

**Plainfield Township Board of Trustees Minutes from April 11, 2012**

**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 April 11, 2012.

**PRESENT:**

John Argoudelis	Supervisor
Chuck Willard	Trustee
Tony Fremarek	Trustee
Ken McCafferty	Trustee
Steve Cammack	Trustee arrived at 6:15 pm

**OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Anita Gerardy	Town Clerk
Matthew Starr	Tax Collector
Erin Kljaich	Assessor

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:**

Sam Reichert	Highway Commissioner
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**OTHERS PRESENT:**

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

- I. Meeting April 11, 2012** was called to order at **6:00 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 agenda was made by Ken McCafferty, seconded by Chuck Willard. Voice vote taken. Motion carries.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes from the **March 14, 2012** meeting was made by Ken McCafferty, seconded by Tony Fremarek. Voice vote taken. Motion carries.

**V. Supervisor’s Report:**

**A. Plainfield Park District, Melody Chapman-Donation Request:** The purpose of the organization is to provide recreational opportunities for all residents as well as to offer diversified programs and activities that provide personal enjoyment, contribute to a sense of self fulfillment, and enhance the quality of life of its residents. Trustee Fremarek made a motion to donate \$700.00 to the Plainfield Park District, seconded by Trustee Willard. Roll call taken: Trustee Willard-Aye, Trustee Cammack-Aye, Trustee McCafferty-Aye, Trustee Fremarek-Aye, Supervisor Argoudelis-Aye. Motion carries.

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**B. Energistics Consulting Group, Jim Sanders - Evaluation of Energy Suppliers Discussion:** Mr. Sanders provided information for the group regarding an Alternative Retail Electric Supplier. He stated there are options in choosing an alternative electric supplier. The consulting group works with a firm that 1) follows the energy markets, 2) reviews the prices per kilowatt hours, and 3) conducts a competitive analysis on ICC approved power suppliers. Energistics provides its clients access to that information in assisting them to reach an informed decision of their Choice of Power and using the Power of Choice to manage their electric bills. Mr. Argoudelis stated he would be in favor of having an informal session at the Township. Mr. Sanders stated it would provide information for residents and small business owners to make educated decisions regarding their electric provider. Mr. Argoudelis suggested Mr. Sanders and Ms. French decide on a date to hold an information session. The board will advertise it on the website.

**C. Patriot Electric, Drew Denson, Energy Saving Induction Lighting Discussion:** A proposal for installation of new Induction Lighting for Plainfield Township. Mr. Denson presented the board with information regarding the installation of energy-efficient lighting for the existing wall packs over the exterior doors and the tall lighting fixtures. Mr. Argoudelis stated Patriot Electric has provided a lot of electrical repair work for the outdoor lighting. Mr. Argoudelis stated the new energy-efficient lighting that will have an initial up front cost but will save money over time. Mr. Denson presented a proposal to go from traditional lighting to the high efficiency lighting. He stated the induction lighting will last approximately 100,000 hours but unfortunately the existing fixtures cannot be retro fitted to accommodate replacing the “guts” with new technology. Mr. Argoudelis inquired if the capital investment on the second page \$26,709.00 to re-do the wall fixtures over the doors and the tall lighting fixtures includes the polls on the Forest Preserve property. Mr. Argoudelis stated he will meet with the Forest Preserve regarding this replacement and if they are in agreement with the proposal, they can reimburse the Township for their portion of the replacement. Mr. Argoudelis stated the board will decide on the replacement when the architectural design phase of the new building addition is completed.

**D. Foundation for Excellence, Matthew Starr - Donation Request Discussion:** Mr. Starr explained the group is dedicated to the development of enrichment programs and services to School District 202. A motion was entertained by Trustee Willard. No motion was made.

**E. Set Budget Workshop - Discussion:** Mr. Argoudelis stated in the past the workshop was scheduled before the General Town meeting. The board agreed to meet on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at the Township office.

**F. Building Update:** Mr. Argoudelis advised the board that it would be necessary to have the scheduled meeting on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss addition issues with the architect present.

