

Minutes – Shields Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting November 16, 2017

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Town of Shields)

THE TOWN BOARD OF SHIELDS TOWNSHIP met at the Shields Township office for its regular monthly meeting on November 16, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: <u>Teresa Darraugh</u>	Supervisor
<u>Joy Gayter</u>	Clerk
<u>Kathy Blahunka</u>	Town Trustee
<u>Mathew Garrity</u>	Town Trustee

Road Commissioner Scott Anderson and Assessor Scott Helton were also present.

I. Meeting Called to Order

Supervisor Darraugh called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Trustees Brown and Strom were not in attendance.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Darraugh opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. For Action – Motion to approve Town Board minutes from October 19, 2017

It was motioned to approve the minutes at the December meeting to allow the trustees time to read the minutes.

V. Presentation of Cash Balances: Cash on Hand, Town Fund, General Assistance, Road and Bridge

Supervisor Darraugh presented cash balances by fund.

VI. For Action – Motion to approve bills:

- i. Town Fund Bills** – A motion by Trustee Blahunka, seconded by Trustee Garrity, to approve the payment of Town Fund expenses in the amount of \$65,319.72 passed by 3-0 on a roll call vote. A bill was received from the Korogluyan Family Trust for rent which was significantly higher than expected and contained charges for tree trimming and building insurance. Under the advice of Attorney Brian Winter these charges have been questioned with the Landlord and a response has not yet been received.
- ii. Road and Bridge** – A motion by Trustee Garrity seconded by Trustee Blahunka to approve the payment of Road and Bridge expenses in the amount of \$12,439.75 passed by 3-0 on a roll call vote.
- iii. General Assistance** – A motion by Trustee Blahunka seconded by Trustee Garrity to approve the General Assistance expenses in the amount of \$500.57 passed by 3-0 on a roll call vote.

VII. Resolution to authorize execution of an agreement with the VA Compensated Work Therapy (CWT) program at the Lovell Federal Health Care Center to establish a volunteer snow removal program.

The above-mentioned Resolution was approved on a motion by Trustee Blahunka, seconded by Trustee Garrity, and passed by 3-0 on a roll call vote.

VIII. For Discussion of estimates for General Town Fund Levy collectable in 2018

After a robust conversation, it was agreed that the township would post for the public and for Board Member approval at the next meeting , an increase of 2.1% to the budget, \$680,000.00 for the General Town Fund Levy. It will be discussed in detail at the next meeting after Board members have had time to analyze the budget and the Levy will be lowered if necessary.

IX, For Discussion of estimates for Road District Levy collectable in 2018

The township will request \$590,000,00 for the Road and Bridge Levy.

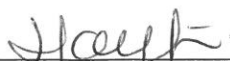
X. Township Reports

- i. Trustees** – No report
- ii. Highway Commissioner** – No report.
- iii. Assessor** – The new appraisal system being implemented in Lake County by Tyler Technologies was scheduled to be available in December 2017 but has been delayed until December of 2018. The company has not yet been able to provide information regarding the costs involved in using the program. The Assessor is concerned that the new system will increase the work load for his staff.
- iv. Supervisor** – The Supervisor looked into the organization Lake County Coalition to Reduce Recidivism and learned that there are 16 Shields Township residents in the program. Their mission is to assist adults with criminal records in becoming productive members of the community. They help to expunge their criminal records if possible, obtain employment and to ultimately become self-sufficient. The Supervisor also attended the Township Officials of Illinois Conference and recommended that other board members consider attending a future meeting. The next Board Meeting will be held on December 14th instead of the scheduled date of December 21st. A notice will be published in the local newspapers to advise the public of the change of date.

XI Public Comment – No report.

XII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 motioned by Trustee Blahunka and seconded by Trustee Garrity.



Joy Gayter, Town Clerk