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Town of Shields )

THE TOWN BOARD OF SHIELDS TOWNSHIP met at the North Chicago City Hall for its regular monthly meeting on September 20, 2012 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>Lynn Baehr</u>	Town Trustee
<u>Laura Carney</u>	Town Trustee
<u>Mary Woodson</u>	Town Trustee

Assessor Yakes was also present.

**I. Meeting Called to Order**

Supervisor Strenger Wayne called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Supervisor Strenger Wayne opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and requested an attendance roll call. She thanked North Chicago Mayor Leon Rockingham for enabling the Board to hold its meeting in the North Chicago City Hall chambers.

**III. Consideration of Minutes from the Previous Town Board Meetings**

A motion by Trustee Baehr, seconded by Trustee Woodson, to approve the minutes of the Board's monthly meeting of August 16, 2012 was approved on a voice vote.

**IV. Payment of Bills**

**Town Fund Bills:** A motion by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Baehr, to approve the payment of Town Fund expenses in the amount of \$80,571.97 passed 5-0 on a roll call vote. Trustee Carney asked about certain payments from the Towns Fund that Supervisor Strenger Wayne explained involved, respectively, the use of passport fees for food pantry-related items, reimbursements to Supervisor Strenger Wayne for Quickbooks and travel and meal expenses, an health savings account payroll deduction for Devon Nelson. Trustee Carney also expressed concern about the expenses of the North Chicago taxi program potentially exceeding the budgeted amount fees, a matter Supervisor Strenger Wayne had previously raised and which she said would need to be addressed by the Board. Trustee Carney also asked about what appeared to be two rental payments for the month, and Supervisor Strenger Wayne said she would ask Kathy French about the matter.

**Road & Bridge Bills:** A motion by Trustee Woodson, seconded by Trustee Anderson, to approve the payment of Road Fund expenses in the amount of \$23,833.48 passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

**General Assistance Bills:** A motion by Trustee Carney, seconded by Trustee Woodson, to approve the payment of General Assistance expenses in the amount of \$4,307.31 passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

**V. Public Comment –**

Dr. Waddell Brooks thanked the Board for coming back to North Chicago to have a meeting. He asked if Township government is necessary in light of how little Shields Township is doing in relation to the programs supported by Waukegan Township. He mentioned that Shields Township had given grants under former Supervisor Fitzgerald to Reading Power and other organizations, such as Daisy Resource Center. He requested reconsideration of the decision to end such grants. He thanked Supervisor Strenger Wayne for arranging the participation of students in a summer youth employment program.

Jan Schnobrich of Lake Bluff mentioned an article from the September 14<sup>th</sup> News-Sun that reported on the decision of the Avon Township Board to lower salaries for elected officials for the next term of

office. She noted that there were significant salary increases for Shields Township officials about 16 year ago as certain Township positions became full-time.

Mary Kay Larsen Ollway said she has 30 family members in North Chicago and feels that North Chicago residents are neglected and underappreciated by the Township. She cited the computer lessons and other programs offered by Waukegan Township.

Monty Beckwith said he had been part of North Chicago High School Booster Club and noted that the Township used to give scholarships. He said the students could use the money. He also encouraged participation in the "Market Club," from which the Booster Club receives 10 percent of the sales.

Jimmy Baldwin of North Chicago said he would have appreciated help for seniors during severe snow storms. He said he pays \$8,000 in taxes and complained that the Board only knows how to "cut." He did express his appreciation to Supervisor Strenger Wayne for what she has done for the children in the Township with the summer youth employment program.

Carmecia Bryson of Beach Park, formerly of North Chicago, said she was present when the mobile food pantry recently distributed food at Neal School. She says that the food made a great difference. She said that North Chicago is looking for change and a vision to move forward and urged the Board to be "co-partners" to bring it about.

## **VI. Old Business**

### **a. Discussion and Vote on Compensation for Elected Officials for Next Term of Office**

Supervisor Strenger Wayne mentioned that salaries had to be set for the Board for the new term of office and had mentioned that job descriptions for the various positions had been distributed and the status of what other townships. Trustee Anderson mentioned that he had some but not all responses that he had requested from the various highway commissioners in other Lake County townships. He said most have to cover substantially more miles of roads than in Shields, and they have large numbers of employees. Trustee Carney noted that the Board did not have to set the salaries until its meeting in November and wondered why Supervisor Strenger Wayne seemed to feel a sense of urgency in doing so. Supervisor Strenger Wayne said she felt that there had been some sort of discussion among Board members to put off a decision on the matter of which she had not been a part. Trustee Baehr made a motion to table further consideration of the matter until the Board's November meeting, which was seconded by Trustee Woodson and approved 4-1 with Supervisor Strenger Wayne voting no.

## **VII. New Business – None**

## **VIII. Township Officials' Reports**

### **a. Trustees' Report - None**

### **b. Supervisor's Report**

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

- A meeting that Bill Goodman was attending at the same time as the Township Board's meeting relating to the possible designs of potential new intersection configurations at Routes 176 and 41.
- Her disappointment that a video of the summer youth employment program could not be shown, as she introduced one of the participants, Monica Luna, and her mother, Anna.
- The rescheduled golf outing benefit supporting the Shields Township Food Pantry that had taken place the previous Monday as a rainout date from July, which included 15 foursomes. She thanked those who supported and helped organize the event, including Lake Forest Bank & Trust/North Chicago Community Bank as premier underwriter, the Lake Bluff golf course and staff, Glenn Holmes of Lake Bluff and his Fast Signs company, Knauz Continental for sponsoring the hole in one, Kenny Karnazes of Bluffington's, and Russ Armstrong, the event organizer, who is already planning next year's outing for July 12<sup>th</sup>.
- An appearance the previous day of the Northern Illinois Food Bank's mobile food pantry at Neal School in North Chicago, making 7,750 pounds of food available to 300 people in two hours with the help of the following volunteers for whom thanks were expressed: Trustee Mary Woodson, Shirley Morelli, Edith Rogers, Dave Harris, Rob Wayne, Jim Skinner, Scott Smith, Anna and Monica Luna; partnered with the Chief Petty Officers at Great Lakes; members of the girls volleyball team at school, a gentleman named John who helped direct traffic and assisted many

elderly residents, and others who spontaneously volunteered where needed. Trustee Woodson said she enjoyed helping and was impressed by how others volunteered.

- A lunch with township supervisors the previous day at which there was a spokesman from North Shore Gas who discussed the availability of complimentary energy conservation assistance through energy audits to enable consumers to save money on their natural gas bills. Residents can call 855-849-8928 to schedule a visit from a North Shore gas representative to obtain such advice.
- A recent significant birthday of her mother, former Trustee Mona Strenger, which was the occasion for several of Mrs. Strenger's friends to make a significant donation to the food pantry in her honor.
- A fund-raiser for Beef 4 Hunger, whose high quality meat products are now used in the Township's food pantry and for the Northern Illinois Food Bank, scheduled for Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Northbrook Sports Club.
- The Lake Bluff Rib Fest scheduled for Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> with the food pantry again designated as the beneficiary of the "People's Choice Award" where the public votes for their favorite recipe at a cost of \$1 each. Last year \$3,000 was raised for the food pantry. Around 20 teams were expected to participate, and Baytree Bank, the event's sponsor, provides the funding for the meat.
- A green sheet that had been distributed to the attendees of the meeting outlining the various programs and services of the Township, such as the food pantry and the hours that the Township comes to the NC Library.

## **IX. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn by Trustee Baehr, seconded by Trustee Woodson, was approved on a voice vote at 7:17 p.m..

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David N. Barkhausen, Town Clerk