

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 December 12, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Also present were Road Commissioner, Scott Anderson.

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 all members were present.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Maloney opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. For Action -Consideration of Minutes from the Previous Town Board Meetings

On a motion by Trustee Goshgarian, and a second by Trustee Brown the minutes of the regular meeting of November 21, 2013 were approved with corrections. Voice vote, motion carried.

V. Executive Session

On a motion by Trustee Carney, and a second by Trustee Kerr the regular session of the November 21, 2013 meeting was suspended to convene Executive Session for the purpose of discussing property and personnel. Roll call, motion carried. Meeting suspended at 6:33 p.m.

On a motion by Trustee Brown, and a second by Trustee Kerr the meeting was reconvened at 7:01 p.m. Roll call, motion carried.

VI. For Action - Payment of Bills

A. Town Fund Bills: On a motion by Trustee Kerr, and a second by Trustee Carney the Town Fund bills in the amount of \$67,545.71 were approved for payment, 5 ayes, motion carried.

B. Road and Bridge Bills:

On a motion by Trustee Carney, and a second by Trustee Brown the bills were approved for payment in the amount of \$14,902.93, 5 ayes, motion carried.

C. General Assistance Bills:

On a motion by Trustee Goshgarian and second by Trustee Carney the bills for General Assistance were approved for payment in the amount of \$2,148.42, 5 ayes, motion carried.

VII. Old Business: No old business was discussed.

VIII. Public Comment:

Janice Schnobrich, 766 Mawman: Praised the food pantries in North Chicago. She discussed the reduction in property tax levies for the Township general fund – resulting in a 40% total reduction. She also expressed concerns in keeping the township’s general fund property tax levy at no more than its current level and to reduce expenses to balance the budget. There was also mention of eliminating Township activities that are not mandated by state law. A statement was submitted to the Clerk for review upon request.

IX. New Business:

A. For discussion and adoption – Town Fund Levy in the amount of \$595,000

Motioned by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Kerr, 5 ayes, motion carried.

IMRF Levy in the amount of \$30,000, Motioned by Trustee Kerr, and seconded by Trustee Brown, 5 ayes, motion carried.

Road and Bridge Levy in the amount of \$532,153, motioned by Trustee Carney and seconded by Trustee Goshgarian, 5 ayes, motion carried.

B. For discussion and adoption – 2014 Meeting Schedule, Motioned by Trustee Brown, and seconded by Trustee Kerr, voice vote, motion carried.

C. For discussion and adoption – Town Fund Reserve (TABLED)

X. Township Reports:

A. Trustees – No Reports

B. Highway Commissioner – Scott Anderson

Reported that budgets are being worked on.

C. Supervisor – Cynthia Maloney

On Friday, November 22, 2013 Phoenix Rising Foundation distributed 100 complete turkey dinners to township residents. Shawn Phelps, PJ Micelli and Jack Sheppard took care of distributing the boxes to our pantry clients.

The North Chicago Shields Saturday pantry at Emmanuel Faith has been busy. Several Shields pantry volunteers have been helping out there on Saturday mornings as well...the pantry is open from 11-1 and volunteer hours are available from 10 – 2 p.m.

Costco has agreed to let Shields Phoenix Rising pick up fresh produce and baked goods, on Wednesdays and Fridays. We will be meeting with all pantry managers in Shields just after the first of the year to coordinate distribution of our perishables so that none are wasted.

Mrs. Nelson's study hall classes at Lake Forest High School donated a record 6400 cans of food to the pantry. Next Thursday a work group is coming over from Stericycle in Lake Bluff to move and organize the canned goods and to hear a presentation from Ms. Nini Lustig of Lake County Cares on hunger.

The Supervisor met with Waukegan Township Supervisor, Patricia Jones, to see if there is a possibility of developing a partnership.

Social service report was given to the trustees for their information... 127 people completed applications in the past 12 months requesting assistance. Eleven people received general assistance in 2013... four new individuals were eligible, and seven people moved on by finding employment or other sources of income. GA clients are provided with counseling and other support and are required to complete a financial management course with Libertyville Township. They are also required to actively look for work and provide evidence of this effort.

Thirty-Nine applications were processed for utility assistance (LIHEAP).

Three Hundred Forty-Nine children in Shields Township received help from Mother's trust, for a total of \$22, 690 in grants.

XII. Adjournment:

On a motion by Trustee Brown and a second by Trustee Goshgarian the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m., voice vote, motion carried.

Lanelle Collins, Town Clerk