

**Plainfield Township Board of Trustees Minutes from July 14, 2010**

**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 July 14, 2010.

**PRESENT:**

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

**OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Anita Gerardy	Town Clerk
Sam Reichert	Highway Commissioner

**OFFICIAL ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:**

Erin Kljaich	Assessor
Matthew Starr	Tax Collector

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Andi French	Administrator
Mary Domanus	Highway Admin

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

- I. Meeting July 14, 2010** 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 Tony Fremarek, seconded by Chuck Willard. Voice vote taken. Motion carries.
- V. Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes from June 09, 2010, with an amendment, was made by Chuck Willard, seconded by Tony Fremarek. Voice vote taken. Motion carries.
- VI. Supervisor’s Report:**

**A Greater Joliet Area YMCA:** Susan Lee works with the Development Department for the Greater Joliet Area YMCA. The YMCA is a non-profit community service agency which provides programs for children and adults. They assist with families that are not able to afford the cost of these services. Any donation from Plainfield Township will be specifically used for families in need of program and membership scholarships at the C.W. Avery Family YMCA. A motion to donate \$500.00 to the Greater Joliet Area YMCA was made by Chuck Willard, seconded by Ken McCafferty. Roll call

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taken: Chuck Willard-Aye, Tony Fremarek-Aye, Steve Cammack-Aye, Ken McCafferty-Aye, John Argoudelis-Aye. Motion carries.

### **B. Homecoming Banner/Parade: Plainfield High School Alumni Association, donation request:**

A motion to donate \$100.00, to the Plainfield High School Alumni Association for two banners to be used in the Homecoming Parade, was made by Ken McCafferty, seconded by Tony Fremarek. Roll call taken: Chuck Willard-Aye, Tony Fremarek-Aye, Ken McCafferty-Aye, Steve Cammack-Aye, John Argoudelis-Aye. Motion carries.

**C. Renwick Bridge Report:** Mr. Roger Wright, engineer of the new Renwick Bridge, presented a summary of the progress made toward the construction of the bridge. He presented an outline of the procedure that will be followed before and up to building of the bridge. The project is anticipated to go out for bids this fall. Bids will be reviewed and a determination of acceptance will be made. Construction will hopefully begin in Spring of 2011. Mr. Wright stated his presentation will be broken down into four basic items. The *first item: Plans and Specifications*. Plans and specifications have been tested and approved. The plans will be presented to IDOT at the end of this month. *Second Item* is the right of way situation. All the "right of ways" need to be obtained and secured before proceeding with the project. This project has twelve parcels, seven of which are called "fee simple" transactions. Four of the parcels have signed up and are in various stages of negotiations. One parcel is the railroad and has been signed and is off the books. The *third item* has to do with the Illinois Commerce Commission for a hearing to move the railroad crossing from one location to another. The hearing is scheduled for Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of July. Mr. Wright and Sam Reichert will attend the meeting and will testify on behalf of the Township. The reason the hearing is needed is anytime work is done on railroad property that involves crossing changes, the Commission needs to be informed. After the Commission has taken their testimony, the next step is to inform the Commission who will be responsible for payment and will involve the warning devices at the crossing. The commission has authorized the use of the Grade Crossing Protection Fund to upgrade the crossing. The Fund will absorb 95% of the cost. The cost to the Township and to Will County will be minimal. Any work done on crossing property signals is done by the Railroad and reimbursed by the Township. The *fourth item* is the "**Proposed Letting**". As soon as the right of way is secured and completed, the project can get underway. Mr. Wright stated this project will take two construction seasons. Mr. Argoudelis raised a question as to what work must be done to the existing bridge and the road leading up to it and is it still the intention to retain the old bridge as a pedestrian and a bike path bridge. Mr. Wright stated the contract does not address the existing bridge. It is a separate item. Residents requested an update sent to all residents impacted by the relocation of the bridge. Judy Medveskas, a spokesperson for the residents, presented the board with an outline of items that are a concern to them. A hard copy will be made a permanent part of the minutes. Their main issue is to be notified step by step what will be done and when. They are concerned with the widening of Renwick and what impact it will be on the residents. Mary Domanus, Administrative Assistant, will send out notifications via e-mail and or postal service. Mr. Fremarek said the updates can also be added to the Township website. Ms. Medveskas commented that ComEd told her they were going to move all the utilities. Mr. Wright stated at this point he does not know what the utility companies will do. Mr. Argoudelis suggested Mr. Reichert stake out the proposed alignment of River Road. Mr. Reichert authorized Mr. Wright to stake out the proposed changes to give the residents a visual of future plans and what it will do to their property. They are mainly concerned with the bend on River Road. Ms. Medveskas stated there have been a number of fatal accidents at the bend. Just recently a motor cyclist lost his life coming around the bend. Ms. Stueckrad stated if they take anymore property from the bend, they will be in her son's bedroom. Mr. Wright will notify Mr. Reichert and the board when this will be accomplished. Ms. Medveskas asked if it would

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be possible to see the engineering plans. Mr. Wright will send the plans to Mr. Reichert and the Township board, and the board will send the PDF file to the residents who left their e-mail addressed with Ms. Domanus.

