

Plainfield Township Board of Trustees Minutes from March 09, 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 March 09, 2011.

PRESENT:

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

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Erin Kljaich	Assessor
Matthew Starr	Tax Collector

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:

Anita Gerardy	Clerk
Sam Reichert	Highway Commissioner

OTHERS PRESENT:

Andi French	Administrator
Mary Domanus	Highway Admin
Monika McMillen	Asst. Administrator

John Argoudelis acting as chairman and Andi French acting as Deputy Clerk, the following official business was transacted:

- I. Meeting March 09, 2011** was called to order at **6:02 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 –Present, Steve Cammack – Present, Tony Fremarek-Present, John Argoudelis –Present.
- IV. Approval of Agenda:** A motion to approve the revised 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 February 9, 2011 meeting was made by Tony Fremarek, seconded by Steve Cammack. Voice vote taken. Motion carries.
- VI. Supervisor’s Report:**
 - A. I55 Interchange at Airport Road Update:** Mr. Argoudelis advised the board they are beginning to have meetings and hearings in regard to the Interchange. The idea came about before the Township building was built. At the time it was proposed to be a tight diamond shaped interchange. It would

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have affected the garden plots but not the building. Romeoville is pushing for the interchange, without the Rt.126 project completed at the same time, because East of I- 55 is Romeoville and they are looking at the possibility of developing an industrial/ commercial district. At the time, Plainfield residents thought it would be beneficial to Plainfield, because it could allow the open land to the North of the Interchange to be developed into an industrial/commercial district. This would broaden the tax base and take pressure off the residents of Plainfield. The village is concerned that Romeoville is pushing for the Interchange regardless of when the Rt. 126 project is done. The original plan was to incorporate the I-55 Interchange and the Rt.126 project which would allow a loop road going through the quarry connecting all roads to what will be the extended 143rd. Street and the new Rt.126 going West. The concern is if it is not done as a coordinated effort it would impact the traffic on Lockport Street into downtown Plainfield. Mr. Argoudelis stated the reason it is on the agenda, is whether or not the board would be inclined to pass a resolution stating that we are in favor of the Lockport Street/Airport Road interchange, however it is our desire it be coordinated with the full interchange at Rt.126 and I-55 and the road extension of 143rd. Street so as not to negatively impact the current residential Lockport Street area. Mr. Argoudelis stated there is a representative from the Village board in attendance at the meeting, Mr. Garrett Peck. Mr. Argoudelis advised Mr. Peck that the board is contemplating a resolution regarding the 135th I-55 interchange only with the full coordination of Lockport Street/Airport Road and the extension of 143rd Street and Rt. 126. Mr. Peck stated Village has yet to pass their own resolution, however, Mr. Peck stated his personal opinion is to agree with the Township board that the project should be done simultaneously with the Lockport Street/ Airport Road/ Rt.126th and 143rd/ Street road extensions and I-55 interchange.

Mr. Fremarek made a motion to adopt a resolution supporting the extension of Lockport Street/Airport Road Interchange only if simultaneously coordinated with the extension of Rt.126th so it would not negatively impact the current residential Lockport Street residential area, the extension of 143rd Street to Rt. 59 and the interchange at I- 55, seconded by Chuck Willard. Roll call taken: Tony Fremarek-Aye, Ken McCafferty- Aye, Steve Cammack-Aye, Chuck Willard-Aye, John Argoudelis-Aye. Motion carries.

- B. Senior Center Update:** Mr. Argoudelis stated that verbal approvals have taken place between the Plainfield Board (Mr. Argoudelis), and the Park District Board (Mr. Bott and Michelle Kelly). Mr. Argoudelis stated neither board has approved the agreement. Mr. Fremarek questioned the issue of Michelle Kelly, President of the Park District, who is not running for re-election, would there be any impact on the agreement. Mr. Argoudelis advised the board, their last meeting (April) would be scheduled before the new board takes over.
- C. River Gauge Update:** The river gage is fully operational. Mr. Argoudelis stated that he and Trustee Fremarek have been working on the name of the gauge. Naperville stated they had a small gage there and has always been referred to as the "Near Naperville Gauge." Plainfield Township has funded the gage so the feeling is that it should be called the "North Plainfield Gauge." Naperville wants to continue with the name as "Near Naperville Gauge." The Plainfield Township logo is on the gauge. Mr. Argoudelis stated he will attempt to talk to them again regarding the name. Mr. Willard suggested Mr. Argoudelis inquired as to how much responsibility Naperville will accept toward the maintenance agreement renewal each year. Mr. Argoudelis stated he will begin talking to the Village and Wheatland Township regarding help with the cost to maintain the gauge. The Township paid for the gauge. The original cost to the Township was approximately \$40,000.00. The yearly maintenance cost is approximately is \$12,000.00. Divided between the three entities, it would not be a huge amount for anyone.

