

NORMAL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
NORMAL TOWNSHIP BUILDING
304 EAST MULBERRY
JANUARY 19, 2017
8:15 AM

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

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OTHERS PRESENT: Senior Citizen Director Mindy Morgan, Assistant Senior Citizen Director Molly Camper, ARC Maintenance Tom Lentz, Senior Advisor Board Member Ray Miller, Cheryl Gaines and Sarah Grammer

Ray Ropp made a motion to approve December 15, 2016 Board Minutes and Randy Schaab seconded and was approved

GENERAL TOWN: \$415,062.84
GENERAL ASSISTANCE: \$8,358.58
SENIOR CITIZEN: \$30,017.92
ROAD AND BRIDGE: \$20,912.39

Rick Phillips made the motion to approve the bills for January and was seconded by Mel Schultz and was approved

GENERAL ASSISTANCE REPORT by Supervisor Rich Farr:

December appointments were 100 with 68 clients- November 77 with 60
December GA: 31 clients for \$8,642.40- November was 28 at \$6,788.53
December EA: 14 clients for \$4,602.00- November was 14 at \$3,855.64
2015 December GA: 33 clients at \$8,155.19 and EA at 17 for \$5,540.76
Many past GA clients have returned due to Christmas jobs ending and
Some with cut hours
Board reviewed calendar year 2016 vs 2015 GA/EA reports

ASSESSOR REPORT by Rob Cranston:

Presented the Final Report of 2016 Equalized Assessed Values and 2017/18
Proposed Budget
Final 2016 EAV Report states a \$30,333,356 increase from 2015
Residential Market Price is increasing

Proposed budget shows an increase of 2.91% which is the first increase since 2011/2012

Software upgrades are needed and increase in personnel

2015 Appeals of Student Apartments- 6 properties

2016 Appeals in February

Ray Ropp asked if the private student apartments are better for town's tax value compared to University owned apartments. Yes, they are.

Mel Schultz made the motion for \$250 from the Postage line item to be moved to the Maps and Publication line and Rick Phillips seconded and was approved

CLERK REPORT by Amy Conklin: Nothing to report

ROAD COMMISSIONER REPORT by Arin Rader:

The winter has been nice and mild

Some road signs had to be repaired due to wind damage

In March, money needs to be added to the Salt Budget for ARC

SENIOR CITIZEN REPORT by Molly Camper:

Total ARC membership is 3213- 50% Normal 40% Bloomington

Mindy Morgan introduced as the new ARC Director: Is very privileged to be in such a vibrant place

VITA – volunteer tax assistance offered on Fridays

Trivia night on February 24

Bus Trip planned for March and April

Ray Miller spoke of a member thanking him for the wonderful ARC which Has provided a place of socialization which has greatly improved the health of their spouse

SUPERVISOR REPORT by Rich Farr:

Budget Workshop will be immediately after next month's board meeting

Cash position for ARC garage and second floor could be \$181,703 or

\$281,703 depending on transfer from General Town Fund

Tom Lentz stated that the security camera installation for ARC began yesterday

Rich and Rick met with Deb Skilrud (Bloomington) to discuss combining Bloomington with Normal for ARC

Bloomington is doing a survey about this opportunity and should have a decision by December 2017

Rick ran numbers showing that Bloomington should be contributing \$90,000 per year for ARC participation. At the moment, Normal is subsidizing the whole community

Ray Miller stated that the Senior Advisory Board is also working on numbers for the future and also reviewing other ideas for the ARC's future

Another committee from Senior Advisory is researching credit card

service companies to use at the ARC

No Closed Meeting necessary

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sarah Grammer who is running for Township Supervisor thanked Rich and Rick for providing information about the duties of the Township

OLD BUSINESS

Tom Lentz spoke about an estimate that Morton Buildings provided for the ARC bus garage and storage

Need to post for bids

Ray Ropp made the motion to post for bids for a 2 bay garage and storage building That measures 48'x40' and 40'x40'. Rick Phillips seconded and was approved

NEW BUSINESS

Mel Schultz made the motion to approve the Budget Review transfer line items per Resolution of below 10% maximum and Ray Ropp seconded and was approved

Discussion of a fundraiser of named bricks for the East Wall of the South ARC entrance- Each brick would cost \$100

Ray Ropp made the motion to authorize the fundraising project for the Memorial Fund to use bricks on the East wall of the South entrance at the ARC. Randy Schaab Seconded and was approved

Rich wanted Mindy Morgan to have a new title for her position at ARC and the Board said for her to choose what she would like

Randy Schaab made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Ray Ropp seconded and the meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM

Normal Township Clerk- Amy Conklin

Date

