

Minutes – Shields Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting December 17, 2015

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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 December 17, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: <u>Cynthia Maloney</u>	Supervisor
<u>Lanelle Collins</u>	Clerk
<u>Heather Kerr</u>	Town Trustee
<u>William Brown</u>	Town Trustee
<u>Charles January</u>	Town Trustee

Also present were Road Commissioner, Scott Anderson.

I. Meeting Called to Order

Supervisor Cynthia Maloney called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

The Roll Call established that all members were present for the meeting.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Maloney opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. For Action –Motion to approve Minutes from the, November 19, 2015, regular meeting.

Tabled until the next meeting.

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

Town Fund	\$ 91,670.16
Max Safe	522,698.00
Road & Bridge	8,584.00
Road & Bridge Max Safe	596,977.00
General Assistance	7,743.00
HUD	6,151.48
IMRF	7,433.00

Phoenix Rising	\$ 15,457.93
T-Bills/CD's	
TOTAL	\$1,664,064.44

VI. Public Comment:

Dan Rodgers, 610 Adeptia - Discussed salaries versus stipends.

VII. For Action – Motion to Approve Bill Town Fund and IMRF Levy for 2016-17

The Levy is the same as last year \$656,000. It was motioned by Trustee Kerr, and seconded by Trustee Goshgarian, roll call, motion carried

VIII. For Action – Motion to Approve Road and Bridge Levy for 2016-17

The Levy increase 1% higher than last year. It was motioned by Trustee January, and seconded by Trustee Brown in the amount of \$558,520, roll call, motion carried.

IX. For Action – Motion to Approve Meeting Schedule for 2016-17

It was motioned by Trustee Goshgarian, and seconded by Trustee Kerr, voice vote, motion carried.

X. For Action – Motion to Approve Renewal of PACE contract for 2016

It was motioned by Trustee Kerr, and seconded by Trustee Brown, roll call, motion carried.

XI. For Discussion and Action – Salaries of Elected Officials

There was discussion regarding part-time status as it relates to working hours. Trustee Goshgarian, expressed concerns regarding expectations of elected officials working hours. Trustee January, stated that elected officials should be held accountable by their constituents. Trustee Brown, requested that the Township seek legal counsel regarding the part-time working hours. Supervisor Maloney requested Trustee Kerr take responsibility of gathering data from other Townships.

XII.

- a. **Town Fund** - There was a motion by Trustee Kerr and a second by Trustee Goshgarian to approve the amount of \$38,184.48, roll call, motion carried.
- b. **Road and Bridge** – There was motioned by Trustee Brown second by Trustee January to approve the amount of \$435,546. 08., the attorney portion of the bill was tabled, roll call, motion carried.

- c. **General Assistance** - There was a motion by Trustee Ker and a second by Trustee Brown to approve the amount of \$1119.27, roll call, motion carried.

XIII. Township Reports.

- A. **Trustees** - No comments.
- B. **Highway Commissioner** – The paving project is complete, and we are in the planning stages for the east side, Arden Shore area.
- C. **Assessor** – No comments.
- D. **Supervisor** - There were 58 applications for general assistance in 2015, of which 7 were eligible. 51 people were denied General Assistance (GA). We currently have 2 people on GA. 36 households received emergency assistance last year, while 25 were deemed ineligible. Most of the emergency assistance requests were for rent and utilities.

977 families used the food pantry last year, representing 3,000 individuals. We revised the registration process, but all of the service parameters remained the same. Clients may use the pantry once a month. Proof of residency is required.

Shields Phoenix Rising gave away 115 turkeys over the Thanksgiving holiday. We are still involved with Top Box, LIHEAP applications, and partnerships with Mother's Trust and the Salvation Army.

Shields Township hosted a county-wide GA meeting in October, where we traded tips, information, and best practices with our peers. DeVon and Cynthia attended the GA training institute in April.

Shields passport business has been on the rise, and we are grateful to be able to use the passport fees we collect to fund the Shields Food Pantry.

XIV. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Brown and a second by Trustee J the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m., voice vote, motion carried.

Lanelle Collins, Town Clerk