

2020 ANNUAL NORMAL TOWNSHIP MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021
7:00 PM
ACTIVITY RECREATION CENTER
600 EAST WILLOW STREET
NORMAL, ILLINOIS

Citizens also observed by Zoom video/audio (Rick Lewis monitored and reported citizen's observing)
20 Normal Citizens physically present to vote

Township Clerk Amy Conklin called the meeting to Order

Thanked all the citizens for attending and reviewing the past two years of the Township
Congratulated all re-elected and newly elected Officials of the Township
Confirmed all attendees had a copy of the 2019 minutes, 2020 and 2021 Financial Reports

Asked for a nomination of a Moderator for the meeting

Arin Rader nominated Art Rodriguez and Ray Ropp seconded

Ray Ropp made the motion to close nominations and approve Art Rodriguez to moderate and Linda Adams seconded

Hand vote of 20 to approve Art Rodriguez to be Moderator

Clerk Amy Conklin swore in Art Rodriguez with the Oath of Office

Moderator Art Rodriguez asked for a motion to approve the 2019 Annual Township Meeting Minutes. Ray Ropp made the motion and Arlene Hosea seconded

Hand vote of 20 to approve

Moderator Art Rodriguez asked for a motion to approve the 2020 Annual Financial Reports. Linda Adams made the motion and Becca Rice seconded

Hand vote of 20 approved

Moderator Art Rodriguez introduced Township Assessor Rob Cranston to report

Thanked his staff for their dedication and hard work- they have been working together for many years

The status of value assessments for 1/1/2019 increased from \$974,438,950 to \$987,185,211 an increase of \$12,746,261 (1.31%)

The status of value assessments for 1/1/2020 increased from \$978,185,211 to \$994,139,545 an increase of \$15,954,334 (1.63%)

The Township was issued a multiplier of 1.0107 for 2019 and a multiplier of 1.0054 for 2020

Growth five years ago was 5%

(please see attached 2019 and 2020 Final Reports)

Moderator Art Rodriguez introduce Highway Commissioner Arin Rader to report

Thanked everyone with the Township

2019 Seal Coated Ziebarth and Parkside roads

There was a lot of rain and there were water issues to take care of- repaired a tile break and the road that was affected

2020 worked on the new building plans and sight- the building construction will begin in summer 2021

Worked on Bridge deck drainage so that water runs down the bridge imbankment

Moderator Art Rodriguez introduced Supervisor Sarah Grammer to report

Thanked everyone

There have been \$1.1 million dollars of capital improvements to ARC in 2019

Full HVAC update and finishing of 3,000+ of activity space on the west end of ARC and second floor which includes a large activity room and a small conference room

Second floor renovated spaces include a large community room, classroom, kitchenette and staff office

Purchased a ADA accessible van for transporting members with different mobility needs

\$12,000 grant to support the YWCA's new Special Needs After School Care Program located at Colene Hoose School

Township awarded \$5,000 John M Scott Grant to the General Assistance program to help with unpaid medical bills for residents of Normal at or below the poverty level

Acknowledge Jill Schaab's 15th anniversary as a caseworker and bookkeeper, Molly Camper for 17 years directing senior programs, and the ARC is 5 years old (April)

The Covid Pandemic brought many changes in 2020

Began a Sick Leave Program for part time employees of ARC and Township- worked hours accumulate into hours available for sick time off - 70% of staff was able to use these hours for time off due to a contagious illness

New Entry Management and program scheduling software (GymMaster) to manage entry into building, program registration and program payments- Key fobs were distributed to staff and ARC members

ARC created Digital Programming so that senior members could stay engaged with physical activity, cognitive skills and socializing

500 Zoom digital programs hosted- PEPs, tai chi, yoga, meditation, music enrichment, cooking demonstration, painting, book club,

Ukulele, grief counseling, bingo, Memorial and Veterans Day services, Senior Scholar lectures, tech tutoring, durable power of attorney

Information sessions, line dance and Parkinson support group along with many other programs

ARC staff made 9,000+ calls to members providing assistance and reassurance, wellness checks and birthday greetings

ARC hosted 11 blood drives with the American Red Cross- produced 366 life-saving units of blood
ARC's Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) enrolled 174 seniors in new, cost-saving prescription drug plans for 2021
ARC has provided tablets and webcams to help local seniors connect online through a grant from Illinois Care Connections
Reduced elected official pay, reduced supervisor's salary by over \$10,000 per year which will result in further employment tax and retirement contribution savings

Received Funding for \$600,00 Solar Array for ARC building

Approved funding by the Illinois Solar For All (ILSFA) program

Solar array built by StraightUp Solar of Bloomington- the array will provide 65% in savings on electric costs- anticipating \$25,000 in savings for the first year and \$520,00 in next 15 years- the panels have a 25-year warranty and life expectancy of 30-35 years- the Township will own the array at the end of 6 years

Township received \$46,400 in grants- \$22,000 ECIAAA Sunshine, \$17,000 Cure- \$2,400 IPCF for art program and \$5,000 John M Scott for medical assistance

Provided \$5,000 to help fund the Youth Empowered School program for high risk high-school students at Normal Community and Normal West with full time specialists to provide support to improve student engagement and achievement

Township partnered with Care BroMenn Hospital and McLean County Health Department- January 2021 through April 2021 to provide Covid Vaccinations at the ARC with ARC staff providing assistance to scheduling for vaccine appointment- 12 clinics administering 5800 doses for first and second doses- last clinic is April 16, 2021

Ed Pyne asked what vaccine was distributed- used Pfizer and Moderna which are both 2 doses

No New Business

The 2021 Annual Meeting will immediately follow

Moderator Art Rodriguez asked for motion to adjourn the meeting. Floyd Aper made the motion to adjourn 2020 meeting and continue on with 2021 and Art Rodriguez seconded

Meeting Adjourned at 7:34 PM

2021 ANNUAL NORMAL TOWNSHIP MEETING
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2021 Meeting immediately following 2020 Meeting with Art Rodriguez remaining sworn -in as the Meeting Moderator

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Township Clerk Amy Conklin called the 2021 Annual Meeting to order

Moderator Art Rodriguez asked for a motion to approve the 2021 Annual Financial Reports. Linda Adams made the motion and Mary Craston seconded

Hand vote of 20 to approve

All Official 2021 Reports were previously reported in the 2020 Annual Meeting (see attached 2020 minutes)

New Business

Moderator Art Rodriguez asked for a motion to approve the 2022 Annual Township Meeting to be Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 7 PM. Ray Ropp made the motion and Linda Adams seconded

Hand vote of 20 approved

Moderator Art Rodriguez asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jill Schaab made the motion and Arin Rader seconded
All approved

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM