

The monthly meeting of Shields Township was convened at 6:29 p.m. on November 17, 2016. Roll call was taken and established that Trustees Brown and Kerr were absent. Trustees Goshgarian and January and Supervisor Maloney were present. Highway Commissioner Scott Anderson and Assessor Kathy Blahunka and two members of the public were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

On a motion by Goshgarian, seconded by January, the minutes of the August, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved as amended (to reflect that Trustee Goshgarian is "Richard" and not "Robert") by voice vote.

Consideration of the September, 2016 meeting was tabled until the next meeting.

On a motion by Goshgarian, seconded by January, the minutes of the October, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved as presented by voice vote.

Supervisor Maloney reported cash-on-hand balances for the Town Fund, for Phoenix Rising and for the Road & Bridge Fund to be \$995,673, \$41,518 and \$292,805 respectively.

Payment of invoices against the Town Fund, the Road & Bridge Fund and for General Assistance were authorized by three motions of Trustee Goshgarian, seconded by Trustee January, each passed unanimously by roll call vote.

The Board accepted the resignation of Clerk Lanelle Collins and appointed Don Russ as her replacement.

A presentation was made by Mr. Mitch Siegel who works as a Job Developer for Catholic Charities in partnership with the Veterans Administration. He commented that some veterans cannot take jobs for lack of transportation. He suggested that the scope of Ride Share be expanded

from the disabled and elderly to further include veterans. Supervisor Maloney said she would make that proposal to Ride Share.

Mr. Siegel said that there are 34,000 to 35,000 and that about 4,000 of them are looking for work at any point in time. He said that of his 90 veteran clients, 27 were unable to take jobs for lack of transportation. He said that jobs paying about \$10 per hour do not justify commutes that require bus transfers and that the job locations are often not served by busses.

Trustee Goshgarian asked how many veterans live in Shields Township and Mr. Siegel replied that the proximity of the Great Lakes Naval Training Station suggested that many do. Trustee January echoed that interest and further wondered about homeless veterans. Mr. Siegel noted that the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center operates a 30-day residential program for such homeless and grants some extensions.

There were no Public Comments.

There were no Trustee Reports.

The Highway Commissioner reported that paving is imminent at Arden Shore North and South. Trustee January asked about the impact of the weather and Commissioner Anderson that unseasonably warm temperatures and the short distance to the asphalt plant made the work feasible.

There was no Assessor Report.

Supervisor Maloney reported that pantry donations were generously made and appreciated, including dog food. She noted that the annual levy will be addressed at the next meeting.

At 6:53 on a motion of Trustee Goshgarian, seconded by Trustee January, the meeting was adjourned with a unanimous voice vote.