

Minutes – Shields Township Board of Trustees

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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 February 20, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: <u>Cynthia Maloney</u>	Supervisor
<u>Lanelle Collins</u>	Clerk
<u>Laura Carney</u>	Town Trustee
<u>Heather Kerr</u>	Town Trustee
<u>Richard Goshgarian</u>	Town Trustee
<u>William Brown</u>	Town Trustee

Also present were Road Commissioner, Scott Anderson and Town Assessor, Kathy Blahunka.

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.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Maloney opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. For Action -Consideration of Minutes from the January 2014 Meeting

On a motion by Trustee Goshgarian, and a second by Trustee Kerr the minutes of the regular meeting of January 16, 2014, were approved with corrections. Voice vote, motion carried.

V. For Action- Motion to Approve Bills

A. Town Fund Bills: On a motion by Trustee Carney, and a second by Trustee Kerr the Town Fund bills in the amount of \$66,725.58, were approved for payment, 5 ayes, motion carried.

B. Road and Bridge Bills:

On a motion by Trustee Goshgarian, and a second by Trustee Carney the bills were approved for payment in the amount of \$25,231.75, 5 ayes, motion carried.

C. General Assistance Bill

On a motion by Trustee Carney and second by Trustee Goshgarian the bills for General Assistance were approved for payment in the amount of \$1730.00, 5 ayes, motion carried.

VI. Public Comment:

Janice Schnobrich – 766 Mawman

During the budget discussion the subject of salaries and excessive increases for a 31 hour work week was witnessed. Upon further research it was noted that Shields Township employees are among the highest paid township staff who work a 35 – 40 hour week. The current board must address this issue and reduce employee cost.

The non-mandated food pantry services at the Shields Township Muir Avenue site is much more costly to maintain in time, location and personnel all at taxpayer expense rather than our services at North Chicago High School and Emmanuel Faith site.

Reduction in costs to the taxpayer, by eliminating or reforming non-mandated services, was a promise made to the voters during the election campaign. These are ways you can deliver on the promise.

Supervisor Maloney stated, the food pantry at Emmanuel Faith is not funded through Shields Township and no one is turned away for services. The reason data has not been presented is because the data has not been provided. The pantry is managed by the volunteers. The data will be provided upon receipt.

A full statement will be on file in the Clerk's Office.

VII. Old Business:

- A. Discussion of ne Shields Township Personnel Manual** – The personnel manual has been assembled and is awaiting legal review. This matter will be tabled until the legal review and trustee review has been completed.

VIII. New Business:

A. Discussion and Adoption of Budget for FY 2014-2015

1. Motioned by Trustee Brown and second by Trustee Goshgarian to approve the **Town Fund** budget in the amount of **\$461,699**, ayes, motion carried. Motioned resented by Trustee Goshgarian. Motioned by Trustee Goshgarian, and second by Trustee Brown to approve the amount of the town Fund in the amount of **\$808,881**, 5 ayes, motion carried.
2. Motion by Trustee Carney and second by Trustee Goshgarian to approve the **Road and Bridge** budget in the amount of **\$337,160**, 5 ayes, motion carried.

B. Discussion of proposed PACE contract for a portion of transportation services for seniors and the disabled in Shields. -

Supervisor Maloney has been in discussion with various entities to work with Dial-a-Ride. The supervisor is looking for direction from the trustees to proceed with gaining more information from pace to provide shields with a proposal to vote on. Take money from the taxi service and put the money into Dial-a-Ride for Shields Township.

Trustee Carney feels this is a county issue, and the townships should focus on the mandated services that we are supposed to handle. It was suggested that a referendum on transportation be considered on the matter. In addition, Trustee Carney suggested that a transportation meeting be held to discuss the cost and logistics of program.

Sandy Hart 455 Pine Court, serves on the County Board – Stated, the dollars are set aside to work with para-transit services. For the county to participate there has to be a program in place, and Shields does not have a program in place. The 80/20 grant was received from pace an Shields can receive the support, LCCST cannot apply for the grant and this will aid the process of the para-transit program.

Laura Melon Advocate for Lake County- Explained that coordination of all the groups would provide more services to our residents who are in need. Pace is able to coordinate the routes but need the cooperation of the township in order to transport residents through the Northwest district through all 6 townships that have joined the group.

William Brown, suggested that the data be researched and given to board for a vote a later date.

XI Township Reports:

A. Trustees

Laura Carney - Phoenix Rising did approve a part-time salary for Emmanuel Faith Bible Christian Center

B. Highway Commissioner – Scott Anderson

Reported that due to weather conditions we are low on salt.

C. Supervisor – Cynthia Maloney

XII. Adjournment:

On a motion by Trustee Brow and a second by Trustee Carney the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m., voice vote, motion carried.

Lanelle Collins, Town Clerk