

Dundee Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting
June 19, 2019

Prior to the start of the meeting, due to Supervisor Glees being on medical leave, the Board of Trustees present at the meeting selected Trustee Harney to chair the meeting.

Trustee Harney called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 PM at the Dundee Township Meeting Room, 611 East Main Street, Suite #201, East Dundee, IL.

Present at roll call: Trustees Ahrens, Harney, Johnson and Schaffer were present at the roll call. Supervisor Glees was absent.

Trustee Johnson led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda:

Trustee Schaffer made the motion to approve the agenda. Trustee Ahrens seconded the motion. Trustee Harney called the motion and during a voice vote - all present voted "aye" - motion carried.

Minutes/Treasurer's Report:

Trustee Johnson moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the May 15, 2019 Township and Road District Budget and Appropriation Hearing. Trustee Schaffer seconded the motion. Trustee Harney called the motion to approve the minutes and upon voice vote – all present voted "aye" – motion carried.

Trustee Schaffer moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the May 15, 2019 Board of Trustees regular meeting. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion. Trustee Harney called the motion to approve the minutes and upon voice vote – all present voted "aye" – motion carried.

Trustee Schaffer made the motion to accept the May 31, 2019 Treasurer's Report and Financial Reports through June 17, 2019 as presented subject to audit – Trustee Ahrens seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, Trustees Ahrens, Harney and Schaffer voted "aye" – motion carried.

Presentation on the 708 Mental Health Board from AID:

Lore Baker, President of AID, distributed a handout that summarized the points made during her presentation on the 708 Mental Health Board at the Township's Annual Town Meeting. The report covered what a 708 Board is, what a 708 Board can do, the services it can provide to Township residents & what other 708 Boards currently exist in Kane County. She reviewed that the State of Illinois currently has a PUNS list which is a listing of individuals which have an urgent need for developmental disability treatment. The list as of March 7, 2019 has 6,287 people on the list for Kane, Kendall and DuPage counties. From that list, only 200 individuals were selected for State aided treatment.

Jim Gould, a parent of a developmentally disabled child, spoke and noted that currently services provided for a child of school age ends at 22 years of age. The out-of-pocket costs for parents to send their child to a 5-day a week private treatment facility can be over \$22,000/year.

Trustee Harney asked if the recently approved 3.5% increase in the State Budget/funding will help provide additional coverage. Ms. Baker responded that local agencies do not yet know how this money will be distributed. However, due to past cuts in State funding she believes that the increase would not be enough to meet the full needs of those needing treatment.

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Trustee Harney asked about the growing opioid addiction problem in Northern Kane County. Ms. Baker replied that there is a Task Force in place but that she is not actively involved. The funding for the program is largely federal funds going out to various providers. Trying to develop alternative drugs.

Trustee Johnson asked for additional information on the structure/set-up of the 7-person 708 Mental Health Board. Ms. Baker stated that the enabling legislation establishes the general regulations for the Mental Health Board. Dundee Township would set its' own criteria for the 708 Board. The 708 Board can include the Township Board of Trustees and/or other qualified parties. The function of the 708 Board is to set criteria for the services to be provided, collect applications from service agencies looking to provide the services, select the desired service agency, and approve the dispersal of funding to that agency.

Trustee Schaffer asked if AID has any physical facilities in Dundee Township. Ms. Baker noted that currently AID's closest office is in Elgin. They are looking at the potential to open a facility in the Township and also, they do at home service to clients.

Trustee Johnson asked if there was an idea of how much funding would be raised. Ms. Baker said she believes that estimated number would be around \$190,000.

Trustee Schaffer asked about limiting the performance of the services to be done in the Township. Mr. Vern Tepe, a Trustee with Elgin Township, noted that this can be accomplished when the 708 Board creates their request for a proposal from the service agencies. They can include a requirement that all services must be done at a facility located in Dundee Township. Ms. Baker noted that she had met with Supervisor Glees and explored the potential to open an office at the Township building.

Trustee Johnson asked if there would be any infrastructure costs to a 708 Board as the Township Board needs to approve any costs involved. Ms. Baker replied that the 708 Board is an all-volunteer group and there should be no operating costs.

Mr. Chris Kious, Kane County Board member, also stated that the funds are passed directly to the service agencies and that there should be no infrastructure costs.

The Township Board had no further questions and the topic was closed.

Reports:

Highway Commissioner: Highway Commissioner Scott Sinnett noted that his department is busy preparing the roads for repaving. They have also helped the Cemetery prepare for the paving of the parking lot. Finally, they are continuing to clean out storm drains and culverts.

Assessor: Mr. Bielak was unable to attend the meeting but provided a written report.

Sheriff's Office: Kane County Deputy Sheriff Mike Wilgosiewicz presented his monthly update to the Board. He introduced Deputy Chris Ruchaj who will be assisting him. He highlighted the recent noise complaints from neighbors near the Milk Pail due to their outdoor concerts. He said the owners are complying with their requests to limit the attendance and control the noise.

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Open Space: Mr. Dowiat presented his report for June. He noted that with the cool wet weather there has been a big growth season and the focus has been on the control of weeds and the removal of non-natives. He explained that with the help of the Highway Department they recently completed a “High” mow at the Jelke Annex. This technique helps remove non-native plants by cutting off the seed tops and allows more light to reach the prairie plants near the surface.