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D. Shuttle Bus Expansion: A committee (Chuck Willard, Andi French and Monika McMillen) was formed to analyze the current status of the shuttle bus, the current needs of the shuttle bus service and report back to the board at the April meeting. Chuck Willard, Monika McMillen and Andi French will explore options of the possibility of a shuttle bus expansion program. Mr. Willard is also concerned with how many riders were turned away when the bus is full. Ms. McMillen stated 32 Plainfield Residents could not be accommodated last month. Mr. Willard stated that was a substantial number of residents that were turned away. Mr. Willard is also concerned with the upkeep and maintenance of the shuttle bus. The cost to repair the bus is going up and also if the bus needs extensive lengthy repair and is out of service we do not have a backup bus. Trustee Willard stated there are many things to consider before offering bus service to other communities; what services to expand to other municipalities after meeting our own needs are met, financial options, breakdown costs, availability of diesel at Thornton's, would drivers become full time and need benefits, naming of the bus. Mr. Argoudelis and Mr. Willard agree that if a second bus is purchased, the current bus would be kept as a second bus and would only run two or three days a week or as needed. Having a second bus would extend the life of the current bus by not having to run it full time. Mr. Willard stated if the buses were on an eight year rotation schedule then every four years a new bus would be purchased, the existing bus would become the backup bus and the oldest bus would be sold or traded in. Mr. Willard stated at the present time we have riders with specific needs such as dialysis, at this time we do not have the option to accommodate their needs. If we had a second vehicle this would allow us the opportunity to accommodate these needs using the current bus on a limited schedule. Mr. Willard stated the committee has been looking into the possible cost of a second bus. Mr. Willard stated the cost is approximately \$55,000.00 to \$65,000.00 which includes the lift and lettering on the bus. This price does not include an Automatic Defibrillator Device (ADD). The ADD can be purchased through emergency service, at approximately \$1,300.00. Mr. Willard will set up a meeting with MidWest Bank to review the options for financing. Mr. McCafferty asked if Wheatland Township is renting a bus temporarily and are they still considering a discussion with Plainfield Township. Mr. Willard stated the committee spoke with Wheatland Township Supervisor and at this time they are renting the bus on a trial basis. Mr. Willard asked where the second bus would be stored. Mr. Argoudelis stated it will be stored in our garage. Mr. Willard asked for the board to advise the committee if the committee should proceed with the possibility of purchasing a second bus. Mr. Fremarek stated he would like to have a breakdown of expenses of the current bus as to the cost of maintenance, driver's and gas expenses. He also requested a feedback from the companies as to the possible cost of the maintenance and mileage expected from a V8, Diesel or V10. The board agreed the committee should price out the diesel and the V10.

Mr. Argoudelis stated in the 1900's trolleys had names. Mr. Argoudelis suggested, in jest, our buses should have a name. Much discussion of names was held.

Mr. Argoudelis stated after they present their report at the April meeting, he will invite representatives from the Village and Wheatland Township to meet with the committee to discuss the possibility of expanding the shuttle bus service to their areas.

E. Newsletter Discussion: Mr. Argoudelis stated the board should have a discussion on whether or not the Township should put out another formal letter. Ms. French discussed several options in getting the newsletter to residents of Plainfield Township. Ms. French put together some preliminary numbers regarding the cost to the Township to deliver the last newsletter, a six page, four color brochure, delivered door to door. Other options are to print a two page or four page newsletters and include in the Park District booklet. The Township could also take out an ad in the Park District booklet, but the booklet goes out to all Townships in Plainfield, which are out of the Plainfield Township boundaries. Mr. McCafferty stated he thinks that the Township should do away with the

