

NORMAL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
NORMAL TOWNSHIP HALL
DECEMBER 18, 2014
8:23 AM

Board Members Present: Richard Phillips, Mel Schultz and Supervisor Richard Farr
Board Members Absent: Randy Schaab
Elected Officials Present: Rob Cranston, Assessor and Amy Conklin, Clerk
Elected Officials Absent: Arin Rader, Highway Commissioner
Others Present: Jennifer Engelman, Senior Center Director, Dave Burnison and Michael Buragas from Farnsworth Group, Alan McDowell, Ray Miller and Gene Gudeman all members of the Senior Advisory Committee

Rick Phillips moved to accept the minutes of the November 20, 2014 monthly board meeting. Mel Schultz seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mel Schultz moved for approval of the bills for the month of December, end of quarter. The bills for the four accounts with payroll amounts being included in the last three of the accounts are as follows:

General Town: \$12,001.34
General Assistance: 23,637.38
Senior Citizens: \$22,147.68
Road and Bridge: \$7,474.50

Rick Phillips seconded the motion and the motion carried.

In November there were 69 appointments with 56 clients. In October there had been 96 appointments with 69 clients. The expenditures for November's GA clients of 33 was \$7,169.90. The November EA dropped to 16 clients at \$4678.54 compared to October EA of 19 clients at \$6,525.00. November 2013 numbers were 39 GA at \$9,750.00 and 5 EA at \$1305.75. So, far there have been no shut offs.

Rob Cranston, Assessor, reported that the Board of Reviews have been completed. They will start visiting any building under construction to photo and review on January 1st, 2015.

Amy Conklin, Clerk, had no report.

Arin Rader, Highway Commissioner, not in attendance, is attending a Highway Commissioner meeting regarding Spring Truck Weights.

Jennifer Engelman, Senior Center Director, reported that the Christmas Program was well attended with 198. Programs offered in January are cut back due to the winter weather. However, all Bingos have been sponsored and a Line Dance class has been added, which is the second one. A Lynn Baldwin Water Color class is being offered and an Advocate Bromenn representative will be offering a Brain Health class.

Rich Farr, Township Supervisor, attended an educational meeting with Heyl Royster regarding all the changes and requirements for government websites with Digital Information.

There were no Public Comments
Old Business:

Senior Center Renovation

Dave Burnison and Michael Buragas of Farnsworth informed the board that The Cost Break Downs of all the Bids from the bidding Contractors were due on Wednesday, December 16th, by 4pm. Only 2 of the 6 Contractors submitted them. They also said that Square Foot price of exposed soil should be priced around \$64 and Tarter was more than double the price. The board asked questions about the Contractors. Farnsworth has had a challenging experience with one of Tarter's project managers and if the Township accepts Tarter's bid, a different project manager can be requested in the contract. Tarter is the lowest bid and if they are not selected they could possibly become offensive. Farnsworth has had experience with all contractors and they are most confident with PJ Hoerr, CORE, and Vissering. They do the best with staying with in contract budget.

Rich Farr informed Farnsworth that Bill Rustmeier will be the Township Representative for the day to day management of the Senior Center Renovation. He has had many years in construction and most currently retired from State Farm Insurance. He worked in the construction/design of SF buildings/interiors for the past 25 years. Dave suggested that Bill attend the Farnsworth and Contractor Interview on December 29th. Rich will notify Bill on interview.

Rich also stated that Bill should receive a Township email address for this position.

There was discussion on what contractors should be interviewed by Farnsworth. They will be: Tarter, Vissering, Core, Peoria Metro, and PJ Hoerr.

Alan McDowell asked if there is contingency. Farr said there will not be one if all Alternatives are selected. McDowell also said that the Grants have not been written, but there are about a few hundred thousand dollars of them to apply for. Heartland Bank and Farnsworth are working on them.

New Business:

Motion was made by Mel Schultz to approve the 2015 Holiday Closing schedule. Rick Phillips seconded the motion and Holiday Schedule was approved.

Motion by Rick Phillips to approve ordinance resolution NO. NT-102-14 requested by Morton Community Bank stating that we re a tax exempt entity. Seconded by Mel Schultz. (Mel reminded Board that his son works at Morton Community Bank)

Roll call vote: Rick- yes, Mel- yes, and Rich- yes.

Approved vote

Motion to adjourn meeting by Rick Phillips and seconded by Mel Schultz at 9:57 am.

Clerk

Date