

NORMAL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
NORMAL TOWNSHIP HALL
JANUARY 15, 2015

8:18 am

Board Members Present: Ray Ropp, Richard Phillips, Mel Schultz and Supervisor Richard Farr

Board Members Absent: None

Elected Officials Present: Arin Rader, Highway Commissioner and Amy Conklin, Clerk

Elected Officials Absent: Rob Cranston, Assessor

Others Present: Molly Camper, Senior Center Assistant, Michael Buragas from Farnsworth Group, Gene Gudeman member of the Senior Advisory Committee

Ray Ropp moved to accept the minutes of the December 18, 2014 monthly board meeting.

///Rich Phillips seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Rick Phillips moved to accept the minutes of the December 31, 2014 special meeting to select building contract for the renovation of Beech Street property. Ray Ropp seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Rich Phillips moved for approval of the bills for the month of January, 2015. The bills for the four accounts with payroll amounts being included in the last three of the accounts are as follows:

General Town: \$8311.44
General Assistance: \$9395.87
Senior Citizens: \$10,982.08
Road and Bridge: \$10,313.19

Randy Schaab seconded the motion and the motion carried.

General Assistance Report by Supervisor Rich Farr:

In December there were 78 appointments with 64 clients. In November there had been 69 appointments with 56 clients. The expenditures for December's GA clients of 42 was \$9955.60. The December EA dropped to 14 clients at \$4823.21 compared to November EA of 16 clients at \$4678.54. December 2013 numbers were 36 GA at \$9,000.00 and 15 EA at \$4421.08. There have been new residents coming in for GA. In comparison to 2013 numbers, General Assistance has dropped and Emergency Assistance has increased.

Rob Cranston, Assessor, was not present to report.

Amy Conklin, Clerk, had no report.

Arin Rader, Highway Commissioner, has been plowing drifting snow and putting salt down so far. Regarding the Annual Report, they did not change the fuel tax. Possible Tar/Chip North-town curve into Airport Road.

Molly Camper, Senior Center Assistant Director, reported that all Bingos have been sponsored for the month. There will be a Poker, Pinochle and Euchre Tourney. Lynn Baldwin will present a water color class and the Tax Program will be on Fridays. Ray Ropp brought up that he has spoken with a citizen and they wanted the Senior Center to remain open when Unit 5 has closed due to weather. Michael Buragas wondered if they didn't follow Unit 5, who would make the call.

Molly said that they review this issue every year and will review again in 2015. The board would like to discuss this issue in 2015 before the decision is made.

Rich Farr, Township Supervisor, stated that the Budget Workshop will be in February after monthly Board meeting. The quarterly Cash report states that the money in the account must last for 3 more months: \$3,674,288.00.

There were no Public Comments

Old Business:

Senior Center Renovation

Michael Buragas of Farnsworth showed the board the drawings of the revised exterior colors: Charcoal Grey, dark, protruding metal band around building
Crushed Ice, light grey-taupe, main exterior color
Fashion Grey, cool medium grey, around windows
Colonial Red, deep brick color, entrance Facade and Canopy
Changes: in paint could be a different cost, eliminated a few windows, added band around whole building and colors around the windows could cost more.

Rich is to determine how to do change orders with approval of board members. Don't need a two day notice for Emergency Meetings.

Tarter's Alternate 7 bid has been revised to \$28,100. Michael said that the letter from Tarter stating that the difference of \$19,900 is eliminated and not a credit which the letter stated. Alternative 7 is still well above the other Contractor's bids. Michael stated that Tarter refused to discuss the details of Alternate 7. Michael suggested that we don't have to accept Alt 7 in the contract and can do a change order after contract is signed and work begins.

Rick Phillips moved to not accept Alternative 4 nor Alternative 7 in the Tarter contract. Mel Schultz seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mel, yes Ray, yes Randy, yes Rick, yes Rich, yes
Approved unanimously.

New Business:

Rick Phillips moved to approve Recommended Budget changes of transfers between line items per resolution. Randy Schaab seconded. Motion approved

There have been more people in GA requesting gas for their autos.
Home Relief cost is to City of Bloomington.

It is approved that Supervisor Rich Farr and Clerk Amy Conklin can sign the contract for Tarter Construction.

Pay Request to Farnsworth: 1st Monday of each month a % of contract price of each area, Farnsworth has 1 week, goes to Rich and approved by board.

Mel Schultz asked if Sub-Contractors should give Release of Lien to Tarter when paid.

Michael will check to see if this is needed.

Randy Schaab made motion to adjourn meeting and Rick Phillips seconded with meeting ending at 9:44 am.

Clerk

Date