**G. Website/Newsletter, Chuck Willard - Discussion:** Mr. Willard stated he has some thoughts on a township newsletter and how to make it effective but not put extra work on everyone. He stated the board has a lot of articles from the past sixteen years. He stated a lot of people have moved to the area in the last five to eight years and have not read the articles. He asked what the board thought about recycling these articles and adding new content to keep it current. He suggested rotating articles every six months. Mr. Fremarek stated he would like to add his thoughts to this proposal. He stated he has been in contact with Jeff Reiter, with RWK, and spoken with him about

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having the ability to “highlight a service of the month” to refresh the website. He suggested looking into RWK or some other company to help manage the website and do a refresh of the site. Mr. Fremarek stated Ms. Kljaich has expressed an interest in merging the Assessor’s website with the Township website making the site cleaner for the residents.

**H. Advertisement Draft for Park District Booklet - Discussion:** Ms. French asked the board to table the discussion of the draft to the May meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Fremarek to table the discussion of the draft for the Park District Booklet to the May meeting, seconded by Trustee McCafferty. Voice vote taken. Motion carries.

**I. Marriage License/Civil Union License - Discussion:** A discussion was held to clarify whether the Township must follow the County’s policy to offer civil union licenses along with marriage licenses. Ms. French confirmed with Melanie Manning at the State’s Attorney’s Office that the township must follow what the County is obligated by law to do. A motion was made by Tony Fremarek to continue to follow the County’s policy and offer marriage licenses as well as civil union licenses, seconded by Chuck Willard. Voice vote taken: Tony Fremarek-Aye, Steve Cammack-Aye, Ken McCafferty-Aye, Chuck Willard-Aye, John Argoudelis-Nay. Motion carries.

**J. Executive Session:** A motion to go into Executive Session at 6:32 was made by Tony Fremarek, seconded by Ken McCafferty. Voice vote taken. Motion carries.

A motion to come out of the Executive Session and go into the General Town meeting was made by Tony Fremarek, seconded by Steve Cammack. Voice vote taken. Motion carries.

The board went into the General Town meeting at 6:50 p.m. Mr. Argoudelis left at 7:00 p.m. Supervisor position was passed to Trustee Willard.

**VI. Public Comments:** Judi Medveskas, a Plainfield Township resident, asked Mr. Reichert when he intends to shut down River Road. Mr. Reichert stated the road will be shut down after school is out sometime around the end of May. The road will be open only to residents who live in that area. Ms. Medveskas asked Mr. Reichert if they intend to straighten River Road near Colleen Stueckrad’s house and take more of the property or possibly two or three more houses. Mr. Reichert stated he heard her house, Stueckrad’s house and Sieracki’s house and are under the Federal Flood buy out. Ms. Medveskas asked Ms. Kljaich who would be doing the assessed home value pre flood of 2008. Mr. Willard stated the County is buying some property and they are using the figures from 2008 pre flood which have been filed and are public record to determine the purchase price.

## **VII. Elected Officials Report:**

**A. Assessor’s Office:**

**Written Report**

**B. Clerk:**

**No Report**

**C. Highway Commissioner:**

**Written Report**

Mr. Argoudelis stated the Highway Department must front the money for the bridge and then be reimbursed by the Federal Government. Mr. Argoudelis stated the Highway Department had a line of credit, used it and closed it. He is now working with First Midwest Bank of Plainfield to secure another line of credit for \$200,000.00. A motion was made by Tony Fremarek to authorize Sam Reichert, Highway Commissioner to proceed to open a line of credit with First

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Midwest Bank in the amount of \$200,000.00 for uses pertaining to the Renwick Road Bridge project, seconded by Steve Cammack. Roll call taken: Tony Fremarek-Aye, Chuck Willard-Aye, Ken McCafferty-Aye, Steve Cammack-Aye, John Argoudelis-Aye. Motion carries.

**D. Tax Collector/Youth Committee:** Matt Starr stated he received about 20 applications for the Township College Scholarship Program started this year. He will interview the top three and notify the winner by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**E. Trustees Comments:**

**Mr. McCafferty:**

**No Report**

**Mr. Cammack:**

**No Report**

**Mr. Willard:** Mr. Willard stated he and Commissioner Reichert met with Lee Ann Goodson and Tom Carroll at the County Building to talk about Harris Drive. He stated they pulled up an old flood study from the 1950's showing where the water used to go before any construction began. They also had the Highway Department's study which was done six years ago. In reviewing the two studies, they found the water is still going where it wants to go. The problem is the construction of Joliet neighborhoods to the North which has changed the flow of the water. Mr. Willard has identified several options to fix the problem; however, he stated not one option alone will fix the problem. Using several options, the County feels it will eliminate the problem 80% of the time when there is two inches of rain per hour. The downpour of four to six inches of rain would result in flooding. Mr. Willard stated with the cooperation of Dr. Wunderlich's property to the South, they are looking at a culvert going all the way down to the Frontage Road and culverts going out to the Rill. He stated they are looking for more cooperation from the new Joliet City Manager. He stated as of now, they are in the phase of identifying costs associated with these improvements and obtaining permission from the City of Joliet to move ahead with this plan before they can present it to the board.

