

NORMAL TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015
8:21 AM
NORMAL TOWNSHIP HALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Rich Farr, Supervisor, Randy Schaab, Mel Schultz

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Rick Phillips and Ray Ropp

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Buragrass from Farnsworth Group

Rob Cranston read April's minutes and wanted more clarification regarding the roads that will be worked on. Amy Conklin will include the names of the roads; Northtown, Ziebarth and Airport, before posting meeting minutes.

Randy Schaab moved to accept the minutes of the April 16, 2015 monthly board meeting. Mel Schultz seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mel Schultz moved for approval of the bills for the month of May 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: \$330,376.98 (\$303,000.00 to Tarter
Construction)
GENERAL ASSISTANCE: \$5,676.28
SENIOR CITIZEN ACCOUNT: \$11,895.93
ROAD AND BRIDGE ACCOUNT: \$11,710.31

Randy Schaab seconded the motion and the motion carried.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE REPORT by Supervisor Rich Farr: There were 59 appointments with 40 clients compared to March's 56 appointments with 40 clients. Our April GA expenditure for 27 clients was \$7,120.00. March's was 30 clients at \$7,500.00. Emergency Assistance went up to 10 clients at \$2,167.61. March EA was 4 clients at \$1,336.00. One year ago the April numbers were 40 clients at \$9,945.00 and EA was 17 clients at \$5,018.84. May is seeing more shutoffs and more GA clients who have lost their jobs. The EA rent requests have also increased.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Rob Cranston informed us that the price levels are recovering countywide. This is a quad lateral year so neighborhoods will be looked at if they are high or low. Apartments will also be covered this year. Condo price levels are going down. The assessor office also had their computer software updated.

CLERK REPORT: Amy Conklin reported that she and Rich Farr will be attending the TOI Education conference on May 21 in Bloomington.

ROAD COMMISSIONER REPORT: Arin Rader reported that Bennett Construction will start the overlay next week. Ace in the Hole will spray gravel and tar to level spots in road before Seal Coat.

SENIOR CITIZEN DIRECTOR REPORT: Rich Farr informed the board that Jennifer and Molly will be visiting the Joliet Town Center to see the senior programs. Great Display is figuring out what signage will be used in the interior of Senior Center. The Advisory Board has been discussing the future operation hours of the Center. The Center has hired an ISU Marketing graduate as an intern to work on the Website and the marketing of the new Center. There will be a trip to the Latidah Tea Room on May 21 and 28. They are planning for a July cookout. Mel Schultz asked if Bloomington is still interested in joining our Center program. They are still interested.

SUPERVISOR REPORT by Rich Farr: Streigel, Knobloch and Co. Auditors finished the Audit on May 13 and will be presenting it to the Board at the July Board Meeting. They proposed an IMRF rate for 2016 at 9.59%. The 2015 rate has been 9.94%.

The Catastrophic Insurance Premium increased to \$2360.00. This is after paying \$25,000.00 deductible for GA clients.

Rich has opened an ICS Sweep Account at Morton Community Bank. It acts as a checking account with the money in a Money Market.

The MCEO meeting will be at White Oak on May 28. Rich and Randy Schaab will be attending.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No comments

OLD BUSINESS: Michael Buragrass of Farnsworth informed us that the steel company who is doing the helical piers still had questions as of yesterday.

Change order #3 for \$10,439.00 includes rerouting the neumatic control tubes (\$5,400) and demolition of a 3 inch gas pipe (\$5,000)

Randy Schaab made the motion to accept Change Order #3 of \$10,439 and Mel Schultz seconded. Motion was approved.

As of now, to raise a 3" sprinkler pipe over the South Hall, will cost \$9000. However, Farnsworth is working on reducing this cost with Tarter.

The new issue with construction is the replacement of the main electrical panel. After it was tested, it was determined that it should be replaced during renovation instead of waiting until it completely fails when the Center is in operation. The approximate cost will be \$50,000.00. All agreed that it should be replaced during renovation.

There are a couple of lien waivers with the incorrect amounts. Rich will release them when the amounts are corrected.

Michael has informed Tarter about the wood flooring sitting outside and Tarter showed no concern regarding this matter. Flooring is still outside.

Wall studs are up and exposed and work is a little behind schedule.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mel Schultz made the motion to Adopt Prevailing Wage Ordinance for 2015 and Randy Schaab seconded the motion and was approved.

Randy Schaab made motion to adjourn the meeting and Mel Schultz seconded and was approved at 9:39 am.

Clerk

Date