He distributed photos showing the installation of water bars at the Dixie site to help control erosion.

Trustee Johnson stated that he is very anxious to see a definite process in place to get a qualified burn boss in place for the fall burning season. He asked that a concrete proposal be presented no later than the August Board meeting.

Kane County Board member, Chris Kious: Mr. Kious updated the Board on the abandoned home on Sleepy Hollow Road. He said that the owner is continuing work as required and that the County is inspecting the property weekly to ensure continued progress. If work is not completed, the County will demolish the building.

He reviewed a recent meeting of the Fox River Flood Control Commission. Legislation has passed to have a commission to address flooding in the near future.

Mr. Kious reported that Kane County is forming a Kane County Census Commission which will work throughout the County to improve the accuracy of the upcoming Federal Census.

He highlighted this year’s Bee Blitz on June 22nd in conjunction with the University of Illinois.

He distributed flyers from the County Development Board who is attempting to establish the “Fabulous Fox River Trail”. It is hoped that this project will draw more persons to explore the river and visit the towns along the way.

Kane County recently submitted a packet with a capital funding request to the Illinois legislature for 24 million dollars to pay for the Longmeadow Bridge. If approved, it would allow the County to remove the tolls.

Mr. Kious also outlined a trial program by the Kane County Forest Preserve to put cattle on selected sites to attempt to regenerate prairie areas. The cattle are in lieu of the native buffalo.

Trustee Ahrens asked about recent press regarding the removal of dams along the Fox River. Mr. Kious referenced a recent study that showed that the dam system has very little ability to control flooding from major rainfall events. Certain dams will be removed.

Cemetery: A written report with photos showing the recent planting in the Columbaria Garden and the prep work for the paving of the parking lot was presented.

Office Manager: Mr. Block’s written report was presented including changes to the Prevailing Wage Law, the Financial Audit for FY 2018-19, and a report on the property tax revenue received to date.

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Open Space Coordinator: No report

Supervisor: Supervisor Glees submitted a written report.

Public Comments:

Bernadette May, Executive Director of the Family Service Association of Greater Elgin, stated that they offer services to children and families. She said that they have had 7,142 contacts with 289 individuals who live in Dundee Township. They are imbedded in 5 District 300 schools including Dundee-Crown High School, Dundee Middle School and Golfview Elementary. They also do crisis programs. Their goal is to provide service in the home or school which removes barriers to service such as transportation. She noted that they worked with a young lady for 4 years helping her with physiological problems. She believes that having a 708 Board provides residents with great gap coverage.

Vern Tepe, Elgin Township Trustee, reviewed a group 501 (c) meeting that will occur on Thursday, June 20th to promote and create a 708 Mental Health Board referendum in Elgin Township. The group is headed by Mrs. Kaptain who is the wife of Dave Kaptain, the current mayor of Elgin. He noted that the group would like to explore doing joint marketing with Dundee Township to promote creating 708 Boards.

Old Business:

Update on Elgin land donation: Supervisor Glees stated that the issues appear to be resolved and paperwork should be moving forward. Matter tabled.

New Business:

Trustee Johnson again noted his request for a firm proposal for approval at the August Board meeting to have a certified “Burn Boss” in place for the fall open space burn season.

The Board also discussed the matter of beginning discussion on the preparation of the FY 2020-21 budget. The Board asked that the Budget discussion be included on the August Agenda. The Board also asked for updated data on the Township’s projected revenues and expenditures be developed for that meeting.

The Board also requested that the Agenda for the August meeting include a discussion on the limiting of the expansion of services and an Executive Session.

Audit/Approve Bills and Payrolls:

Audit Bills – Pending Town Fund Bills \$48,849.55; Pre-Paid Town Bills \$1,602.65; Payrolls \$37,907.46, \$36,771.66 & \$36,626.36; General Assistance Fund Bills \$0.00; Prior Month’s General Assistance Costs \$11,599.96; General Assistance Payrolls - \$284.25, \$274.43 & \$0.00; Pending Cemetery Fund Bills \$5,044.20; Pre-Paid Cemetery Bills \$1,114.62; Payrolls \$10,807.49, \$10,448.03 & \$9,559.79; Pending Road & Bridge Fund Bills \$22,113.56; Pre-Paid Road & Bridge Bills \$1,089.65; Road & Bridge Equipment Bills \$20,191.23; Payrolls \$14,094.16, \$20,803.32 & \$14,914.16; Road IMRF/FICA Payrolls of \$2,011.52, \$3,098.41 & \$2,144.36.

Trustee Harney made the motion to approve the bills as audited with a second by Trustee Johnson.

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During discussion of the bills, Trustee Johnson questioned the expense for an additional freezer for the DTC food pantry. The Board discussed the expenditure and noted that the DTC programs were to be volunteer run and that no Township funds were to be used to provide these services. Office Manager Block suggested that private funds could be used for funding this purchase and asked that the bill be approved for payment.

Trustee Harney called the motion and upon roll call vote, Trustees Ahrens, Schaffer, Johnson and Harney voted “aye” – Motion Carried.

Budget Transfers: None were presented.

Executive Session:

No Executive Session was called at this meeting.

Trustee Ahrens made the motion to adjourn with a second by Trustee Johnson. Upon voice vote, all present voted “aye” – motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Robert L. Block", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert Block
Dundee Township Deputy Clerk