

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 October 17, 2013, at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: <u>Cynthia Maloney</u>	Supervisor
<u>Heather Kerr</u>	Town Trustee
<u>Richard Goshgarian</u>	Town Trustee
<u>Laura Carney</u>	Town Trustee
<u>Lanelle Collins</u>	Clerk

Also present were Road Commissioner, Scott Anderson. Trustee William Brown was absent.

I. Meeting Called to Order

Supervisor Cynthia Maloney called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Maloney opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Consideration of Minutes from the September 19, 2013, Town Board Meeting

On a motion by Trustee Carney, and a second by Trustee Goshgarian the minutes of the regular meeting of September 19, 2013, were approved. Voice vote, motion carried.

V. For Action - Payment of Bills

A. Town Fund Bills: On a motion by Trustee Goshgarian, and a second by Trustee Kerr, the Town Fund bills were approved in the amount of \$79,748.30. Trustee Carney stated for the record that she was not in agreement with cost of \$1010 going to TOI because most of the funds go toward lobbying. Supervisor Maloney stated that she felt this is a worthy cause due to scholarship and education that can be obtained through the payment. Roll call, 4 ayes, motion carried.

B. Road and Bridge Bills: On a motion by Trustee Goshgarian, and a second by Trustee Kerr, the bills were approved in the amount of \$15,814.25. There was a question regarding a \$1300, 00 charge for an energy bill. The board decided to look into an alternative energy company due to high cost of the bills. Roll call, 4 ayes, motion carried.

C. General Assistance Bills: On a motion by Trustee Goshgarian, and a second by Trustee Kerr, the bills for General Assistance were approved in the amount of \$3184.56. Roll call, 4 ayes, motion carried.

VI. Old Business:

A. Discussion/Vote on Hiring Township Attorney: Supervisor Maloney, proposed to retain the current attorney Mr. Cowen, at \$230.00 per hour. It was motioned by Trustee Carney, and seconded by Trustee Goshgarian. Voice vote, motion carried.

B. Discussion/Vote on Time Limit for Public Comment: It was discussed that the 3 minute rule will remain in place, with an allowance of flexibility to the rule in certain circumstances. Voice vote, motion carried.

VII. Public Comment: No public comment was heard.

VIII. Township Reports:

A. Trustees

Trustee Kerr, reminded everyone that the paper-drive for the food pantry ends on Monday, October 21, 2013. Trustee Carney, inquired about the allocation of money for Thanksgiving meals. In addition, Trustee Carney reminded the board of upcoming Tax Levy which needs to be set in December. In-order to prepare the proper paperwork the meeting date was changed to December 12, 2013 by the previous board. The budget needs to be set by February 20, 2014.

B. Highway Commissioner – Scott Anderson

Road Commissioner reported on September pavement saw cutting, brush removal, and limited patching.

C. Supervisor – Cynthia Maloney

Supervisor Maloney reported that she will meet with the accounting firm next week to go over the budget.

A meeting will be held on Monday, October 21, 2013, with Kathy O'Hare in Lake Bluff, to gain information from citizens who use the transportation service.

The new food pantry at NCCHS is open, furniture, shelving and chairs were provided through the furniture give away.

There will be an Affordable Care Navigator on loan from Moraine Township beginning on November 11, 2013 from 2-4 pm. If you are interested you should call for an appointment.

Emmanuel Faith Church is looking for volunteers.

The VA Clothing Drive will be held at the Health Center, call Bob Degan for more information.

Shields Township will be sponsoring a Thanksgiving turkey give away, more details will follow.

During the month of September 2012 the Food Pantry had 196 people, and 78 families, in comparison to September 2011, where 184 people and 67 families visited.

Shields Township has new Face book page.

Shields Township is looking into adopting the Top box program. In-order to get a delivery site we need 70 deliveries a month to receive a 5% rebate for participation in the program. More information will be posted on the Facebook page.

XI. Adjournment:

On a motion by Trustee Goshgarian and second by Trustee Kerr the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Lanelle Collins, Town Clerk