

NORMAL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
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304 EAST MULBERRY
NOVEMBER 16, 2017
8:20 AM

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 Alan McDowell, Bob Stefl, Uday Deoskar and Dennis Bourgerie, ARC Living Memorial Fund Alan McDowell, Economic Development Council Mike O'Grady and Kyle Ham, McLean County Administration William Wasson, State's Attorney's Office Don Knapp, Heyl Royster John Redlingshafer, CIOS Jim "Woody" Woodward, The Pantagraph Derek Beigh, WJBC Patrick Baron, Citizens Deb Shaw, Janet Guaderrama and Alyssa Cooper

Ray Ropp made the motion to approve the October 19, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes and Arlene Hosea seconded and was approved

October 20- November 16, 2017 EXPENDITURES

General Assistance: \$24,163.98

General Town: \$51,403.33

Road and Bridge: \$6,558.61

Senior Citizen: \$67,122.74

Sally Pyne made the motion to approve the expenditures and Ray Ropp seconded and was approved

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT

Sarah Grammer attended the Illinois Township Bootcamp, Culturally Responsive Campus Community conference at ISU and the Illinois Prairie Community Foundation Workshop

Sally Pyne attended the Illinois Township Bootcamp which stated that Townships need to get out in the community and inform citizens of our services, Watchdog training- electors educated on FOI and OMA through Better Government organization, Normal Fire Department new station dedication, "Not in Our Town" Workshop to raise the community to the next level of involvement, Culturally

Responsive Campus Community conference at ISU- desire to make ISU and the Surrounding community a more equitable and just environment for all people, State of McLean County address and PATH Community Resource seminar listed the Township General Assistance Fund as a resource to help more people and how much they appreciate this assistance

Arlene Hosea attended the Illinois Township Boot Camp

ASSESSOR REPORT by Rob Cranston

Board of Reviews finished. There were 160 Appeals and approximately 24 hearings. 2015 Student Apartment Evaluations is continuing and once settled Rob will have to respond to the decision and how it affects other apartments

CLERK REPORT by Amy Conklin Nothing to report

ROAD COMMISSIONER REPORT by Arin Rader

Currently hole patching roads and ready to haul salt. Attended the Township Bootcamp- reviewed guidelines on purchasing property- he would like the selling and purchasing of property to be on the Annual Meeting Agenda for approval. Attended the Ameren IP informational meeting on the White Oak and Hershey Substations which is a 4-5 year project

SENIORS PROGRAM

Bob Stefl- Spoke to the new members on the Township Board about the history of the responsibilities and accomplishments of the ARC Advisory Board especially before and during the renovation of the new ARC facility. He stated that with the new growth of the ARC, an Advisory meeting needs to be conducted every month, not every quarter. He asked for formalization and it will be granted. He stated that after reviewing written interest from candidates for the ARC advisory committee, he would like more time for consideration in recommending candidates to the Supervisor and trustees. An extension is granted.

Ray Ropp extended appreciation to the ARC Advisory members for all they have done and continue to do

GENERAL ASSISTANCE REPORT by Supervisor Sarah Grammer

October 2017 GA

52 clients- 6 new 46 repeat for \$12,840.92

October 2016 GA

30 clients- 1 new 29 repeat for \$6,929.27

October 2017 EA

24 clients for \$14,019.11

October 2016 EA

18 clients for \$5,423.40

SUPERVISOR REPORT by Sarah Grammer

Officials Meeting tonight at 6:30pm at Dale Township- Arlene and Sally are planning on attending

Mindy needs another chaperone for the bus trip to East Peoria's Festival of Lights on December 5th

There will be a Trivia fundraiser for and at the ARC on March 9th

No Closed Session

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ray Miller- ARC Living Memorial Fund representative gave written documentation of the duties of the Contributions and Purchase Request guidelines for this fund. He would like the trustees to approve these guidelines on a vote at the December board meeting.

