

Board of Trustee Regular Meeting Minutes Held at Winfield Township Office 130 Arbor Avenue West Chicago, IL 60185 10/08/2018

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

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

Also present: Assessor Mark Malay and Clerk Nicole Prater.

Others present: Ed Frankoviac

Supervisor Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Smith entertained a motion for approval for the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held September 10, 2018 Motion made by Trustee Halley Second by Trustee Guglielmi. No discussion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Trustee Halley- Aye

Trustee Alekna- Aye

Trustee Guglielmi-Aye

Trustee Voelz-Aye

Supervisor Smith-Aye

Supervisor Smith entertained a motion for approval for the minutes of the Special Board meeting held September 24, 2018. Motion made by Trustee Guglielmi. Second by Trustee Alekna. Trustee Voelz advise he was absent and he could not adjourn the meeting; that needs to be corrected. Motion carried on roll call vote with correction.

Trustee Alekna- Aye

Trustee Guglielmi-Aye

Trustee Voelz-Aye

Trustee Halley- Aye

Supervisor Smith- Aye

Audience participation: Ed Frankoviack asked the agenda to be posted for all public to see before the meeting. Action to be taken from Executive session is not enough verbiage based on the Open Meetings Act. You need to get more detailed. Woodland Subdivision just was blacktopped and all the stripes are discolored due to the coating on the road.

Correspondence: Memo from TOI regarding the legislative survey for suggestions of bills needs to be done by 10/29/18.

Board Audit Report:

Town Fund \$ 97,194.88 General Assistance \$10,669.09 Equipment & Building Fund \$0.00 Social Security Road Fund \$2,343.75 General Road Fund \$20,292.07 Permanent Road Fund \$131,369.19 IMRF road District Fund \$2,467.23 Liability Insurance Fund \$0.00



Total of all funds \$264,336.21

Motion made by Trustee Halley to approve the Board Audit report. Second by Trustee Guglielmi. No Discussion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Trustee Guglielmi-Aye

Trustee Voelz-Aye

Trustee Halley- Aye

Trustee Alekna- Aye

Supervisor Smith- Aye

Unfinished Business:

Tax Objections - Complete. We went to Court 9/18/18 and, once everything is paid, it goes in front of Court one last time and is dismissed.

New Business:

Monthly Financial and Investment Reports - Information only

Proposed Town Levy Ordinance 2018-05 - Supervisor Smith took note of what was done last year and did 1% less. There were no questions. This will be on the November agenda so everyone can review. Supervisor Smith advised the Board that this is our only source of income.

Proposed Road Levy Ordinance 2018-06 - Highway Commissioner John Dusza was not present, so Supervisor Smith advised the road levy held as a flat levy and did not increase. Highway Commissioner John Dusza does need to get updated equipment so that takes away from paving. Please feel free to call him with any questions.

Appointment of Township Attorney:

Supervisor Smith advised the Board we received 4 previous lawyers' information and 2 new lawyers' proposals. I believe we have all had time to review all of the lawyers, and Supervisor Dona Smith recommended John Redlingshafer moving forward as our attorney. She understands that there is a distance that the other lawyers do not have. However, as long as we do not have tax objections, we really do not need a lawyer that is close by. It can be handled over the phone or by e-mail. He did say he would not charge us for travel. Supervisor Dona Smith made a motion to appoint John Redlingshafer as the lawyer for Winfield Township. Second by Trustee Voelz. Discussion started with Trustee Voelz and advised he did meet John Redlingshafer but is really hung up on the distance he is from us. He would prefer Bond and Dickson. Trustee Halley agreed with Trustee Voelz about the distance for John Redlingshafer. If he were in DuPage, there would not be an issue. Supervisor Smith advised she has no problem withdrawing her motion and changing it to Bond and Dickson. Trustee Guglielmi advised he was extremely unimpressed with them the last round. Supervisor Smith advised, but this proposal is coming from Pat Bond now and he is the lawyer who works with TORMA to resolve an ongoing issues on FOIAs. All the amounts are the same. Trustee Alekna advised she was not impressed with either lawyer we interview during the special meeting. Thinking about it, Washington, IL is a big problem for her. The fact we are not hiring someone from DuPage county is a real issue for her. Supervisor Smith updated her motion to retain Bond and Dickson as the lawyer for the Township. Trustee Voelz amended his second. Trustee Guglielmi advised he would not vote for Bond and Dickson. Trustee Alekna stated, I cannot vote for someone we interviewed months ago and we have not met Pat Bond. Trustee Alekna advised we should keep looking. Supervisor Smith advised she is extremely uncomfortable not having a lawyer. We are going into an intergovernmental agreement and would like to have a lawyer review that. She does



not see why we have to keep looking; we are not signing a lifetime contract. We can always make a change in a year if we do not like the lawyer. Supervisor Smith knows this firm has done a lot with township government and municipalities, as well as tax objections. Supervisor Smith would like to take action tonight. Trustee Halley asked is there any way we could meet with Pat Bond to discuss in the next week? The Board decided no to that proposal. Clerk Prater advised there is still a motion and a second on the table. Motion failed. Supervisor Smith advised we do not have an attorney.

