

## **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING NORMAL TOWNSHIP**

### **Meeting Minutes for**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Activity and Recreation Center (ARC)**

**600 E Willow, Normal, IL 61701**

The meeting was also made available for observation by non-voting community members via zoom.

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Trustee Arlene Hosea who stood in for Township Clerk Pat Turner who was out due to illness.
2. **Nomination of Moderator:** Trustee Arlene Hosea called for nominations for the meeting moderator.  
\_\_\_\_ nominated Mary Wurhman  
\_\_\_\_ seconded the nomination.  
The nomination was approved unanimously by hand vote.

### **3. Election and Swearing-in of Moderator**

Trustee Hosea swore in Mary Wurhman as Meeting Moderator with the Oath of Office.

### **4. Approval of Minutes of the April 13, 2021 Annual Meetings**

Moderator Wurhman called for Approval of the April 13<sup>th</sup> 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes.

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 13<sup>th</sup> 2021 Annual Town meeting was made by \_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_.

Minutes were approved unanimously by show of hands.

### **5. Approval of FY 2022 Financial Reports**

Motion to approve financial report for made by \_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_.

Motion unanimously approved by show of hands.

### **6. Reports by Township Officials**

#### **a. Assessor Rob Cranston-**

Township Assessor Rob Cranston shared about the duties of his position. He reported a change of approximately 10 million in assessed values along with a multiplier that added an additional 10 million for 2021, bringing the total assessed value to over a billion dollars for the first time. He noted that it is likely to be more of the same in the future based on the real estate market trends.

Assessor Cranston thanked the Board of Trustees, Supervisor Sarah Grammer, Road Commissioner Aring Rader, Township Clerk Pat Turner, Jill Schaab, and the entire staff of the Assessor's office for their commitment and service during the year.

b. Highway Commissioner Arin Rader

Highway Commissioner Arin Rader shared about the duties of his position. He reported that there was a short hard freeze this winter that resulted in quite a few pot-holes. He noted that the roads have generally held up well in spite of a few big snows (9-10in) and that the trucks were able to keep up with clearing the roads quickly. The biggest challenge was with blow-over afterwards as the winds kept up. Spring weight limits were set between Jan 18<sup>th</sup> and April 18<sup>th</sup> with the Sherriff's office providing patrol. Commissioner Rader noted that there were some challenges in enforcing the weight limits especially on the roads nearest to the Rivian plant. Rader additionally shared that micro-surfacing was done on 2 miles of Towanda Ave. and 5 ½ miles of seal coating was completed on less traveled roads. No major road projects are in the works, however, the new maintenance facility project is underway with construction expected to start later this year. Commissioner Rader thanked the Township Board, Pat Turner, Supervisor Grammer, Jill Schaab and Rob Cranston for all of their service.

c. Supervisor Sarah Grammer

Supervisor Sarah Grammer shared that her duties include overseeing the General Town Fund, the General Assistance Office that operates out of the Mulberry St. building and overseeing the budget and operations from a top view for the ARC. Supervisor Grammer celebrated the fact that the ARC completed a limited opening in May and officially re-opened in June following 14 months of closure due to the pandemic. She noted that though membership had dropped from about 4,500 members (pre-pandemic) to approximately the 1,800 members that the staff managed to keep in spite of closures. Current membership totals are at 2,700 and climbing.

Supervisor Grammer thanked the myriad of staff, volunteers and others who have done an amazing job including Molly Camper, Director of Programming, Elicsha Sanders, Member Services Manager, Sammi Scott, Communications Director, Preston Hill, Facilities Manager, Driver George Wilson and the entire customer service team. She offered a special acknowledgement of Rick Lewis who resigned from his position of Director of ARC operations after 3 years of service. She applauded his work in organizing vaccine clinics at the ARC during the Pandemic. She introduced the new ARC Director of Operations, Jess Ray who began his service on February 1<sup>st</sup> of this year.

Gammer shared furthermore that the Fiscal year ended with \$20,000 more in revenue than in expenses, a fact that she was proud to announce. She reported that the ARC has plans to return to 6 days of service early this summer and that the Greenspace Project that went to bid in the fall is underway and on schedule for a June 1<sup>st</sup> completion.

Regarding the G.A. office which processes general and emergency assistance for those in the community facing financial challenges such as evictions, utility disconnects or having difficulty finding employment; Supervisor Grammer reported seeing some of the lowest numbers in the recent five years that she has been in office. She attributed this in part to the availability of other covid-based relief funds.

Sarah presented ARC Director Jess Ray who shared details regarding progress may and projects underway at the ARC during his first few months on the job.

7. **Public Comment:** No public comment offered.

8. **New Business**

a. **Discussion and vote on the time for the Tuesday, April 11, 2023 Annual Town Meeting**

Moderator Wurhman opened the floor for discussion on the time for the next ATM. The next meeting was slated for Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the ARC meeting room.

9. **Adjournment-** Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.