

Plainfield Township Board of Trustees Minutes from January 12, 2011

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
WILL COUNTY) **S.S. Approved Minutes**
TOWN OF PLAINFIELD)

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES met at the Office of the Town Clerk at 6:00 p.m. on January 12, 2011.

PRESENT:

John Argoudelis	Supervisor
Ken McCafferty	Trustee
Tony Fremarek	Trustee
Steve Cammack	Trustee

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Anita Gerardy	Clerk
Erin Kljaich	Assessor
Matthew Starr	Tax Collector
Sam Reichert	Highway Commissioner

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:

Chuck Willard	Trustee
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OTHERS PRESENT:

Andi French	Administrator
Mary Domanus	Highway Admin

John Argoudelis acting as chairman and Anita Gerardy acting as Clerk, the following official business was transacted:

- I. Meeting January 12, 2011** was called to order at **6:10 p.m.**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer**
Pledge of Allegiance and prayer were said.
- III. Roll Call for Quorum:** Ken McCafferty –Present, Chuck Willard –Absent, Steve Cammack – Present, Tony Fremarek-Present, John Argoudelis –Present.
- IV. Approval of Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ken McCafferty, seconded by Tony Fremarek. Voice vote taken. Motion carries.
- V. Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes from the December 8th meeting was made by Tony Fremarek, seconded by Steve Cammack. Voice vote taken. Motion carries.
- VI. Supervisor's Report:**
 - A. Plainfield Central High School Band Boosters:** Mr. Drew Johnson requested a donation of \$500.00 for the Plainfield Central High School Band members. Mr. Johnson stated the money would be used for repair, maintenance and replacement of percussion instruments. A motion was

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made by Tony Fremarek, seconded by Steve Cammack, to donate \$500.00 to the Plainfield Central High School Band Boosters. Roll call taken: Tony Fremarek, Aye, Ken McCafferty-Aye, Steve Cammack-Aye, John Argoudelis-Aye. Motion carries.

B. Food Pantry Distribution Discussion: Mr. Argoudelis thanked Father David Medow and Barbara Seiden for attending the Township Board meeting to discuss the possibility of changing the process of food distribution to alleviate some of the traffic congestion. Father Medow stated he has requested the assistance of Barbara Seiden a consultant, who is donating her time, to do an analysis of the problem and solution. She presented an in-depth presentation and has asked to have a Township Board member participate in executing the new program. Mr. Argoudelis appointed Anita Gerardy to work with Father Medow and Barbara Seiden. Ms. Seiden stated she is in the process of interviewing the committee members. They hope the entire process will take no more than six months. New procedures, once approved, will take place immediately.

C. Renwick Road Bridge Update: Roger Wright and Sam Reichert presented an update on the progress of the Renwick Road Bridge. Mr. Wright stated the last two parcels of land are close to being closed. There is a negotiator working with land owners to settle on the parcels. There are other issues that need to be addressed before bids go out. Two minor issues need to be addressed. One issue is the wet land, which Mr. Wright stated either it needs to be replaced or banked. The other issue is asbestos. The homes that need to be demolished must be checked for asbestos before they can demolish the homes. Mr. Argoudelis asked if the project is bid in the summer 2011, would the project begin in 2011. Mr. Wright stated the project could begin late summer, early fall 2011 and would commence in 2012. Mr. Argoudelis asked if there is an estimate on the cost of the bridge. Mr. Wright stated he could give a ball park estimate of approximately \$9,000,000.00 for the construction. Mr. Wright will work with one contractor through a general contractor. Ms. Medveskas, a Plainfield Township resident, stated she is representing the neighbors who will be impacted with the construction of the Renwick Bridge. Ms. Medveskas stated one question raised by the residents is regarding the purchase of the home on the corner 24742 Renwick. Since this home will not be affected by the bridge construction, they want to know the reason why was it purchased. Mr. Reichert stated there was an agreement between the property owner, Terry Burghard and the Village of Plainfield to purchase the property to widen the road. Mr. Reichert stated IDOT advised the Township to purchase the property, sell or rent it after the construction is completed rather than have the expense of going through the courts. A question was raised regarding the cost and funding of the bridge. Mr. Reichert stated the cost of the bridge is divided at: 80% Federal, 10% County, 5% Township Highway Department and 5% Village. The Village advised the Township they are not paying the 5% that was promised. Mr. Reichert stated the Township Highway Department will cover the full 10%. Ms. Medveskas stated she is still waiting for a letter from Mr. Reichert regarding the re-construction of her fence. Mr. Reichert stated it is not his responsibility to re-construct any of the fences. He stated since 80% of the project is financed by the Federal Government, he is not authorized to spend any of the Federal money on personal projects. Mr. Wright advised her as they progress with the construction, Mr. Reichert could send a letter to the homeowners advising them of the date construction will begin and to take their fences down if they want to keep them. Ms. Meveskas stated the residents want to know if they will be compensated for the noise factor as some of them work nights and sleep during the day. Mr. Wright stated there are rules as to when any construction can begin and when it must stop. There is no provision for monetary compensation for construction noise. Ms. Medveskas thanked Mr. Reichert and Mr. Wright for updating her on the progress of the bridge.

