

NORMAL TOWNSHIP  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
NORMAL TOWNSHIP BUILDING  
304 EAST MULBERRY  
MAY 17, 2018  
8:15 AM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Sarah Grammer, Trustees Sally Pyne, Arlene Hosea, Dayna Schickedanz, and Ray Ropp

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

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OTHERS PRESENT: ARC Director of Operations Mindy Morgan, Derek Beigh of the Pantagraph. Citizens of Normal: Janet Guaderrama, Terry Wiebenga, Said Saliba, Logan Smith, Mike Matejka, Phil Smith, Dennis Bourgerie, Trevor Rickerd, Adam Heenan. Mayor of Normal Chris Koos, Councilman Jeff Fritzen, Normal City Manager Pam Reece, Finance Director Andrew Huhn, Town Attorney Brian Day, and Economic Development Director Sally Heffernan

Sally Pyne made the motion to approve the April 19, 2018 Board Meeting minutes and Arlene Hosea seconded and was approved

EXPENDITURES for April 19- May 17, 2018

General Assistance: \$11,527.55

General Town: \$60,198.69

Road and Bridge: \$258,608.93

Senior Citizen: \$38,762.44

General Town insurance is a one-time payment.

Sally Pyne made the motion to approve the Expenditures for April 19-May17, 2018 and Ray Ropp seconded and was approved

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT

Sally Pyne: Stated how important it is to let groups and organizations know about the importance of Township government especially when there is currently a bill on the floor to eliminate Township government

Attended McLean County Chamber meeting on how to get the most out of our membership-

Use these connections to expand the ARC donor base. Spoke with a representative from the Health Department in giving a free Breast Health program at the ARC. Unit 5 Pathways asked for community help with their student internship program- In the future, the Township could host an intern

Arlene Hosea: Helping with the planning of the Food Pantry at First United Methodist Church of Normal which will be a distribution for the Midwest Food Bank

ASSESSOR REPORT by Rob Cranston

Currently collecting photos of all properties. Values will be turned in to the County on September 1, 2018

CLERK REPORT by Amy Conklin- nothing to report

ROAD COMMISSIONER REPORT by Arin Rader

1425 East Road overlay is completed- unforeseen base issues cost an additional \$30,000. The overlay project was under-budgeted and with the additional work it became even. The IDOT quickly repaired the 2000N Bridge approach voids

SENIORS PROGRAM

Mindy Morgan stated that the newsletters that are mailed is down to 473 from 2200. There are on average, 850 visits per day. There are 195 members attending ARC on Saturdays compared to 100 last year. June 4<sup>th</sup> Public Opening of Lew Garrison's artwork

GENERAL ASSISTANCE REPORT by Sarah Grammer

In April, there were 83 appointments for 72 residents

April 2018 GA

52 clients for \$13,569.10

April 2017 GA

29 clients for \$7,169.12

April 2018 EA

9 clients for \$4,346.34

April 2017 EA

25 clients for \$5,944.80

(2 to prevent evictions and 7 for utility disconnections)

SUPERVISOR REPORT by Sarah Grammer

The next Workforce class is May 24 and June 26 with the Goodwill Career Services.

Community Health Care facility does not serve our assistance clients but do serve other Normal residents

June 1- ARC credit card machines will be available

SilverSneaker reimbursement for April is \$2,832.50

Grammer has been asked to serve on the McLean County Regional Planning Commission of the Regional Affordable and Supportive Housing Committee starting

June 18

Ameren Energy is auditing the HVAC at Township and ARC- there are new incentive programs

No Closed Session

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments of the Extension of time on the TIF District

Said Saliba- (owner of the Rock) Thanked the Town of Normal for the assistance of the TIF. His restaurant has greatly improved. 62 employees 3 years ago to 135 employees

Adam Heenan- previously a teacher in Chicago where they had many TIFs. They held up money for teachers, nurses, etc.

Dennis Bourgerie- suggested the Board to guard against the diminishing tax dollar. Some parties may benefit but many will pay for it.

Trevor Rickerd- stated that many positions at ISU did not receive pay increases to support the possibility of paying more in apartment/home rent

Mike Matejka- Supports the TIF to create, start and expand- don't deprive town of this tool

#### NEW BUSINESS

City Manager Pam Reece presented why the Town of Normal should extend the 23 year TIF to 35 years. Much information was given along with information given by Economic Development Director Sally Heffernan and Mayor Chris Koos. The Trustees felt there was more positive than negative, such as increased property taxes and fees outside the District. They want to see growth with the town's economy. Supervisor Sarah Grammer was concerned about the fact that commercial buildings can increase in property value which is beneficial, except when the apartment buildings that have increased in value have undermined the town assessor's valuation and fair legal process by not wanting to pay their fair tax increase. Also, the future surplus is completely speculative- there is no guarantee. She also had other concerns. The Board would also want to work along with the Town of Normal for all of our citizens.

Ray Ropp made the motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Extension of Tax Increment Financing for the Normal Downtown Renewal Redevelopment Project Area. Sally Pyne seconded and was moved to a roll call.

#### ROLL CALL

Sally Pyne	Aye
Arlene Hosea	Aye
Dayna Schickedanz	Aye
Ray Ropp	Aye
Supervisor Sarah Grammer	Nay

Approved Motion allows the Town of Normal to present this Agreement to Springfield for approval.

Discussion of FY 2019 grant applications and approval process is tabled until the June monthly board meeting

LLC Disclosure process and Community will be discussed at the June meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40AM

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Normal Township Clerk- Amy Conklin

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Date