Trustee Alekna-Nay

Trustee Guglielmi-Nay

Trustee Voelz-Aye

Trustee Halley- Nav

Supervisor Smith- Aye

Supervisor Smith will ask Pat Bond to come to the November meeting so everyone can meet him. It is not that complicated; we have qualified firms. There is no reason to open it up again. We are not locked in and if there are issues in four months, we can open it up again. Trustee Guglielmi stated that is why he is shy on that because last time we had an attorney who was the president of the Illinois Bar Association that the Board preferred 4 to 1, and that was not good enough. I think we should put our nose to the ground and find what will fit for us. Supervisor Smith asked, tell me what you don't like about Bond and Dickson. Trustee Guglielmi advised his notes from that meeting were over a year ago. I honestly do not remember. I was not impressed with the people. They did not make our short list. I do not think we should settle because we are in a pinch. Supervisor Smith: where do you want me to find those lawyers? Trustee Guglielmi advised Supervisor Smith to contact all the other Townships to find out who their lawyers are and let us know. Trustee Voelz asked if we do not have legal representation what do we do if an issue comes up? Trustee Halley advised, if something happens, we will call a special meeting and we can retain a lawyer for the issue that arises. Supervisor Smith advised she will contact the other Townships to find out who their lawyers are and advise the Board.

Blue Cross Blue Shield Renewal Motion made by Trustee Halley. Second by Trustee Guglielmi. No Discussion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Trustee Guglielmi-Aye

Trustee Voelz-Aye

Trustee Halley- Aye

Trustee Alekna- Aye

Supervisor Smith- Aye

Board Meeting Dates for 2019 Motion made by Trustee Guglielmi. Second by Trustee Voelz. Trustee Voelz asked if 1/14/19 to be changed to 1/16/19 because he was not going to be in town. The Board advised, no due to another conflict of interest. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Trustee Voelz-Aye

Trustee Halley- Aye

Trustee Alekna- Aye

Trustee Guglielmi-Aye

Supervisor Smith- Aye

Supervisor Smith advised Highway Commissioner Dusza has a handbook that gets mailed out for postage on the leaf pickup and annual handbook mailing postage. Motion made by Trustee Halley. Second by Trustee Alekna. No Discussion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Trustee Halley- Aye

Trustee Alekna- Aye

Trustee Guglielmi-Aye

Trustee Voelz-Aye

Supervisor Smith- Aye

Ongoing Business



One-year Pilot Ride DuPage Program still does not yet have a final resolution; hopefully, by November. Staff is training for it and getting ready. Trustee Guglielmi asked if there was any way to get all of the data from the riders, amount of trips, revenue, and cost? Just to have all the stats from last year to the next year. That way we have a full year of data and we can make an educated decision on that. Supervisor Smith advised she would get working on that. Trustee Alekna asked how many people actually ride the bus each day. Supervisor Smith advised, it varies from day-to-day. It is not the same 9 people riding from day-to-day. We have taken 4-5 new applications since the newsletter has gone out as well.

Department Reports:

Supervisor Smith - Since Highway Commissioner is not here, I will do our report together. Thank you to Trustee Voelz and Clerk Prater for helping with the Recycling Extravaganza. We had 402 cars that came on that day and we did really well on getting everyone through in a timely manner. The longest wait was 45 minutes. We do not have the total amounts on electronics or scrap metal. Everyone enjoyed it.

Assessor Mark Malay - Published assessments last Thursday. We are in the middle of reviews now.

Highway Commissioner Dusza - Absent

Trustee Voelz - Complimented Assessor Malay's staff on their knowledge and customer service. The recycling event went well. Looking forward to next year's receyling extravaganza.

Trustee Halley – Sorry, I was not able to make the recycling extravaganza. I was out of town. Happy Halloween, everyone.

Trustee Alekna – I am confident we are going to work together and find a lawyer we can all agree on.

Trustee Guglielmi - I second that comment. I am looking forward to the levy process as well.

Clerk Prater - The Recycling Extravaganza was fun with only two complaints from people. I wanted to compliment Supervisor Dona Smith and the Township because as of 11/1, the State is requiring all clerks to sign all checks that the Township writes and we have been doing that already. Good job!

Motion for Adjournment was made by Trustee Voelz. Second by Supervisor Smith. Motion carried on voice vote.

Trustee Guglielmi –Aye

Trustee Voelz- Aye

Trustee Halley-Aye

Trustee Alekna- Aye

Supervisor Smith-Aye

Meeting Adjourn at 7:48PM

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Clerk Nicole Prater

Supervisor Dona Smith