

NORMAL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
NORMAL TOWNSHIP BUILDING
304 EAST MULBERRY
DECEMBER 15, 2016
8:20 AM

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Highway Commissioner Arin Rader and Township Clerk Amy Conklin

ELECTED OFFICIAL ABSENT: Assessor Rob Cranston

OTHERS PRESENT: Senior Director Jennifer Engelman, ARC Maintenance Tom Lentz, Ray Miller, Sarah Grammer and Jodie Slothower

Mel Schultz motioned for approval of November 17, 2016 Board Meeting minutes and Ray Ropp seconded and was approved

GENERAL TOWN: \$11,560.35
GENERAL ASSISTANCE: \$16,971.51
SENIOR CITIZEN: \$35,923.78
ROAD AND BRIDGE: \$26,498.70

Mel Schultz made the motion to approve the December 2016 bills and Ray Ropp seconded and was approved

GENERAL ASSISTANCE REPORT by Supervisor Rich Farr:

November appointments were 77 with 60 clients- October was 96 with 76
November GA: 28 clients for \$6,788.53- October was 30 at \$6,929.27
November EA: 14 clients for \$3,855.64- October was 18 at \$5,423.40
2015 November GA: 30 clients for \$7,410.50 and EA at 18 clients- \$5,129.17
December has had many new GA clients

ASSESSOR REPORT (in written form by Assessor Rob Cranston):

The Board of Review will finish the appeals on December 19th
They will be added to system in mid- January 2017
2015 PTAB process is continuing and appraisals have been ordered for some of the Young America parcels
Young America attorney has sent letters to Unit 5 if interested in negotiating
Cranston had a conference call with Unit 5 and their attorney on December 9

ROAD COMMISSIONER REPORT by Arin Rader:

Zeibarth Road cracks have all been filled

Trucks are now loaded with salt and have used a couple times

SENIOR CITIZEN REPORT by Jennifer Engleman:

There are now 2977 ARC members (Normal 1522 and Bloomington 1151)

Ray Miller stated that there has been 35,000 in activity attendance during the first 3 quarters

Ray will compile information to approach City of Bloomington to financially give to the ARC as they have for the first year with \$40,000

There are many Christmas and retirement parties planned

Three bus trips to Festival of Lights in East Peoria

Friends of ARC: new group for new residents

Billards class if very popular

Seniors will continue to tutor youth

Hospice Care: discussion of Myths and Truths

Another day added for Healing Touch

Regular Yoga class added on Saturday

Dance class followed by a Dance

Hoola Hoop dance class added

Brick Campaign for ARC entrance will begin with named brick for \$100

Ray Miller spoke of great appreciation for retiring Jennifer Engelman's service

SUPERVISOR REPORT by Rich Farr:

Elected Officials Annual Breakfast Meeting on January 7th at 8:30am

Snack sign up for 2017 meeting

Mindy Morgan will replace Jennifer Engelman. Her career has been involved with many aspects of Senior Citizens and with management

There was a retirement party for Senior Advisory Board Member, Don

Swanlund. The conference room will be named in honor for him. Ray Miller will temporarily take his seat

No Closed Meeting necessary

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sarah Grammer is on Normal Public Library Board and is running for Normal Township Supervisor

Jodie Slothower introduced herself as she is running for Normal Township Clerk

OLD BUSINESS

There was discussion on the ARC parking lot safety and security. There have been some break-ins/damage to parked vehicles

Tom Lentz, Director of ARC Maintenance spoke about the bids received for security cameras. There will be 9 interior and 9 exterior infrared Cameras with 45 HD DVD recording: Thompson Electronics- \$14,510 Rock Star- \$21,000 FE Moran- \$22,495

Ray Ropp made the motion to accept Thompson Electronics bid at \$14,510 and Mel Schultz seconded and was approved

NEW BUSINESS

Ray Ropp made the motion for Assessor Rob Cranston to transfer \$500.00 from the Miscellaneous Charge line to the Commodities line for the printer and Rick Phillips seconded and was approved

Mel Schultz made the motion to approve the 2017 Holiday closing schedule for the Township, excluding the ARC, and was seconded by Rick Phillips and was approved

Rick Phillips motioned for the ARC to have New Years, Memorial, July 4th, Labor, Thanksgiving and Christmas days closed. Randy Schaab seconded and was approved

There was discussion on overlaying Northeast parking lot area at ARC. Drainage is needed. Location of bus garage should be on far east side of parking lot. Will get bids for a spring project.

Motion made by Ray Ropp to appoint Carol Plotkin to replace Don Swanlund immediately on the Senior Advisory Committee with her term ending March 31, 2017. Rick Phillips seconded and was approved

Ray Ropp motioned for the meeting to adjourn and Randy Schaab seconded and was approved at 10:05am

Normal Township Clerk- Amy Conklin

Date