**Mr. Fremarek:**

**No Report**

### VIII. Reports:

**A. Building Issues:**

**Written Report**

**B. Community Garden Plots:** Mr. Fremarek stated he and Ms. McMillen held the annual Garden meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Fremarek stated just about half of the garden plots have been rented but the plots are in good shape and ready for the gardeners.

**C. Disabilities Committee:** Mr. Cammack had one final announcement regarding the upcoming Expo on April 14<sup>th</sup>. He stated they have 58 vendors not including the Township's disability tables. Mr. Cammack stated he has checks to deposit for Ms. French.

**D. Emergency Management Coordinator:**

**No Report**

**E. Flooding**

**No Report**

**F. Food Pantry**

**No Report**

**G. Senior Coordinator:**

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**H. Senior Shuttle Bus:**

**Written Report**

Mr. Willard noticed there was an increase of 43% in riders his month. Ms. French stated both buses have been running now; one full time and one part-time.

**I. Youth Committee:**

**Written Report**

**IX. Approval of Bills:**

**General Town Fund:** A motion to approve the *General Town Fund from 3/15/12 to 3/31/12* in the amount of **\$54,040.30** was made by Tony Fremarek seconded by Steve Cammack. Mr. Cammack inquired if the Township is paying more for office cleaning than we did before. Ms. French stated there was one month where there were five weeks. Ms. French stated she also paid for cleaning through the end of the month because it was the end of the fiscal year. Roll call taken: Tony Fremarek-Aye, Chuck Willard-Aye, Ken McCafferty-Aye, Steve Cammack-Aye, John Argoudelis-absent. Motion carries.

**Road and Bridge:** A motion to approve the *Road and Bridge Fund from 3/15/12 to 3/31/12* in the amount of **\$71,786.51** was made by Tony Fremarek seconded by Ken McCafferty. Roll call taken: Tony Fremarek-Aye, Chuck Willard-Aye, Ken McCafferty-Aye, Steve Cammack-Aye, John Argoudelis-absent. Motion carries.

**General Town Fund:** A motion to approve the *General Town Fund from 4/01/12 to 4/11/12* in the amount of **\$37,677.97** was made by Tony Fremarek seconded by Ken McCafferty. Roll call taken: Tony Fremarek-Aye, Steve Cammack-Aye, Chuck Willard-Aye, Ken McCafferty-Aye, John Argoudelis-absent. Motion carries.

**Road and Bridge:** A motion to approve the *Road and Bridge Fund from, 4/01/12 to 4/11/12* in the amount of **\$59,590.06** was made by Tony Fremarek, seconded by Ken McCafferty. Roll call taken: Tony Fremarek-Aye, Chuck Willard-Aye, Ken McCafferty-Aye, Steve Cammack-Aye, John Argoudelis-absent. Motion carries.

**X. Announcements:** Ms. French asked Mr. Cammack to fill out his pharmaceutical form and return it to her.

**XI. Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the General Township meeting at 7:37 p.m. was made by Tony Fremarek, seconded by Chuck Willard. Voice vote taken. Motion carries

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Anita Gerardy, Township Clerk

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Ceil Carey, Plainfield Public Library  
Joe Hadamik, 2414 Keith Avenue, Joliet, IL  
Judi Medveskas, 15912 S. River Road, Plainfield, IL  
Mark Chmura, 11650 Derby Lane, Plainfield, IL  
Lee Ann Goodson, 24820 Easy Street, Plainfield, IL  
Eduardoltes Nandez, 914 Mazarin Dr., Plainfield, IL  
Dan Ford, 1655 Ashbury Lane, Plainfield, IL  
Nathan Ford, 1655 Ashbury Lane, Plainfield, IL