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D. CPR Class: *"Tabled to February meeting."*

E. River Gauge Installation Update: The river gauge was installed. Information will be put on the Township website. It is located north of Plainfield off Naperville Road. Once it is hooked up to the satellite, residents can get real time notice on the condition of the river.

F. T.O.I. The board stated they did not want to place an ad in the T.O.I. 70th Anniversary edition.

VII. Public Comments: No public comments.

VIII. Elected Officials Report:

A. Assessor's Office: Ms. Kljaich advised the board she has hired two new employees needed to work on seasonal projects. One employee is working with Vern Kujath on commercial projects. The second part time employee is working on the pictorial project.

B. Clerk:

No Report

C. Highway Commissioner:

Written Report

D. Senior Coordinator:

No Report

Mr. Argoudelis congratulated Kathy Whalen on the wonderful Christmas luncheon she coordinated for the Township Seniors.

E. Senior Shuttle Bus:

Written Report

F. Tax Collector:

Written Report

G. Trustee Reports: Mr. Cammack stated at the last meeting he asked if it was possible to get extended warranty on the Shuttle Bus. Ms. French stated she will check with Monika McMillen.

H. Youth: Mr. Starr stated he has not received any submissions regarding the Township Anthem, and asked for the board's direction, to either extend the deadline, retool (such as opening it up to a wider age-group) or discontinues. Mr. Starr and the board will re-visit the Township Anthem in April.

Mr. Starr will host the second College and Financial Aid Expo on March 17th, 2011. The Expo will be held at Plainfield Central High School cafeteria.

T.O.I. Scholarship: Mr. Starr reported all four high schools have been provided with a copy of the application, as well as the guidelines for each of the seven scholarships. The announcement was published in the Plainfield Patch and the Trib Local.

IX. Reports

A. Building Issues:

No Report

B. Community Garden Plots:

No Report

C. Disabilities Committee: Mr. Cammack stated the bowling party is scheduled for February 13th at Pioneer Lanes from 12:00 to 2:00. It is free to all disabled residents. Mr. Cammack stated the cost of the bowling party will cost up to but not exceed \$600.00.

The Disabilities Expo is scheduled for April 9th from 9:00 to 5:00 at Plainfield High School, Central Campus.

D. Emergency Management:

No Report

E. Flooding:

No Further Report

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F. Food Pantry:

No Further Report

X. Approval of Bills:

General Town Fund: A motion to approve the *General Town Fund* in the amount of \$ 212,498.64 made by Tony Fremarek, seconded by Ken McCafferty. Roll call taken: Tony Fremarek– Aye, Steve Cammack- Aye, Ken McCafferty- Aye, John Argoudelis-Aye. Motion carries.

Road and Bridge: A motion to approve the *Road and Bridge Fund* in the amount of \$137,439.49 was made by Tony Fremarek, seconded by Steve Cammack. Roll call taken: Tony Fremarek-Aye, Steve Cammack-Aye, Ken McCafferty-Aye, John Argoudelis-Aye. Motion carries.

XI. Announcements:

None

XII. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the General Board Meeting at 7:40 p.m. was made by Tony Fremarek, seconded by Ken McCafferty. Voice vote taken. Motion carries.

Anita Gerardy, Clerk

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Residents in attendance:

Judi Medveskas 15912 S. River Road, Plainfield, IL

Robyn Monaghan Plainfield Patch

Father David Medow, St. Mary Immaculate Church

Annisa Cumora 11650 Derby Lane Plainfield IL

Barbara Seiden 24249 Corydalis Street Plainfield IL

Drew and Brad Johnson 16219 S. Arbor Dr. Plainfield IL