

STATE OF ILLINOIS, )  
Lake County, ) } SS.  
Town of Shields )

THE TOWN BOARD OF SHIELDS TOWNSHIP met at the Shields Township office for its regular monthly meeting on March 21, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: <u>Gale Strenger Wayne</u>	Supervisor
<u>Donald E. Russ</u>	Deputy 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 Woodson participated by telephone. Trustees Baehr was absent.

**I. Meeting Called to Order**

Supervisor Strenger Wayne called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

**II. Appointment of Deputy Clerk**

On a motion by Trustee Carney, seconded by Trustee Anderson, Donald Russ was appointed Deputy Clerk for purposes of the meeting.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call**

Supervisor Strenger Wayne opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and requested an attendance roll call. Trustee Baehr was absent, with Trustee Woodson participating by telephone.

**IV. Consideration of the Minutes of the Previous Town Board Meeting**

A motion to approve the minutes of the Board's monthly meeting of February 28, 2013 was approved on a voice vote on a motion made by Trustee Anderson and seconded by Trustee Carney.

**V. 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 \$86,025.78 passed 4-0 on a roll call vote.

**Road & Bridge Bills:** A motion by Trustee Woodson, seconded by Trustee Anderson, to approve the payment of Road Fund expenses in the amount of \$24,812.77 passed 4-0 on a roll call vote.

**General Assistance Bills:** A motion by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Carney, to approve the payment of General Assistance expenses in the amount of \$4,134.67 passed 4-0 on a roll call vote.

**VI. Community Partner Presentation by Andy Duran of LEAD**

Andy Duran, the Executive Director of LEAD, explained that it is a 25-year-old Lake Forest-Lake Bluff organization with a mission of preventing substance abuse (focusing on alcohol, marijuana, and prescription drugs) and engaging parents in this effort. LEAD is supported by and affiliated with the federally grant-funded "Speak-Up Coalition," founded in 2006 and comprised of a diverse set of community groups and institutions. The most recent LEAD survey continues to show a much higher incidence of underage drinking and substance abuse than comparable peer groups. The survey showed 63% of students engaging in underage drinking, which is down from 76% in the prior survey. They have recently tried to gather more qualitative data through focus groups involving 52 individuals in the community. They plan to bring in speakers to address these issues, with Dr. Aaron White of Duke University coming to speak during Red Ribbon Week next October on the harmful effects of alcohol on the teenage brain. Mr. Duran mentioned the likelihood of the legalization of medical marijuana in Illinois at some point and the recent adoption of ordinances and resolutions at the local level that

would either prohibit or control its use in that event and new initiatives to combat prescription drug abuse, including the collection points for unused drugs at local police stations.

Trustee Anderson asked if the Township could approve the sort of regulatory measures Mr. Duran discussed, and the conclusion was that it could not, and that the County would have to be the enforcement jurisdiction. In response to a question from Supervisor Strenger Wayne about efforts to discourage underage drinking, Mr. Duran said that education begins with middle school students, where the incidence of use is relatively slight and intensifies in high school, where their surveys show big spikes in use between 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades and then again between the 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades. When Trustee Carney said it would be helpful to identify the prescription drugs that present the greatest potential for abuse, Mr. Duran said any drug used incorrectly or excessively is dangerous and then mentioned two others. In general, he said that “America’s biggest drug problem is not on the streets anymore; it’s in the medicine cabinet.” Supervisor Strenger Wayne said there is a link on the Township’s website to LEAD, and Mr. Duran expressed his appreciation for the support received from local government agencies. He mentioned a fund-raiser at Townline Park in Lake Forest in June and the Red Ribbon Run Walk/Run on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, and their upcoming Annual Appeal.

**VII. Public Comment - None**

**XIII. Old Business - None**

**IX. New Business**

**A. Approval of Annual Meeting Agenda and Meeting Date**

Trustee Anderson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Carney to approve the agenda that had been distributed to the Board for the Annual Meeting and the date and time for the meeting of April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., which motion was approved 4-0 on a roll call vote. Supervisor Strenger Wayne explained that the Annual Meeting is required by law to be on the second Tuesday in April except when that date conflicts with the observance of Passover or, as it does this year, with the date for the Local Consolidated Election, which is why the date is moved to the third Tuesday this year.

**B. Appointment of Deputy Clerk to Preside at the Annual Meeting**

Supervisor Strenger Wayne mentioned that Clerk Barkhausen had said that he would be out of town for the Annual Meeting and had requested the Board to approve the appointment of Don Russ to serve as Deputy Clerk to preside over the meeting. A motion to approve Mr. Russ’ appointment by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Carney, was approved 4-0 on a roll call vote.

**X. Township Officials’ Reports**

**a. Trustee’s Report - None**

**b. Highway Commissioner’s Report**

Highway Commissioner Bill Goodman contrasted last year’s balmy weather at this time of year with this year’s freezing temperatures, requiring some continued salting and vehicle maintenance along with general work along the rights of way.

**c. Supervisor’s Report**

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

- A talk she gave at the First Presbyterian Church the previous week along with a representative of the Samaritan Institute to the church’s Stephen Ministers who provide individual pastoral care to those dealing with stress in their lives. Supervisor Strenger Wayne discussed the general services available to those dealing with financial problems and the role of the Township in providing assistance and advice about other potential sources of support.
- The visit of the Northern Illinois Food Bank’s mobile food pantry, supported by the Township’s Phoenix Rising Foundation, at Neal School in North Chicago on March 13<sup>th</sup>, from 4-6 p.m. with the help of 30 volunteers from Great Lakes plus other volunteers who helped to serve 197 individuals 9,400 pounds of food in an hour and a half, including 200 pounds from Beef for Hunger.
- Special support for the Shields Township Food Pantry from Lake Bluff Boy Scout Troop 42 and a large donation of paper products (which food stamp recipients cannot purchase with LINK cards)

from Northwestern/Lake Forest Hospital and an appeal for such products in general (toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, feminine products, diapers, etc.).

**XI. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn by Trustee Carney, seconded by Trustee Anderson, was approved unanimously on a voice vote at 7:05 p.m..

Attest

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David N. Barkhausen, Town Clerk  
with the assistance of Donald E. Russ, Deputy Town Clerk