

Dundee Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting
May 16, 2018

Supervisor Glees called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:06 PM at the Dundee Township Meeting Room, 611 East Main Street, Suite #201, East Dundee, IL.

Present at roll call: Supervisor Glees and Trustees Ahrens, Harney, Johnson and Schaffer. Trustee Schaffer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda:

Trustee Schaffer made the motion to approve the agenda as presented with a second by Trustee Johnson. Upon voice vote – all present voted “aye” – motion carried.

Minutes/Treasurer’s Report:

Trustee Harney moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the April 18, 2018 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting as presented. Trustee Ahrens seconded the motion. Supervisor Glees called the motion and it was carried by voice vote.

Trustee Schaffer moved to accept the April 30, 2018 Treasurer’s Report and Financial Reports through May 15, 2018 as presented subject to audit – motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Upon voice vote, all present voted “aye” - motion carried.

Reports:

Assessor: Assessor Bielak reported that his Department is attempting to close their books by the end of May. He noted there are ready challenges filed at the state level for apartment buildings located in Algonquin. A group of assessors will work together to develop a way to appraise and answer this type of challenge. He stated that the anticipated equalization factor for this area will be 6.9% for the coming year. Supervisor Glees asked a question about the impact of Carson’s closing their Springhill Mall location. Mr. Bielak responded that it will probably result in cutting the assessment for that property in half.

Trustee Johnson asked about the impact of the West Dundee TIF District. Supervisor Glees noted that an agreement had been prepared by District 300 and agreed to by the developer and West Dundee that the original apartments on Route 31 are exempt from taxes until 60 children are in District 300 schools. Other phases of the development will not be in the TIF. Supervisor Glees noted that the intergovernmental agreement belongs to District 300 and they also named Dundee Township and other taxing bodies such as the park district and library in the agreement.

Assessor Bielak noted that the property tax bills for the 2017 taxes payable in 2018 have been mailed out and so far, the number of phone calls coming into his Department have been light. He noted a special inquiry from a property owner who is in one of the TIF districts. The resident overall will be paying an identical amount of taxes this year however the dollars will be redistributed because of the TIF to West Dundee and resulting in cuts in funding to District 300, Dundee Township, the Park District, the library and others. These agencies, however, still need to provide all the services to these areas.

Cemetery: Clerk Block presented a written report for the Cemetery.

Open Space – Kirby Dowiat, Natural Areas Manager: Mr. Dowiat’s monthly report for May was presented.

Open Space Coordinator-Katie Meyer: Her written report featuring the Township’s Earth Day activities was presented.

Supervisor: Supervisor Glees presented her written report which featured details of her activities during the recent Township Officials of Illinois “Topics Day” in Springfield where she had the opportunity to meet with a number of State Representatives and Senators and discuss the benefits and importance of Township government.

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She also highlighted the review of the website redesign bids and the rankings for each of the proposals. She announced the selection of Revize as the winning bidder.

Trustees: Trustee Johnson noted that representative McSweeney’s bill appears to be dying in the legislature and that the Algonquin Township Hwy. Department has requested an additional \$250,000 for legal expenses. The Algonquin Township Board cut this by \$100,000 and the Highway Commissioner has filed suit against the Township Board. Trustee Schaffer noted that McHenry County is looking to reduce the number of representatives on the Board by 50%.

Public Comments: Chris Kempf commented that as an activist he can only attend so many meetings in a month. He must decide which meeting to attend based on the agenda published for that meeting. If the agenda states an item such as property taxes will be discussed, he feels the Board needs to have information ready to review so that he and other members of the public do not waste their time coming to meetings when no action is really going to be taken on the items listed in the agenda.

Old Business:

Update on Elgin land donation: Supervisor Glees noted that again there has been no further movement on this matter. Matter tabled to next meeting.

Discussion on potential referendum regarding property tax increase: Supervisor Glees stated that she is still going through all the numbers. Trustee Schaffer stated that he did not see overwhelming support for or against a referendum at the Annual Town Meeting. The Board further discussed the issue and several of the Trustees felt there was some trend towards going to a referendum and letting the voters decide the issue.

Trustee Schaffer noted that by his definition, deficit spending is spending more than your yearly income. Trustees Harney and Johnson countered that they felt that spending money from a reserve account is not deficit spending. The Board asked the staff to get a definition of the term “Deficit Spending” from our audit team.

Trustee Schaffer stated that the question is do we as the Township need more money? He feels the general taxpayer wants to have government save as much as possible.

