



Board of Trustee  
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Special Meeting Minutes  
Held at Winfield Township Office  
130 Arbor Avenue  
West Chicago, IL 60185  
10/25/2017

Meeting called to Order at 7:00PM by Supervisor Smith.

Clerk Nicole Prater called roll call. Trustee Voelz, Trustee Halley, Trustee Alekna, Trustee Guglielmi, and Supervisor Smith were all present.

Supervisor Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Smith entertained a motion for approval of postage for Road District Mailer- Leaf Removal: \$623.07 postage for a postcard reminder as to when leaf pick up is. Motion made by Trustee Guglielmi. Second by Trustee Halley. No Discussion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Trustee Guglielmi-Aye	Trustee Halley- Aye	Trustee Voelz-Aye
Trustee Alekna- Aye	Supervisor Smith- Aye	

Closed Session- Legal Services-Interviews 5ILCS120/2 (c) (1)(c) Exceptions. A public body may hold closed meetings to consider the following subjects: (1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against and employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the local Government Wage increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act.

Trustee Halley moved to go into closed session for legal service interviews. Seconded by Trustee Guglielmi. No discussion. Motion carried by voice vote. All in favor- 5; Oppose- none.

Trustee Voelz- Aye	Trustee Alekna-Aye	Trustee Guglielmi –Aye
Trustee Halley-Aye	Supervisor Smith-Aye	

Recessed into closed session at 7:02PM  
Risen from Closed Session at 7:50PM

Clerk Nicole Prater called roll call. Trustee Guglielmi , Trustee Alekna, Trustee Voelz, Trustee Halley, and Supervisor Smith were all present.

To take action, if any, on matters from closed session:

Supervisor Smith made a motion to engage with Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins LTD. for the purpose of tax objections for now. See how they do on tax objections to make a final decision if we keep them or go with another law firm. Second by Trustee Voelz. Discussion: Trustee Voelz asked how much time should



we give the firm to handle the tax objections. Supervisor Smith advised he would be our lawyer thru the tax objections and help us with anything else the township would need at that time. There would be no set time once the tax objections were through. We would then reevaluate his contract. Motion Fails

Trustee Voelz-Aye                      Trustee Alekna- Nay                      Trustee Halley-Nay  
Trustee Guglielmi-Nay              Supervisor Smith- Aye

Supervisor Smith advised there is no change of attorney at this time.

Trustee Guglielmi made a motion to direct Supervisor Smith to hire Momkus, McCluskey, and Roberts LLC as the Township’s attorney effective 11/8/2017. Second by Trustee Alekna. Discussion Supervisor Smith advised the law stated that the Supervisor hires the attorney with the approval of the Board. Trustee Guglielmi asked if she wanted to attempt to get approval of the Board. Clerk Prater asked if there was any discussion. Supervisor Smith advised she did not hear any. Trustee Voelz asked the Board how they knew the lawyers. Trustee Guglielmi stated thru events, yet I do not know them personally. Trustee Alekna and Trustee Halley echoed the same. Trustee Alekna stated she liked Klein, but she does not understand how the tax objections are that big of an issue and that any of the lawyers should be able to handle them. Supervisor Smith advised Lisle Township just settled for a ridiculous percentage. Out of their next levy, they will be paying over \$600,000 on their tax objections. Trustee Alekna stated that unless you know how many objections we have and what is at stake, how can we respond to settling or fighting. Trustee Guglielmi advised no one can tell what we would pay out until we are settling or fighting a case. All the lawyers that were here all had the same opinion of what is happening with the tax objections.

Trustee Voelz stated I am a little leary that we would be their first Township, and Momkus, McCluskey, and Roberts LLC are not familiar with tax objections, but you have to start somewhere. Worse case scenario is they do not do a good job and we can just fire them. Trustee Guglielmi advised he believes they will work hard for us; let’s give them the chance to get the experience with Township government. They have a good relationship with the Bar Association and Judicial system. Trustee Alekna advised she likes how close they are to us and will not charge for travel. No further discussion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

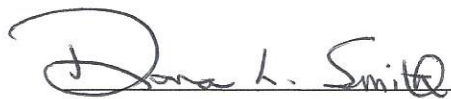
Trustee Alekna- Aye                      Trustee Voelz-Aye                      Trustee Guglielmi-Aye  
Trustee Halley- Aye                      Supervisor Smith- Nay

Motion for Adjournment made by Trustee Voelz; Second by Trustee Halley. No discussion. Supervisor Smith called for a voice vote. All in favor- 5; Oppose- none. Motion carried on voice vote.

Trustee Halley-Aye              Trustee Guglielmi –Aye              Trustee Voelz- Aye  
Trustee Alekna-Aye              Supervisor Smith-Aye

Meeting Adjourn at 8:00PM

  
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Clerk Nicole Prater

  
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