

Minutes – Shields Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting July 18, 2019

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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 July 18, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: <u>Theresa Darraugh</u>	Supervisor
<u>Joy Gayter</u>	Clerk
<u>Kathy Blahunka</u>	Town Trustee
<u>Matt Garrity</u>	Town Trustee
<u>Heather Kerr</u>	Town Trustee
<u>Kristin Strom</u>	Town Trustee

I. Meeting Called to Order

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

II. Roll Call: see above - Assessor Helton and Road Commissioner Anderson were also in attendance

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Darraugh opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Presentation of Cash Balances: Cash on Hand by Fund,

Supervisor Darraugh presented cash balances by fund;

Town Fund - \$708,264.62

General Assistance - \$3,531.35

Road and Bridge - \$381,078.33

V. For Action – Motion to approve minutes from June 20, 2019

The minutes were approved by on a motion by Trustee Kerr, seconded by Trustee Garrity and passed by 5-0 on a roll call vote.

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 \$44,464.70 passed by 5-0 on a roll call vote.
- ii. Road and Bridge** – A motion by Trustee Strom, seconded by Trustee Kerr, to approve the payment of Road and Bridge expenses in the amount of \$37,582.88 passed by 5-0 on a roll call vote.

- iii. **General Assistance** – A motion by Trustee Blahunka, seconded by Trustee Strom, to approve the General Assistance expenses in the amount of \$1,449.55 passed by 5-0 on a roll call vote.

VII. For approval - Social Service Contract with Phoenix Rising Foundation

Supervisor Darraugh explained that after discussions with the township attorney that it was discovered that our lease with Phoenix Rising was not legal. It was suggested that we end the lease and instead enter into a Social Service contract as they are servicing clients of the township. Trustee Blahunka asked that we look into other pantry options in the area to see what services they provide and if a greater number of township residents can be served. It was discussed whether the pantry should be moved to North Chicago to alleviate problems of transportation for some residents. It was brought to a vote with Trustees Strom, Garrity and Blahunka voting no, Supervisor Darraugh voted yes and Trustee Kerr recused herself as she is also a board member of Phoenix rising.

VIII. Township Reports

- i. **Trustees** – Nothing to report
- ii. **Highway Commissioner** – The completion of the road paving should be completed in the next week.
- iii. **Assessor** – The Assessors staff have been working very hard with almost every property having to be individually assessed for the new Tyler system and because of the quadrennial. The Shields assessment books should be complete by the end of August at which time they will be sent to the Lake County Assessor for approval.
- iv. **Supervisor** – Three companies have sent in bids for the unincorporated garbage collection contract – Groot, Lakeshore Recycling Systems and Prairieland. There will be a community meeting to present the information and a vote to select the company will be made at the August Board meeting. Recycle-rama will be held on Saturday, August 10th.

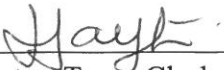
XI. Public Comment – Local resident Brian Dupuis asked where the township got the estimated census number on the website.

He mentioned that the township is celebrating its 150th Birthday this year.

Third Ward Alderman for North Chicago Carl Evans asked for more information on how many North Chicago residents use the Phoenix Rising Food Pantry. Trustee Kerr offered to meet with him during food pantry hours and will provide that information. He also requested that a newsletter be sent out as many North Chicago residents to do use email.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m. by Terry Darraugh.



Joy Gayter, Town Clerk