Trustee Johnson stated that he still believes the Board needs more data such as budget projections to make an informed decision. He also restated his belief that the Board needs to investigate other revenue streams such as the generation of solar energy. He asked the staff to contact other agencies that are currently doing this type of electrical generation, identify potential land sites in the Township and contact solar companies for pricing. Trustee Harney noted that there are limitations on using some of the Open Space parcels for this type of project.

New Business:

Review/Approval of Township Employee Medical Insurance plan for period of 07/01/18 – 06/30/19

Supervisor Glees and Clerk Block presented the information on the Employee Medical Insurance quotes received from the State of Illinois Local Government Health Plan and the alternative quotation from Blue Cross – Blue Shield. The plan from Blue Cross is estimated to save the Township approximately \$20,000 over the 12-month period. The benefits provided by each of the plans were reviewed. The Board also reviewed the costs involved with providing family coverages. After discussing the plans, Trustee Harney made the motion to select the Blue Cross quote for the Township Employee Medical Insurance plan for period of 07/01/18 – 06/30/19. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ahrens and upon roll call vote Supervisor Glees and Trustees Harney, Ahrens Johnson and Schaffer voted “aye” – motion carried.

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Review/Approval of Township Employee Life/ADD Insurance plan for period of 07/01/18 – 06/30/19: Clerk Block presented the new contract with Sun Life to provide Life and ADD insurance for Township employees for the period of 07/01/18 – 06/30/18. The contract had two options – one to stay with the current insurance level of \$30,000 per employee and the second to increase coverage to \$50,000. The Board reviewed the options and after some discussion, Trustee Schaffer made a motion to approve the Sun Life proposal as presented and to retain the current \$30,000 coverage limit. Trustee Harney seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote Supervisor Glees and Trustees Harney, Ahrens Johnson and Schaffer voted “aye” – motion carried.

Review/Approval of Ordinance 2018-005 – Authorizing the Acceptance of Real Property from the Village of Sleepy Hollow (Jelke Creek parcel): Supervisor Glees presented Ordinance 2018-005 which was prepared by our counsel to comply with the Local Government Property Transfer Act (50 ILCS 605/1) regarding the transfer of the 70-acre land parcel from the Village of Sleepy Hollow to Dundee Township. After a brief discussion, Trustee Johnson made the motion to approve Ordinance 2018-005 as presented. Trustee Harney seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Supervisor Glees and Trustees Harney, Ahrens Johnson and Schaffer voted “aye” – motion carried.

Audit/Approve Bills and Payrolls:

Audit Bills – Pending Town Fund Bills \$91,799.22; Pre-Paid Town Bills \$1,245.01; Payrolls \$32,478.67 & \$31,033.57; Pending General Assistance Bills \$627.50; General Assistance Payrolls - \$485.65 & \$555.03; Pending Cemetery Fund Bills \$12,520.52; Pre-Paid Cemetery Bills \$333.65; Payrolls \$9,335.07 & \$9,591.44; Pending Road & Bridge Fund Bills \$17,909.24; Pre-Paid Road & Bridge Bills \$769.09; Payrolls \$14,687.14 & \$13,602.62; Road IMRF/FICA Payrolls of \$2,290.80 & \$2,240.75 & Road & Bridge Insurance Fund Bills \$31,063.00.

Trustee Harney made the motion to approve the bills as audited with a second by Supervisor Glees. Upon roll call vote, Supervisor Glees and Trustees Ahrens, Johnson, Schaffer and Harney voted “aye” – Motion Carried.

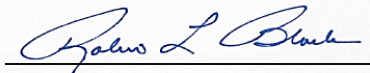
Budget Transfers: Budget Transfer #2 was presented. The request asked for approval to transfer \$3,000.00 from the Township Contingency line item to the Capital Equipment line item to cover the cost of replacing outdated pc’s in the office. Trustee Harney made the motion to approve the Budget Transfer with a second by Supervisor Glees. Upon roll call vote, Supervisor Glees and Trustees Ahrens, Johnson, Schaffer and Harney voted “aye” – Motion Carried.

Executive Session:

No Executive Session was called at this meeting.

Motion to approve minutes of Executive Session from August 16, 2017: As the Board did not go into Executive Session, the approval of the minutes of the Executive Session from September 20, 2017 was tabled to the next executive session.

Trustee Johnson made the motion to adjourn with a second by Trustee Harney. Upon voice vote, all present voted “aye” – motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 PM.



Robert Block
Dundee Township Clerk