

NORMAL TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2015
8:23 AM
ARC BUILDING
610 WILLOW
NORMAL, IL

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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 Assistant Molly Camper. Michael Buragas from Farnsworth Group. Scott Browning and Don Williams from Tarter Construction. Alan McDowell and Gene Gudeman from Senior Advisory board. Joe Blaney, Dr. Beck, Kelly Pyle and Heidi Verticchio from Illinois State University College of Arts and Science Communication and Hearing Department.

Rick Phillips moved to accept the minutes of the October 15, 2015 monthly board meeting. Ray Ropp seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mel Schultz moved for approval of the bills for the month of November 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: \$666,274.27 (\$619,305.74 to Tarter
Construction)
GENERAL ASSISTANCE: \$12,830.40
SENIOR CITIZEN ACCOUNT: \$18,047.65
ROAD AND BRIDGE ACCOUNT: \$3,246.82

Rick Phillips seconded the motion and the motion carried.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE REPORT by Supervisor Rich Farr: There were 78 appointments with 60 clients compared to September's 86 appointments with 67 clients. Our October GA expenditure for 38 clients was \$9,600.19. September was 38 clients at \$9,500.00. Emergency Assistance was 18 clients at \$5,025.23. The September EA was 22 clients at \$6,312.21. One year ago the October numbers were

38 clients at \$9,418.73 and EA was 19 clients at \$6,525.00. So far, November has been as active as October. LIHEAP is up and running for everyone now. Ameren has been shutting off service.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Rob Cranston informed the Board that the Board of Review will be December 1-3, 2015. The Attorneys representing the apartments are comfortable with the increase. Home Depot and Menards have appealed and their arguments are being listened to. The Assessment office are in the process of having their work stations replaced.

CLERK REPORT: Amy Conklin had no report.

ROAD COMMISSIONER REPORT: Arin Rader reported that they have been working on the shoulders. Arin has found a tool that would help with packing the ground while doing shoulder work. He is also looking for a used plow truck and tractor.

SENIOR CITIZEN DIRECTOR REPORT: Jennifer Engelman informed the Board that Ed Burton will be instructing a watercolor class. There will be two bus trips to the Festival of Lights in East Peoria. The Christmas party will be December 10 and is full at 168 members. December 18 they will be showing the movie, White Christmas along with a luncheon.

SUPERVISOR REPORT by Rich Farr:

Tonight is the Township Officials meeting of McLean County which will be at Dale Township with the CEO of the Economic Development Council.

January 9th will be the McLean and Livingston County Elected Officials Annual Breakfast. This year it will be at Baby Bulls in Pontiac.

The Senior Center has found a gentleman to run the Pickleball program at the new center. They have also hired a part-time maintenance man. Connie has been hired as a full-time receptionist. The computer lady will hold more classes at the new center.

CLOSED MEETING: No

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No comments

OLD BUSINESS: Michael Buragas of Farnsworth informed the board about the change order #11 which has new pricing. It includes Proposal Requests:

#41 Aisle and handrail added in lecture room

#44 South entry curb

#47 Ceiling in Elevator Mechanical

#48 Delete window by room 133-2

#49 Add electrical outlet room 118

#50 Duct enclosure in women's 119

- #51 Stair corridor, redesigned for code after demolition.
- #52 Door frame structure- reconstructed after demolition of exterior wall not previously constructed the correct way.
- #53 Moving louvres 3'
- #54 Add TV and Power outlet in room 107
- #55 Add lights in multi-purpose room
- #56 Add interior window in health services
- #57 Constructing access panels/columns around plumbing in Gym
- #59 Cut and pour shower floors

Mel Schultz made the motion to approve all proposals except #56 and Randy Schaab seconded and motion was approved

The Advisory Board recommended pricing on residential and non-residential membership. There was discussion on the pricing and how Bloomington City Manager needs to be interested in merging with Normal.

Mel Schultz made the motion to table the vote on membership fees for a later date and Randy Schaab seconded and it was approved

NEW BUSINESS

Scott Browning of Tarter Construction, project manager, has informed Board that the new finish date for Center will be the end of January, 2016. This would be over 2 months from original date. He stated that the exterior canopies have already taken 2 months in design/engineered/fabrication etc.

Exterior painting is all done. Heat will be turned on so there will be no problems with drywall and painting. Tarter has 90% of all finished products in possession to install when ready.

The Board is concerned about the new extended finish time. Tarter group will meet and get all details in order and will get back to Board on a more realistic date. It was decided for Tarter and Rich to meet every 2 weeks and make sure everything is going as scheduled. Rich will update the Board during the month. Tarter is to check with the Town of Normal if the canopies need to be finished before occupancy.

Randy Schaab made the motion to approve 2015 GT Levy for 2016 receipts of \$1,869,000.00. It was seconded by Rick Phillips and it was approved

Mel Schultz made the motion to approve 2015 R&B Levy for 2016 receipts of \$785,000.00. It was seconded by Randy Schaab and it was approved

Illinois State University College of Arts and Science Communication department spoke about using space in the new Center so that they can reach the Normal community more conveniently for their hearing needs.

Not for profit, State agency: any profit goes back into equipment and salaries
Use space 1 day/week unless needed more
All Doctoral level students performing testing
ISU will pay to move equipment and improve work space
Audio booth is 8 x 8 in sections weighing 3000 lbs
Most insurance covers testing/aids (\$100 and highest priced aid is approx.
\$2800.00
Provides testing to Medicaid clients and in process of being a Medicare
Provider

Rick Phillips made motion to keep in discussion with the department for more information and Mel Schultz seconded the motion. It was approved

The Board will continue discussion with Faith in Action for space in new Center

The Board will wait on further discussion on renting space to Very Caring Professionals home health care

Randy Schaab made motion to adjourn meeting and Rick Phillips seconded and meeting ended at 11:09am

Clerk

Date