

NORMAL TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2015
8:24 AM
NORMAL TOWNSHIP HALL

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Randy Schaab

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

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

Rick Phillips moved to accept the minutes of the September 17, 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 October 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: \$290,669.88 (\$275,771.39 to Tarter
Construction)
GENERAL ASSISTANCE: \$7,750.87
SENIOR CITIZEN ACCOUNT: \$4,823.97
ROAD AND BRIDGE ACCOUNT: \$58,196.75

Ray Ropp seconded the motion and the motion carried.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE REPORT by Supervisor Rich Farr: There were 86 appointments with 66 clients compared to August's 71 appointments with 59 clients. Our September GA expenditure for 38 clients was \$9,500.00. August was 31 clients at \$7,322.19. Emergency Assistance was 22 clients at \$6,312.21. The August EA was 21 clients at \$5,504.08. One year ago the April numbers were 34 clients at \$8,019.00 and EA was 14 clients at \$4,000.00. So far, October has been as active as September. Ameren has been shutting off service.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Rob Cranston informed the Board that the Assessment notices were published and mailed. There have been 32 complaints at this point. Most of these complaints are from sold property that increased in value. Student Housing

assessments increased significantly, but still are not at Market Value. There will be a Board Hearing for the noted complaints. Rob also stated that next year the Appraisal Budget may need to increase.

CLERK REPORT: Amy Conklin had no report.

ROAD COMMISSIONER REPORT: Arin Rader reported that they have been working on field entrances and culverts. Several guardrails have been repaired and trucks have been prepared for the winter season.

SENIOR CITIZEN DIRECTOR REPORT: Jennifer Engelman informed the Board that the month of November will have Ron Gould assisting members with preserving memories in video form. There will be classes on Identity Theft, Computer knowledge and Inner Energy which focuses on different breathing techniques. Artist Lynn Baldwin will offer Little Landscapes watercolor class on November 20th. Also on the 20th, there will be a bus trip to the Festival of Trees. Jennifer and Molly are making plans for the Christmas Party and Activities.

SUPERVISOR REPORT by Rich Farr: The update on the Furniture cost for the renovated Senior Center will be approximately \$65,000. The committee is still working on selecting lamps, blinds and decorations. The Exercise equipment should be \$55,000 with the addition of game equipment and chairs.

The November 19th Township Officials meeting of McLean County will be at Dale Township with the CEO of the Economic Development Council.

The date of completion for the renovated Senior Center will need to be extended. Tarter Construction needs to ask for the extension with the approval of Board. Mel Schultz suggested that if they have the extension and go beyond this new date, there should be a fine to be paid by Tarter.

The signs for the Senior Center building have been begun by the Great Display Sign Company.

CLOSED MEETING: No

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No comments

OLD BUSINESS: Michael Buragrass of Farnsworth informed us that the Ash Tree on the west side of building needs to be removed and it will cost \$1000.00. Arin Rader said he would remove the tree instead of another company.

There is a spot where the West parking lot will be poured, that has poor soil. Seventy-five feet will need to be filled.

The change order #38 of Duct Roof Curbs and #42 of Stair Corridor ceiling and structure are still being worked out for approval.

Ray Ropp made the motion that Change order #32 of South Screen Support and order #40 of Deck Support at West Stair and Elevator and #43 of Electrical boxes moved and conduit added at the South Stair to be approved and Mel Schultz seconded and motion was approved.

Change order #39 is for extra structural support for the East side Canopy which is at a cost of \$4,378.00.

Ray Ropp made the motion for change order #39 to be removed from the current change orders and for Farnsworth and Tarter Construction to figure who is responsible for the East side Canopy extra cost of \$4,378.00. Rick Phillips seconded the motion and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Faith In Action needs 900 square feet and the Township will give them the space for free.

Path has five employees and their space will also be free. These organizations are not for profit.

If Senior Home Care uses space, they will pay rent and their lease will be taxed to them.

If the Township and Assessor's offices move to the renovated Senior Center, there needs to be a floor plan designed soon for possible needed space.

The Board decided that the Membership fee for Non-Normal residents will be the same for Bloomington as any other town resident. Activity fees will be the same for all residents.

Rick Phillips made the motion to close regular session meeting and go to Levy Work Session and Ray Ropp seconded the motion and it carried.

Township Board Meeting closed at 10:40am.

Levy work session began at 10:45am.

The Board discussed the numbers for the levies of Road and Bridge for \$785,000.00 and General Town for \$1,869,00.00. General Town needs to be increased by 1% due to the unknown additional Senior Center operating costs.

Ray Ropp made the motion to return to Township meeting and was seconded by Rick Phillips at 11:07am.

Ray Ropp made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mel Schultz seconded and meeting was adjourned at 11:07am.

Clerk

Date