



Shields Township

906 W. Muir Avenue, Lake Bluff, IL 60044

Regular Meeting of the Shields Township Board of Trustees

Thursday January 18th, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
LAKE COUNTY) ss.
TOWN OF SHIELDS)

THE TOWN BOARD OF SHIELDS TOWNSHIP held its Regular Monthly Meeting on Thursday January 18th, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

PRESENT:

Lisette Rothing	Deputy Clerk
Vanessa Grum	Clerk
Jeff Urso	Supervisor
Michael Machnicki	Town Trustee
David Weil	Town Trustee
Brady Andersen	Town Trustee

ABSENT:

Matt Garrity	Town Trustee
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- I. **Call to Order & Roll Call:** Supervisor Urso called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Supervisor Urso led the meeting with the pledge of Allegiance at 5:30 pm.
- III. **Approval of Bills:**
 - a. **Town Fund:** Supervisor Urso moved to approve the town fund for \$72,240.64. Trustee Weil motioned to approve and Trustee Andersen seconded the motion. Clerk Grum took roll call. All trustees were in favor and motion passed.
 - b. **GA Fund:** None.
 - c. **Road & Bridge Fund:** Supervisor Urso moved to approve the Road and Bridge fund for \$15,990.56. Trustee Andersen motioned to approve and Trustee Machnicki seconded the motion. Clerk Grum took roll call. All trustees were in favor and motion passed.
- IV. **Public Comment** – Three (3) minutes per speaker:

- a. **Heather Meyers:** Heather asked the board if they can explain the amended decorum rules for township board and committee meetings. Supervisor Urso responded that during public comment, no questions can be asked.
- b. **Janice Schnobrich:** Janice stated that she is getting tired of hearing about how we do not keep records of full-time employees. She has researched what other townships do and is going to go for a legal opinion next. Janice included a chart of all 18 Lake County Township offices researched with information including the town population, the number of hours the township office is open, the amount of full time and part time employees, the budget, and the procedure the township uses for monitoring time on the job.
- c. **Scott Lilja:** Scott lives in the Bayshore neighborhood. He wanted to come to the board regarding the property donation that was accepted during the November meeting last year. He presented a map showing what the property is. The other neighbors are in agreement that they don't want it to be public property because of privacy concerns. The property has been listed since 2016 and he attempted to buy the property and the broker was not able to contact the owner. He is wondering if there is any way to get it from the township. The property he is referring to is called Lake Genevieve. Scott states that himself and his neighbors agree that they want to make sure open lands isn't going to take it over. Carl Kitzerow tells him to call the office to talk about option. Scott agrees and also states that part of the property is his backyard that he has been maintaining.

V. Reports:

- a. **Supervisor:** Supervisor Urso thanks Clerk Grum and trustee Machnicki for representing the township at the MLK event on Monday. He thank the Roads Team and TGF for dealing with the snow throughout town. He states that the speed humps were intact and the roads guys were pleasantly surprised with how well the snow removal went in regards to the speed humps.
- b. **Trustees:** No report.
- c. **Assessor's Office:** No report.
- d. **Community Service Committee:** No report.
- e. **Road & Bridge Committee:** Supervisor Urso explains that next month this committee is going to discuss a part of Quassey Ave. which was improved and make a recommendation to take it to the board.

VI. New Business:

- a. **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of December 14th, 2023:** Trustee Weil motioned to approve and Trustee Machnicki seconded the motion. Clerk Grum took roll call. All trustees were in favor and motion passed.
- b. **Approval of Decennial Committee Meeting Minutes of December 14th, 2023:** Trustee Weil motioned to approve and Trustee Machnicki seconded the motion. Clerk Grum took roll call. All trustees were in favor and motion passed.
- c. **Ratification of Contract with GRA Accounting, Auditing & Consulting for 2023-2024:** Trustee Machnicki motioned to ratify the contract for GRA not to exceed \$8,800 and Trustee Andersen seconded the motion. Clerk Grum took roll call. All trustees were in favor and motion passed.

VII. Old Business: None.

VIII. Executive Session: None.

IX. Adjournment: Supervisor Urso moves to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Weil motions to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Machnicki seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:44 pm.