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tangible newsletter and go with the internet newsletter. At one time a discussion was held regarding the possibility of using the e-mail list of residents who have subscribed to our website. He stated he is in favor of going green and using the internet or going with an insert in the Park District booklet. Mr. Willard stated he is in favor of an insert on the back cover of the Park District booklet, appearing in the same spot every Park District publication, would give the Township the coverage it needs. Mr. McCafferty stated using the back page in the Park District booklet would give the Township the opportunity to provide more information on what the board is doing for the residents, eliminating unnecessary fluff. Trustee McCafferty also stated with the coverage we are getting from the Enterprise and the Plainfield Patch, we are getting the coverage need to get word out of the services we offer to the residents of Plainfield Township. Mr. Fremarek stated he agrees that placing an insert in the Park District publication and having the same spot in each pamphlet, would allow us to reach more Township residents. Mr. Argoudelis stated he feels the only way to reach all residents of Plainfield Township is to do a full mailing distribution, on the Internet and the Plainfield Patch. This captures internet savy as well as those that still prefer a newspaper. Mr. Argoudelis stated he and Ms. French would discuss this issue further and will return their recommendations to the board at the April meeting. Mr. Argoudelis advised the board all articles must be submitted to Ms. French no later than May 11th.

F. Plainfield Area Interfaith Food Pantry Progress Update: No Report at this time.

VII. Public Comments: Mr. Willard advised Township residents, Judy Mdveskas and Colleen Stueckard the new gauge is working and is a good read. It also gives a quick gauge as to how fast the river is going down. The gauge readings are available on our website. Ms. Medveskas stated she is still waiting for word from the County and or from Tom Cross's office (Lee Ann Goodson) regarding the purchase project. Mr. Argoudelis stated the Army Corp. of Engineers stated there is nothing to be done until a full river study is completed. Ms. Stuckrad received a text sent to her from the River Gauge, advising her of the height of the River. A question was asked regarding whether or not Trustee Lamb is moving a berm on the river at Rt.126. Ms. Medveskas inquired when the road/bridge construction will begin. Ms. Domanus stated negotiations continue. The bridge/road construction cannot proceed until all properties are purchased. Mr. Argoudelis asked Ms. Domanus if the engineering is completed. There are still some parcels of land that have not been purchased. Ms. Domanus stated they are still in phase one, which is Engineering Studies and basic design. Phase two is land acquisition and right of way. Once phases one and two are completed, they can begin phase three, construction.

VIII. Elected Officials Report:

A. Assessor's Office: Ms. Kljaich presented a preliminary budget (2011-2012) information to the board. Ms. Kljaich stated more money is needed in the Assessor's office due to the quad re-assessment. She is requesting an additional \$100,000.00. Mr. Argoudelis asked the board for a consensual agreement for Ms. Kljaich to proceed with the preliminary partial budget, that it would be approved with the overall budget. There was a unanimous agreement to approve the partial budget.

B. Clerk:

No Report

C. Highway Commissioner:

Written Report

D. Senior Coordinator: Kathy Whalen stated out of 200 Senior's only 11 responded to receiving her newsletter via the internet.

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E. Senior Shuttle Bus:

Written Report

F. Tax Collector:

No Report

G. Trustee Reports:

* Ken McCafferty

No Report

*Chuck Willard: Mr. Willard held a CPR class, for Plainfield Township employees.

*Steve Cammack: Mr. Cammack received a request from Meghan Kelly for an interview regarding the Township scholarship program. She will be attending Aurora University in the fall.

*Tony Fremarek:

No Report.

Mr. Argoudelis reported to the board the Plainfield Township Flag appears on the "Flags of the World website.

H. Youth:

Written Report

IX. Reports

A. Building Issues: Mr. Argoudelis stated the building had some problems with the fire alarm. The problem has been corrected.

B. Community Garden Plots: Ms. McMillen and Mr. Fremarek will hold a meeting with returning gardeners, they will be given priority before plots can be offered to Rachel Rayas and her Seed to Table project. Mr. Fremarek is looking into buying a rototiller that can be used by the gardeners. He will report to the board at the next meeting. Mr. Argoudelis suggested a meeting should be set up to show gardeners how to run a rototiller. Mr. Fremarek stated he feels a release should be signed by all gardeners using the tiller. The rototiller will be kept in the Township garage. Mr. Argoudelis is concerned with gardeners taking the tiller from the garage to the garden plots. These are issues Mr. Fremarek will address. Mr. Argoudelis stated he would like to have a Master Gardener or a member of the garden club come to a meeting of the gardeners to give a seminar about gardening and up keep of the plots.

