

NORMAL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
NORMAL TOWNSHIP BUILDING 304
EAST MULBERRY
OCTOBER 19, 2017
8:19AM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Sarah Grammer, Sally Pyne, Samantha Quigle, Arlene Hosea and Ray Ropp

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

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OTHERS PRESENT: ARC Director of Operations Mindy Morgan, ARC Director of Programming Molly Camper, ARC Advisory Board Co-Chair Alan McDowell, ARC Advisory Board Member Ray Miller and ARC Member Ed Houchens

Sally Pyne made the motion to approve the September 21, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes and Arlene Hosea seconded and was approved

September 21- October 19, 2017 EXPENDITURES

General Assistance: \$27,687.79

General Town: \$78,471.38

Road and Bridge: \$7,584.78

Senior Citizen: \$73,347.16

Ray Ropp made the motion to approve the monthly expenditures and Arlene Hosea seconded and was approved

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT

Sally Pyne attended a Non-Profit showcase where she informed others on the duties of the township, attended a Faith-In-Action Breakfast where she learned more about this organization, which is located at the ARC and gave a tour of the ARC to the Leadership Project group researching possible usage of kitchen. Arlene Hosea attended NAACP event and McLean County Museum event

ASSESSOR REPORT by Rob Cranston

There have been 160 appeals filed this period which is 74 less than last year.

If township assessor's office does not agree with appeal, it goes to Board Review

Has hired for a new position to scan all records into computer and in the Spring will take photos of all property of Normal Township – Sally Pyne disclosed that she has known the new employee

CLERK REPORT by Amy Conklin Nothing to report

ROAD COMMISSIONER REPORT by Arin Rader

Would like the item of permission to sell the current appraised property on the 2018 Annual Township Meeting agenda

Fixed a few field entrances

Planning on purchasing a Shoulder tool attachment of \$8500 with Danvers' Township for the back of truck. It will be used to lay gravel

SENIORS PROGRAM

Alan McDowell- ARC Advisory Chair

Waiting on estimate to fix North side of ARC building gutters- monies In the Building Maintenance account

He believes he should be the one responsible for setting the ARC

Advisory agenda and believes the Advisory Board should be the main advisor for the Senior Program. Advisory Board is bettering the community

Ray Miller- former ARC Advisory Chair and current ARC Advisory Board

Member stated that he has not appreciated that the new current Supervisor and new Trustees have never conversed with him about the direction and ideas that have and are being researched for the ARC by this committee. The new Township Trustees are researching ideas that the Advisory committee has already tackled before the ARC was built. It has only been a little over a year since it opened. He believes the ARC employees are not being treated as they should be. Advisory Board never set-up membership fees for the ARC to become revenue based. It was to cover certain costs, give ownership to members and to provide membership to lower income citizens. Former and current Trustee, Ray Ropp asked if there is anything that could be done to keep him advising and Ray Miller stated that he does not agree with the direction the Supervisor and trustees has taken with the ARC and township. Ray Ropp expressed his gratitude for Ray's hard work and service over the years. Ray Miller gave his resignation and left meeting.

Alan McDowell stated that he will continue to be advised by Ray Miller Mindy Morgan stated ARC membership is 3908 with 50% renewals

GENERAL ASSISTANCE REPORT by Supervisor Sarah Grammer

September 2017 GA

7 new clients 37 repeat clients for \$10,968.23

September 2016 GA

8 clients 25 repeat clients for \$7,800.64

September 2017 EA

18 clients for \$8,337.61

September 2016 EA

19 clients for \$6,165.90

SUPERVISOR REPORT by Sarah Grammer

Annual Treasurer Report has been filed with the County Clerk Deb Skillrud of Bloomington would like to review her new budget before committing to funding \$40,000-\$80,000 to the ARC – (former Supervisor Rich Farr and former Township Trustee Rick Phillips had been working on receiving \$80,000 from Bloomington)

Annual Conference November 12-14

Elected Official's Meeting on November 16 at Dale Township

No Closed Session

No Public Comment

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

Sally Pyne made the motion to move \$25,000 from the General Assistance In-Patient line item to the General Assistance Emergency Utilities line item. Samantha Quigle seconded and was approved

There was discussion about the Township and ARC Holiday Schedule for 2018 The staff would like more days off during Thanksgiving and Christmas

There was discussion on changing the payment percentage for ARC instructors from 80/20 to 70/30. This would bring in \$10,000 more for ARC. Ed Houchens would like to see the 70/30 since the ARC provides the clients and scheduling for the instructors. He did state that he would like to see the instructors engage with members before and after classes throughout the ARC Allan McDowell will put this item in the ARC Advisory Agenda

NEXT AGENDA

Sally Pyne would like a yearly accounting form to be created and given to the organizations that we grant
Faith In Action and ISU Audiology both would like more space at ARC

Sarah Grammer adjourned the meeting at 9:43 AM

Normal Township Clerk- Amy Conklin

Date

NORMAL TOWNSHIP LEVY WORK SESSION
THURSDAY OCTOBER 19, 2017
NORMAL TOWNSHIP HALL
304 EAST MULBERRY
9:54AM

ROAD AND BRIDGE LEVY DISCUSSION

Motor Vehicle Tax that is received is used for

1. Oil and Chip
2. Other road projects that require many approvals

Oil and Chip is usually performed on 2 miles of road at a time every 2 year

Shifting the ARC Bus salary from Senior Citizen Levy to Road and Bridge

Drivers will now be under IDOT guidelines and standards

GENERAL TOWN LEVY DISCUSSION

Reserve is significantly down

Monies from General Town to Senior Citizen due to increased expenses

\$60,000 IMRF/medicare, etc \$15,000 Worker's Comp

To reduce the cost of providing Healthcare to full-time employees, can look at other insurance plans and/or also for employees to contribute 20% for premiums

Peace Meal contribution reduced by \$1000 for home delivery to seniors

Email Senior publication to members to reduce postage cost

Nurse service contract for ARC should be changed from a grant to hours billed

\$400,000 to keep in Reserve

Raise money for ARC by naming rooms

Levy amounts for approval are Road and Bridge at \$786,800.00 and General Town at \$1,971,698.00

There will be more discussion on the Levy details before it is voted on

Sarah Grammer adjourned the work session at 10:56AM

Normal Township Clerk- Amy Conklin

Date