As of October 24th, he has been waiting for a list of prospective Board Members for the ARC Living Memorial Fund from Sarah Grammer, Mindy Morgan and Sally Pyne.

Alan McDowell made comment about the upcoming Brandt discussion and vote and said the agreement should have Clawback

Uday Deoskar congratulated the Township on the ARC and stated his appreciation of how the facility and programming has really helped Seniors well-being

Dennis Bourgerie said the ARC Dance on November 9th was very well attended and would like the ARC to host a dance every 3 months

Jim Woodward represents an investment group and stated how having Brandt Industries located in this community could help attract a medical supply manufacturing company. Renovating a current facility and providing career - oriented positions would be very beneficial to this community

OLD BUSINESS

Ray Ropp made the motion to approve the revised 2018 ARC Staff Holiday Schedule which includes 9 holidays and 1 floating holiday while weather closings will follow Unit 5 decision. Sally Pyne seconded and was approved

There was discussion on the instructor pay schedule and liability insurance. ARC membership fee will possibly increase so that the additional operating expenses of the ARC will be covered and there will also have to be a cut in costs. The reserved fund has been used to cover additional costs

NEW BUSINESS

Sally Pyne reviewed line items of Senior Citizen Fund where the salaries total was \$140,000 and should be \$150,000. This will be corrected.

Ray Ropp made the motion to approve the General Town 2017 Levy of \$1,971,698.00 and Sally Pyne seconded

Roll Call Vote

Sally Pyne	Yes
Arlene Hosea	Yes
Samantha Quigle	Yes
Ray Ropp	Yes
Sarah Grammer	Yes

All in favor and was approved

Sally Pyne made the motion to approve the Road and Bridge 2017 Levy of \$786,800.00 and Arlene Hosea seconded

Roll Call Vote

Sally Pyne	Yes
Arlene Hosea	Yes
Samantha Quigle	Yes
Ray Ropp	Yes
Sarah Grammer	Yes

All in favor and was approved

Sally Pyne made the motion to wait until December to vote on appointments for the ARC Senior Advisory Committee and Ray Ropp seconded and was approved

DISCUSSION POINTS ON BRANDT INDUSTRIES USA LTD Project Development Agreement on November 16, 2017

Mike O'Grady and Kyle Hamm from Economic Development Council
William Wasson from McLean County Administration
Don Knapp from Illinois State's Attorney Office
John Redlingshafer from Heyl Royster

Brandt is an Agriculture design-engineering and manufacturing company

Will be providing a higher payroll which is for career oriented positions and 401K contributions

Brandt is looking for their first USA manufacturing location – McLean County, Iowa and Ohio

Largest John Deere Dealership

Employees are treated very well- Thanks a Billion program acknowledges/rewards employees for reaching \$1 Billion Annual Revenue

11 out of 2000 employees have made a complaint

Projected employees: beginning with 150 and growing to 300 in short period

This Agreement will have Benchmarks for Brandt to reach/maintain to make the company accountable while receiving the abatement

This deal could be closed by December 15, 2017

Dr. Daniels of Unit Five School District signed off on this agreement

McLean County has lost 1,200 students

There are 5,000 less jobs in past 10 years as State Farm is currently

eliminating several thousand of positions in Bloomington/Normal

This agreement with this type of company will be positive for this community- if jobs are not brought back, this community will continue to decline

Ray Ropp was ready to vote in favor of this agreement. Supervisor and other Board members were concerned about the lack of time to review information, no information on the different pay-rates and percentages and with this agreement that there are no consequences if this business leaves community

Board would like to have more time and vote next week

(Arin Rader disclosed that his property is attached to the Agreement property)

Sally Pyne made the motion to have a special meeting on Wednesday November 22nd at 8:00AM and Arlene seconded and was approved

NEXT AGENDA

Arlene Hosea would like to discuss a possible retreat in April 2018

Meeting was adjourned at 10:07AM

Normal Township Clerk- Amy Conklin

Date