

Minutes – Shields Township Board of Trustees

STATE OF ILLINOIS,)
Lake County,) ss.
Town of Shields)

THE TOWN BOARD OF SHIELDS TOWNSHIP met at Shields Township Office on August 28, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cynthia Maloney Supervisor
Don Russ Deputy Town Clerk
William Brown Town Trustee
Richard Goshgarian Town Trustee
Laura Carney Town Trustee
Heather Kerr Town Trustee

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
- II. A motion to appoint Don Russ as Deputy Clerk for the meeting (made by Carney and seconded by Kerr) was approved unanimously by voice vote.
- III. Roll call established that all (Brown, Goshgarian, Maloney, Carney & Kerr) were present.
- IV. Pledge was made.
- V. Supervisor Maloney reported: PACE \$3 dial-a-ride service for disabled has begun. <http://www.topboxfoods.com/> will offer fruit & vegetables at a 40 percent discount from retail prices every third Wednesday at the North Chicago Library. Phoenix Rising fundraiser movie showing at Gorton on October 9th will be "The Homestretch."
- VI. A motion to approve the July minutes (made by Brown and seconded by Kerr) was approved unanimously by roll call vote, subject to three corrections: (1) #8 Cowen, (2) Baldwin on Quassey, and (3) fifth commenter Felicia.
- VIIa. A motion to approve as presented the Town Fund bills (made by Carney and seconded by Brown) was approved unanimously by roll call vote.
- VIIb. A motion to approve the Road & Bridges bills (made by Kerr and seconded by Goshgarian) was approved unanimously by roll call vote, including mileage (58X56) for a total of \$11,150.05. .
- VIIc. A motion to approve as presented the General Assistance bills (made by Carney and seconded by Brown) was approved unanimously by roll call vote.
- VIII. Public comment: Mr. Dan Rogers of 610 Adelpia suggested that the mileage controversy (discussed in agenda item VIIb above) be referred to the Lake County State's Attorney for his opinion. Supervisor Maloney noted that the Township had the benefit of the Township's attorney's opinion.
- Ms. Tammy Scott of 701 W. Washington expressed concern for the road condition near her address. Road Commissioner Anderson said that the matter is being addressed.
- Mr. Jim Carr of 535 Basil expressed concern for the road condition near his address. He urged that repairs be made with "hot patch" and not "cold patch." Road Commissioner Anderson noted that his budget for such repairs is \$70,000.
- Mr. Fred Day of 717 Burris commented that spit rail fencing required repair in three places and that he had first raised the matter 56 days ago. Road Commissioner Anderson said that he had been only recently made aware of the matter and that he had gotten the parts but that rain and mowing have caused delay in finishing the work.
- Ms. Tina Smith of 714 Jenkisson noted that her yard has be "dug up" for a long time. Road Commissioner Anderson said that Lake County was installing a water main when it breached a gas main. In connection with that work, Lake County would share the drainage repair costs (culverts and swails) with Shields Township and that the driveways would then be repaired.
- IXa. At 7:00, Mr. Dan Rogers (610 Adelpia) reported that part-time employment of state troopers is more flexible than that of county deputies. He observed that when citations are written specifying the location as an "unincorporated" road, the township receives a portion of the proceeds (e.g. \$30 of a \$75 ticket, confirmed with retired

Lake Bluff Police Chief Fred Day (717 Burris)) which defrays some of the policing costs.

IXb. Supervisor Maloney reported on the ad hoc Committee established to recruit a consultant to assist the township with financial reports and budgets. Having advertised, only one candidate was identified. She was recommended by Mettawa and proposed that she would be paid for time not to exceed ten hours per week and that she would be further reimbursed for commuting travel. Trustee Goshgarian noted that this could be as much as \$17 thousand per year for time alone and that he objected to mileage reimbursement, recalling the discussion of agenda items VIIIb and VII above. Trustees Carney, Brown and Kerr and Commissioner Anderson commented. Mr. Mark Guido of 915 Talbot offered his services without cost. Trustee Goshgarian requested his resume. The matter was tabled until the next meeting by the board's consent.

IXc. Supervisor Maloney said that she had questions about the Audit Report and its approval was tabled until the next meeting by the board's consent.

X. There were no trustee reports. Road Commissioner Anderson discussed signage, road conditions and brush removal. Assessor Blahunka reported 322 appeals.

XI. A motion to adjourn (made by Kerr and seconded by Brown) was approved unanimously by roll call vote at 7:30.