

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Rich Farr, Randy Schaab, Rick Phillips, 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 Director Jennifer Engelman, Ray Miller, Jordan Goebig and Adam Rahn

Randy Schaab motioned for approval of September 15, 2016 Board Meeting minutes and Rick Phillips seconded and was approved

GENERAL TOWN: \$26,628.26
GENERAL ASSISTANCE: \$13,040.01
SENIOR CITIZEN: \$41,003.30
ROAD AND BRIDGE: \$3,212.46

Mel Schultz made the motion to approve the October 2016 bills and Rick Phillips seconded and was approved

GENERAL ASSISTANCE REPORT by Supervisor Rich Farr:

September appointments were 106 with 78 clients—August was 107 with 85
September GA: 33 clients for \$7,800.64—August: 38 for \$9,317.42
September EA: 19 clients for \$6,165.90—August: 26 for \$6,991.45
2015 September GA: 44 clients for \$11,000.00 and EA at 18 clients for \$4,320.00

ASSESSOR REPORT by Rob Cranston:

In the middle of Board of Reviews: Many phone calls being taken/made
Working on Appeals: 183 processed yesterday
Will not change assessed values due to a sale/purchase price of property
Apartments: Have not been notified for any more appeals
Supervisor of Assessments recognized that independent appraiser was not giving correct numbers on some of the apartment buildings

CLERK REPORT by Amy Conklin:

Reminded everyone to vote at the Presidential Election on November 8th

ROAD COMMISSIONER REPORT by Arin Rader:

Looking at a piece of equipment that would be connected to the backhoe to push snow in parking lot: approximate cost \$3,000-\$4,000

Will look into the FS land that could be for sale, which would be a good location for a future R&B shop

SENIOR PROGRAM REPORT by Jennifer Engelman:

Jennifer announced that she will be retiring in January 2017

ARC membership is now 2638, 65-69 years old is largest category, 52% is from Normal and mostly are females

This Saturday is the ARC 5K

There will be 19 different classes offered in November

Learn to sculpt with clay, Healing Touch class, Festival of Lights trip, presentation of Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare are some special activities for November

More than 2000 newsletters are mailed or handed out during a month, \$154 cost per month

SUPERVISOR REPORT by Rich Farr:

Asked who could attend the McLean County Elected Officials meeting/dinner at Dale Township on November 17. Robert Kahman will present Sales Ratios and the Multiplier. Rich, Mel, Ray and possible Rick will attend

There will only be departmental Christmas gatherings this year

Senior Director Jennifer Engelman will retire January 2017 and Rich is currently looking for a replacement for this position

ARC has brought in \$57,000 in membership fees, \$9000 for art classes, \$3,700 for exercise classes: \$107,5000 brought in since opening ARC

Discussion on future registration and proper forms to be signed by members and volunteers per TOIRMA

Peace Meals have increased since last year

Discussed the break down of the New Building Fund: remodeling of rooms 202/204

No closed meeting needed

No public comments

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of Day trips: an employee needs to be a chaperone on trips

Motion made by Ray Ropp to authorize purchase of a 2015 Starcraft shuttle bus at a price not to exceed \$80,000.00. Mel Schultz seconded and the motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Rick Phillips to authorize the purchase of three pieces of fitness equipment for the ARC at a cost not to exceed \$13,500.00. Mel Schultz seconded and the motion was approved.

** The Board was adjourned to Levy Work Session by Ray Ropp and seconded by Randy Schaab at 10:31 AM **

Motion made by Randy Schaab to return to Board Meeting and was seconded by Ray Ropp at 11:04 AM

Motion made by Ray Ropp to adjourn the board meeting. Seconded by Rick Phillips and was adjourned at 11:04 AM

Normal Township Clerk- Amy Conklin

Date