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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 28, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: <u>Gale Strenger Wayne</u>	Supervisor
<u>David Barkhausen</u>	Town Clerk
<u>Scott Anderson</u>	Town Trustee
<u>Laura Carney</u>	Town Trustee
<u>Mary Woodson</u>	Town Trustee

Highway Commissioner Bill Goodman and Assessor Theresia Yakes were also present. Trustee Baehr was out of town.

I. Meeting Called to Order

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Strenger Wayne opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and requested an attendance roll call. All members were present other than Trustee Baehr.

III. Public Hearing on Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinances for FY 2013-2014

Supervisor Strenger Wayne said the budgets had been posted and asked if anyone wished to speak. Marla Schactel, the Executive Director of the Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Senior Center, and Janet Fryer, the Center's counselor and advocate, appeared to thank the Board for support in the past and coming year. Ms. Schactel explained the Senior Center's mission in providing educational, social, and cultural programming and fostering personal growth in a dynamic, personal environment. Ms. Fryer said that two-thirds to three-fourths of those the Center serves are from Shields Township. She gave examples of those she has assisted and the difference it has made in their lives and their ability to live independently.

IV. Discussion and Votes on Budget and Appropriation Ordinances for FY 2013-2014

A. Town Fund

Without any discussion, a budget for the Town Fund of \$800,975, excluding the amount for General Assistance, was adopted on a 4-0 roll call vote upon a motion by Trustee Carney, seconded Trustee Woodson.

B. General Assistance Fund

A General Assistance budget of \$38,850 was approved 4-0 on a roll call vote on a motion by Trustee Woodson, seconded by Trustee Anderson.

C. Road Fund

A budget for the Road Fund of \$284,985 was approved 4-0 on a roll call vote on a motion by Trustee Woodson, seconded by Trustee Anderson.

V. Consideration of Minutes from the Previous Town Board Meetings

A motion to approve the minutes of the Board's monthly meeting of January 17, 2013 was approved on a voice vote on a motion made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Woodson.

VI. Payment of Bills

Town Fund Bills: A motion by Trustee Carney, seconded by Trustee Anderson, to approve the payment of Town Fund expenses in the amount of \$103,845.03 passed 4-0 on a roll call vote.

Road & Bridge Bills: A motion by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Woodson, to approve the payment of Road Fund expenses in the amount of \$10,310.39 passed 4-0 on a roll call vote.

General Assistance Bills: A motion by Trustee Woodson, seconded by Trustee Anderson, to approve the payment of General Assistance expenses in the amount of \$2,722.09 passed 4-0 on a roll call vote.

VII. Community Partner Presentation by Arshia Ali-Kahn of the Umma Center

Arshia Ali-Kahn, the Director of Business Development and Marketing for the Umma Center (Urban Muslim Minority Alliance), appeared before the Board to outline the nature of their work in promoting education and social assistance to the neediest residents of North Chicago and Waukegan. Supervisor Strenger Wayne said that two recent General Assistance recipients have received computer instruction from the Center. The Center was founded in 2004 by a Gurnee resident. Ms. Ali-Kahn started as a volunteer and then served on the Board of Directors. Over 30,000 individuals have been served with three initiatives that involve education (free GED classes and computer training at different levels with some classes also taught in Spanish); financial literacy seminars; and a basic needs program that includes the operation of food pantry that is open Tuesday through Thursday from noon to 5 p.m. and the distribution of clothing, with more than 30,000 clothing items donated. The Center is partnering with the College of Lake County to offer different levels of basic education. Most clients are over age 30 and don't normally qualify for a GED, as most have below a 9th grade level of educational proficiency. She noted that 13 percent of Lake County's adult population cannot read. Ms. Ali-Kahn explained that factors relating to higher GED fees charged to clients and the increased use of technology in testing along with the addition of essays will make the attainment of a GED more difficult for many of those they serve. They are exploring becoming a GED testing center for the State. She distributed information about the Center and made a request for both volunteer and financial support. Supervisor Strenger Wayne expressed thanks for the Center's help with the Township's General Assistance clients working on their computer skills. The Center's website is www.ummacenters.org.

VIII. Public Comment - None

IX. Old Business - None

X. New Business - None

XI. Township Officials' Reports

a. Trustee's Report - None

b. Highway Commissioner's Report

Highway Commissioner Bill Goodman noted that winter had suddenly arrived in February and that, in addition to keeping the roads clear, his department has been working on equipment and repairs. With the amount of road salt consumed recently, there is now room again for the sheltered storage of it.

c. Supervisor's Report

In her Supervisor's Report, Supervisor Strenger Wayne mentioned the following items:

- A service learning project in the past month that involved a significant number of students from the middle schools in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff who came to the Township and were exposed to the circumstances of individuals of limited means by eating items from the food pantry and having the demographic and economic diversity of the Township explained to them. The students were asked to help meet the needs of the community and were given bags to return needed items, which results in 20 bags being return with paper products.
- The recognition of the by Mother's Trust for the support of children in need at an event attended by sixty people.
- A scheduled visit of the Northern Illinois Food Pantry's mobile food pantry, supported by the Township's Phoenix Rising Foundation, at Neal School in North Chicago on March 13th, from 4-6 p.m..

- The new “client choice program” for food pantry patrons in which they choose among available items rather than having them pre-bagged, and which recently included perishable food from the Northern Illinois Food Bank in addition to beef from the Beef for Hunger project.
- Increased traffic to the food pantry in the past two months, with the volume all handled by volunteers.

XII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Woodson, was approved unanimously on a voice vote at 7:18 p.m..

Attest

David N. Barkhausen, Town Clerk