

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 August 15, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: <u>Cynthia Maloney</u>	Supervisor
<u>Heather Kerr</u>	Town Trustee
<u>Robert Goshgarian</u>	Town Trustee
<u>Laura Carney</u>	Town Trustee

Also present were Road Commissioner, Anderson and Assessor, Blahunka. Lanelle Collins, Clerk was absent from the meeting.

I. Meeting Called to Order

Supervisor Cynthia Maloney called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

II. Motion to appoint Don Russ as Deputy Clerk

On a motion by Trustee Goshgarian and a second by Trustee Carney, Don Russ was appointed Deputy Clerk for the meeting.

III. Roll Call

The Roll Call established that Trustee Brown was absent. Trustees Kerr, Trustee Goshgarian and Trustee Carney and Supervisor Maloney were present. Lanelle Collins, Clerk, absent.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Maloney opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. Consideration of Minutes from the Previous Town Board Meetings

On a motion by Trustee Goshgarian, and a second by Trustee Carney the minutes of the regular meeting of June 20 were approved as amended to show Trustee Carney then present.

On a motion by Trustee Goshgarian, and a second by Trustee Carney the minutes of the Executive Session and the regular meeting of July 18 were approved.

VI. Payment of Bills

A. Town Fund Bills: On a motion by Trustee Kerr, and a second by Trustee Goshgarian the Town Fund bills were approved for payment.

B. Road and Bridge Bills:

Regarding the Road & Bridge bills, Trustee Kerr questioned Commissioner Anderson regarding mileage reimbursements for the use of the Commissioner's private car noting that \$100 per month amounts to nearly \$5,000 of his 4-year term. Commissioner Anderson explained that when the township trucks are in use he must use his own car to supervise effectively. Trustee Kerr also asked about fire extinguisher maintenance, culvert replacement and tree maintenance. On a motion by Trustee Carney, and a second by Trustee Goshgarian the bills were approved for payment of \$5283.78.

C. General Assistance Bills:

On a motion by Trustee Kerr and second by Trustee Goshgarian the bills for General Assistance were approved for payment.

VII. Old Business:

A. On a motion by Carney/Goshgarian the Supervisor was given discretionary authority for all usual payments and for unusual payments less than \$500. Unusual payment greater than \$500 require the collaboration of two Trustees.

B. We watched a video of a grateful "Pastor Trudy" who is to receive a FEMA grant to mitigate flood damage. Shields Township is used as a conduit so that FEMA does not disburse directly to a church.

C. The Audit Report revealed that Assessor Blahunka had both approval and disbursing authority. On a motion by Trustee Goshgarian and second by Trustee Carney the report was approved.

VIII. Public Comment:

Janice Schnobrich, 766 Mawman: She noted that in spite of a 3-minute limitation on public comment, Dan Rogers spoke for 19 minutes of a recent 55 minute meeting.

Dan Rogers, 610 Adelphia: He spoke regarding Mrs. Schnobrich and Commissioner Anderson's mileage. Trustee Carney noted that even if past Road Commissioners did not request mileage reimbursements, they had higher salaries than Commissioner Anderson. Mr. Rogers had a colloquy with Commissioner Anderson regarding phone messages.

Sherry Gillen, 175 Margate Court: Mother of Caroline and Cathy who are mildly autistic. Noted that transportation service for the disabled provided by the school district is not available for those older than 21.

Jane Rubin, 426 West Sheridan Place: Mother of Downs Syndrome child. Engaged by Goshgarian who asked about the number of disabled children in the area and by Carney who asked about the county-level committee working on this matter.

Tim, 430 West Hawthorne Court: Needs a ride to the bus in Vernon Hills.

Kathy Siebert, 430 West Hawthorne Court: Mother of Tim. Tim lives in Highland Park 4 nights each week. He works 5 days each week in Buffalo Grove. Trustee Carney asked about Senior Center car service and was told that they give seniors priority.

Jim Carr, 935 Basil: Objects to the 3-minute time limit on public comment.

IX. New Business:

A. Related to much of the Public Comment, the LCCTSC was discussed, a transportation cooperative of Lorraine, Vernon Deerfield, West Deerfield and Shields. Supervisor Maloney said that she had only today received and distributed binders of information received from the county and tabled consideration of a non-binding resolution of endorsement until the next meeting. Trustee Carney noted that Lake Forest overlaps four townships and North Chicago overlaps two, suggesting that this initiative should be county-led, not township-led considering the burden of township salaries, especially those other than Shields. Trustee Goshgarian reassured the public commenters. Supervisor Maloney echoed Trustee Carney's comments about efficiency. Trustee Carney noted that Shields support a cash cab budget for North Chicago.

B. Supervisor Maloney suggested that the building lease should be discussed in Executive Session and tabled discussion until the next meeting.

C. Supervisor Maloney explained that Jacki Heblein of Northern Illinois Food Bank requests funding for a food pantry in the high school in North Chicago. Trustee Carney noted that Shields had \$15,000 in its budget two years ago for this purpose and that Jennifer Grumhouse would make good use of it. Supervisor Maloney noted that the proposed services are more than food and that it would provide “whole family service” and also that, while the high school is in Waukegan Township, the students live in Shields Township. This would be a joint partnership with North Chicago School District 187.

X. Township Reports:

A. Trustees - None

B. Highway Commissioner – Scott Anderson

Road Commissioner Anderson reported that he is clearing brush, replacing culverts and repairing equipment.

D. Supervisor – Cynthia Maloney

Supervisor Maloney reported that she continues to review Health & Dental insurance proposals. She said that legal counsel would be designated at the next meeting. She observed that the summer intern had just left and suggested they advertise for new help. She noted that the HUD Grant had been funded which would pay rent for 24 people and includes an additional \$16,000 for administration by Shields Township.

XI. Adjournment:

On a motion by Trustee Carney and second by Trustee Kerr the meeting was adjourned at 7:52.

Lanelle Collins, Town Clerk