

NORMAL TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING  
NORMAL TOWNSHIP HALL  
FEBRUARY 19, 2015  
8:20 AM

Board Members Present: Ray Ropp, Richard Phillips, Randy Schaab and Supervisor Rich Farr  
Board Members Absent: Mel Schultz  
Elected Officials Present: Highway Commissioner Arin Rader and Clerk Amy Conklin  
Elected Officials Absent: Assessor Rob Cranston  
Others Present: Senior Center Director Jennifer Engelman

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

Randy Schaab moved for approval of the bills for the month of February 2015. The bills for the four accounts with payroll amounts being included in the last three of the accounts are as follows:

General Town: \$1,114.48  
General Assistance: \$10,072.36  
Senior Citizen: \$13,468.99  
Road and Bridge: \$3,962.54

Ray Ropp seconded the motion and the motion carried.

General Assistance Report by Supervisor Rich Farr:

In January 2015, there were 87 appointments with 66 clients compared to December 2014 of 78 appointments with 64 clients. January's expenditures of \$9,713.22 were for 40 clients compared to December's of \$9,955.60 for 42 clients.

January's Emergency Assistance of \$4,876.38 was for 14 clients compared to December's of \$4,823.21 for 14 clients.

One year ago GA was 44 clients at \$11,000.00 and the EA was 16 clients at \$4,816.65.

February has started off slow but will most likely get busier. There have been new GA clients who have been showing a willingness to work.

Assessor Report: Rob Cranston was not present.

Clerk Report: Amy Conklin reminded the Board to mail in their yearly Statement of Economic Interests to McLean County Clerk, Kathy Michael by May 1st. Statements may have been mailed or emailed to Board Members and Elected Officials.

Road Commissioner Report by Arin Rader:

Met with Eric Schmitt and decided for the the Motor Fuel Tax money to go to Tar and Chip Northtown Road to Ziebarth. In 2017, the bridge on CR2000 that is part Normal T'ship and Hudson's will be worked on. Our responsibility is 10%.

Northtown Road has 3 culverts which are settling more than usual and will start replacing this year and will be finished in a couple of years. There are some areas crumbling at intersection and drainage will be worked on this year.

Senior Citizen Director Report: Jennifer informed us of the sudden death of Bonnie Cox who has been a part time receptionist at the Senior Center. A sign in her memory will be placed in

the new Senior Center's Cafe' which will also be named in her honor. Her service will be February 28th at 1pm.

There will be 5 Bingos. Vita Tax service is full until March. An Illinois Wesleyan student will be teaching a Face Book class on March 19, the Communication Sciences and Disorders Department at Illinois State University has developed a Senior Screening System program in which they will screen hearing on March 20 and Walgreens will provide the new pneumonia vaccine free on March 19. Artist, Mary Strange Blossom will teach an Acrylic Masters Series on March 9th.

Supervisor Report: Rich Farr reminded Board members that the Budget Workshop will be immediately after this Board Meeting and the Annual Meeting will be held April 14 at 7:00 pm at the Normal Township Hall. The Elected Officials Meeting will be at the VFW in Bloomington, March 26th at 6:30pm: Rich, Rick, Randy, Ray and Amy will be attending. The IRMF 2014 earnings are 5.57% which is \$2.3 billion. Last year's was 20% at \$5.5 billion. The 2015 Emergency Assistance Income Limits are at 75% of poverty.

There was no public comments.

Old Business:

Report on Senior Center Renovation: Demolition crews are all in Center. Majority of electrical has been removed. The basketball court has been cut in pieces to take since it is heavy. There have been cost over runs for supporting the water pipes which have to be moved and wall support has been removed. Fire extension valve is rusted on and is an extra cost to be removed/replaced. There has been a local union issue of employment of a Missouri crew. Farnsworth is still working on getting Building Permit because the City of Normal wants the Center to have a full kitchen which would incur many extra costs and permits

The Senior Advisory Committee met and decided on a name for the new Center. Rick Phillips made a motion to approve the name, Activity and Recreation Center (or ARC) and Randy Schaab seconded.

Logo designs for the Center were presented.

The weather cancellation system for the Center will continue to use Unit 5 School System. There are 2 openings on the Senior Advisory Committee. Adding Bloomington to the Normal Township Senior Center still needs to be decided on.

New Business:

Business to discuss for Annual Meeting:

Do we need to transfer \$350,000 from General Town to Senior Fund?

Need authorization to sell Normal Township Building?

Need to open a cash account at Morton Bank with the monies coming in March?

Motion by Ray Ropp to approve our contract for the annual audit by Streigel, Knoblock & Co. for a fee of \$6,000. Second by Randy Schaab.

Rich Phillips suggested that Supervisor Rich Farr should collect the lien waivers instead of hiring Frontier Title. Also, need to get confirmed subcontractors list from Tarter Construction.

Ray Ropp motioned to adjourn to budget work session and Rick Phillips seconded at 9:34.

Returned from Budget work session and Ray Ropp motioned to adjourn the board meeting and Randy Schaab seconded at 10:15am.

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Clerk

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Date