSINESS: Michael Burgas of Farnsworth informed the board of the details of Change Order #7 which consists of additional steel support for window and door openings, enlarged roll-in shower to 5', furring out walls and adding outlets. Proposal 22 is for additional girts, upsizing beams and metal studs to support new windows. In proposal 11, the Southeast corner of building needs helical piers, refinishing concrete wall and additional drywall.

The new bid from Tarter Construction for site improvements regarding parking lot and exterior light posts is at \$249,690. Their previous charge for this in the initial bid was \$227,000.

It was decided by board for Michael and Rich to get open bids for this Site Improvement.

Rick Phillips made the motion to accept Change Order #7 for \$179,520.00 and Mel Schultz seconded. Motion was approved.

At 9:55, there was a 5 minute break. Resumed at 10:00.

There was discussion on changing the address of the Senior Activity Center.

Rick Phillips made the motion for the address to change from Beech Street to 600 Willow Street, Normal, Illinois. Mel Schultz seconded and it was approved.

Jacob Duquenne of Great Display Sign Company presented the exterior and interior signage for the Senior Activity Center. There would be three exterior signs which would cost \$30,654.00. However, everyone liked the curved exterior sign more than the flat rectangle sign, which would then cost an additional \$4,000.00. Jacob stated that it would take 8 weeks to make and install.

Rick Phillips made the motion to seek other signage bids for the Center and Randy Schaab seconded and was approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

In regards to the upcoming Levy request, it should most likely be more than 5% to cover additional Center operation costs especially if the Senate passes a future Freeze.

Arin Radar agreed to extract the existing dead trees on the township North property line and to not replant new trees.

On the discussion about the possible 15 passenger bus, Ray Miller said he rode in the Glaval and was a quality ride and thought the thicker window option should be added. This would be an additional \$800.00.

Mel Schultz motioned to purchase a 2016 Glaval 15 passenger shuttle bus with the window upgrade for \$45,438.00. The motion was seconded by Randy Schaab and was approved for purchase.

Rick Phillips requested that the board needs to see a formal plan for usage of a future 24 plus passenger bus for the Senior Activity Center to purchase or lease.

After hearing Mark Brent's presentation and recommendation on keeping the existing Blue Cross/Blue Shield health insurance plan, Randy Schaab made the

motion to renew existing Plan for 2016 year and was seconded by Mel Schultz and was approved.

Josh Tipton of AFLAC Insurance went over coverage options. These options would be an additional insurance available to Township Employees. Some options are to help with out-of-pocket expenses and loss income. There are many detailed products for each individual/family.

Mel Schultz made the motion for AFLAC information packets to be distributed to the Township Employees. Randy Schaab seconded and was approved.

Randy Schaab made motion to adjourn the meeting and Mel Schultz seconded and was approved at 11:33 am.

Clerk

Date