C. Disabilities Committee: Mr. Cammack stated he has been holding weekly meetings with the Disabilities Committee regarding the upcoming Expo, April 9th at Plainfield High School. He stated between 110 and 120 invitations have been sent out and he has received thirty positive responses. It is a free event for all residents. There is a \$50.00 fee for profit organizations for a booth. There is no charge for non-profit organizations. There will be five speakers and two demonstrations. Plainfield Police Department and possibly a U.S. Soccer team made up primarily of disabled players will be the demonstrators. Mr. Cammack stated he has contacted Dr. Harper regarding waving some of the fees for postage and custodial care. There will be bags for the participants which might possibly have a sponsor to cover the cost. The Park District is taking care of the publicity for the Expo. Mr. Cammack stated they have a disabilities resource guides that will be given out. Mr. Cammack stated in addition to the Expo on April 9th the committee is participating in a program on March 19th and would like to purchase note pads with the Township logo and the Disabilities information. He asked for assistance with this expense. The cost of the note pads will be approximately \$225.00 for the Expo and \$225.00 for the disability program being held on the 9th of March. Mr. Cammack

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stated in addition to the request for the Expo expense, the Disabilities Committee would like to participate in the upcoming Illinois Special Olympics for 2011 fund raiser. He asked for a motion to spend \$1,000.00 (out of his budget) for the Disabilities Expo (\$250.00) a disabilities program on March 9th (\$250.00 and \$500.00 toward the Illinois Special Olympics fund raiser. A motion was made, to allow Mr. Cammack to spend \$1,000.00 from the Disabilities budget to cover cost of the Disabilities Expo (\$250.00, a disabilities program (\$250.00 and donate \$500.00 to Illinois Special Olympics, by Mr. McCafferty, seconded by Tony Fremarek.

Roll call: Chuck Willard-Aye, Steve Cammack-Aye, Tony Fremarek-Aye, John Argoudelis-Aye. Motion carries.

D. Emergency Management: Mr. Willard stated he held the CPR class for the Township employees.

E. Flooding: **No Further Report**

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 \$ **66,915.92** made by Tony Fremarek, seconded by Chuck Willard. Roll call taken: Tony Fremarek– Aye, Steve Cammack- Aye, Ken McCafferty- Aye, Chuck Willard-Aye, John Argoudelis-Aye. Motion carries.

Road and Bridge: A motion to approve the *Road and Bridge Fund* in the amount of \$ **162,411.14** was made by Tony Fremarek, seconded by Chuck Willard. Roll call taken: Tony Fremarek-Aye, Steve Cammack-Aye, Chuck Willard-Aye, Ken McCafferty-Aye, John Argoudelis-Aye. Motion carries.

XI. Announcements: **None**

XII. Adjournment: A motion to go into the Executive session at 8:08p.m was made by Tony Fremarek, seconded by Steve Cammack. Present: John Argoudelis, Ken McCafferty, Tony Fremarek, Steve Cammack, Andi French.

A motion to come out of Executive session at 8:30 p.m. was made by Chuck Willard, seconded by Tony Fremarek. Voice vote taken. Motion carries.

A motion was made by Chuck Willard to go into the General Meeting at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Tony Fremarek. Voice vote taken. Motion carries. A motion for a .75 hourly increase for Monika McMillen was made by Steve Cammack, seconded by Chuck Willard. Roll call taken: Steve Cammack-Aye, Tony Fremarek-Aye, Ken McCafferty-Aye, Chuck Willard-Aye, John Argoudelis-Aye. Motion carries.

Adjournment: A Motion was made by Tony Fremarek to adjourn the general meeting at 8:32 p.m., seconded by Chuck Willard. Voice Vote taken. Motion carries.

Andi French

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Residents in attendance:

Colleen Stueckrad 158205 River Road Plainfield II

Judy Medveskis 15925 River Road Plainfield II

Annissa Chmura Plainfield II

Robyn Monaghan Plainfield Patch

Tood Funk 15316 Larkin St. Plainfield II

Garrett Peck 14703 Independence Dr. Plainfield II