**D. Lease Agreements:** Mr. Argoudelis drafted the lease agreements and presented them to Mr. Reichert and the Food Pantry board for review. Mr. Argoudelis will forward the leases to the board for their review.

**E. Assurance Agency Ltd.** A motion to re-name the Assurance program to *Employee Health Benefits*, and to table the program until the August meeting, was made by Tony Fremarek, seconded by Ken McCafferty. Motion carries.

**F. Newsletter:** Ms. French asked the board members to submit their articles for the Fall newsletter no later than the August board meeting.

### VII. Reports

#### A. Building Issues:

No Issues

##### Building Maintenance:

Written Report

Mr. Argoudelis asked for a correction to the article in the Enterprise. The article was accurate but the headline was a little misleading. It stated the Township puts off seniors. In reality, the expansion has not been put off. Time wise it will take this year to plan it and next year to build it. Mr. Argoudelis has been meeting with the Park District and they are putting an intergovernmental agreement together which will lay out responsibility between the two agencies. Mr. Argoudelis will have an intergovernmental agreement to present to the board at the August meeting.

#### B. Community Garden Plots:

No Report

**C. Disabilities Committee:** Mr. Cammack stated the Disabilities Committee now has fourteen members. Mr. Cammack and several committee members attended a Expo for Disabilities in Schaumburg. They will present the information they gathered to the Disabilities Committee. Mr. Cammack stated they would like to begin hosting their own Expo for Disabilities in Plainfield. They are in the planning stages now. He will contact Plainfield School District and hope to hold the Expo at Plainfield High School (Central Campus). The plan is to host the Expo for Disabilities in the Spring 2011.

The disabilities picnic will be held on September 12<sup>th</sup> at the Village Green. Mr. Cammack asked the board for approval to spend up to but not over \$1,800.00 to be used for the picnic. It would include games for the kids, entertainment, food and drinks. A motion to approve up to but not over \$1,800.00 dollars for the disabilities picnic was made by Ken McCafferty, seconded by Chuck Willard. Roll call taken: Ken McCafferty-Aye, Chuck Willard-Aye, Tony Fremarek-Aye, Steve Cammack-Aye, John Argoudelis-Aye. Motion carries.

Mr. Cammack requested permission to purchase lap top computers for the members of the Disabilities Committee members. Mr. Cammack stated last year an anonymous donor donated a lap top to the Disabilities Committee; however, it does not have the capabilities needed for what their needs are. A suggestion was made by Mr. Argoudelis to update the computer system that is currently installed in the township. The upgraded system would be available for the seniors as well as any other group needing a lap top. The purchase of the new computer would come out the Township computer budget. The board agreed updating the current system would be best at this time. A motion to upgrade the current computer system was made by Ken McCafferty, seconded by Chuck

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

**D. Emergency Management:** Mr. Willard stated with the amount of rain we've had, there has been no problem with flooding. He spoke with Howard Hamilton regarding this and Mr. Hamilton stated he feels the amount of work that has been done on storm sewers and culverts, has helped the water flow better.

**E. Flooding:** Mr. Argoudelis advised the board and members of the audience that doing a comprehensive study of the river flow would be very costly and would take years to complete. He advised them that Judy Biggert has proposed a bill authorizing \$200,000.00 to begin the study. Federal funding could be slow in coming due to the mid-term elections.

**F. River Gauge:** Mr. Argoudelis stated he is working with Will County officials to have another flood gauge installed in Plainfield. A second gauge could be installed north of town. The cost to the Township to install a rain and stream gauge will be \$21,000.00 on the DuPage River off of Naperville /Plainfield Road near 119<sup>th</sup> street. Annually it will cost \$16,000.00 to maintain the gauge. The gauge is sufficient, and with additional equipment, it can become a forecast center and will give more accurate information. The gauge has not been voted on by the board, but will be discussed at a later time. This gauge will also benefit the village and Wheatland Township. Mr. Argoudelis stated he will confer with them regarding sharing the cost. Mr. Argoudelis will distribute information to the board members to review the additional information and will be discussed at the August meeting.

**G. Food Pantry:** The Food Pantry Board has been asked to make changes in distribution of food. Currently the schedule for distribution is once a month. A suggestion was made to stagger distribution of food to several times a month. At this time, no changes have been made.

**VIII. Elected Officials Report:**

<b>A. Assessor's Office:</b>	<b>Written Report</b>
The Assessor has requested authorization to have the back office painted. The board agreed the cost would come out of the Assessor's budget.	
<b>B. Clerk:</b>	<b>No Report</b>
<b>C. Highway Commissioner:</b>	<b>Written Report</b>
<b>D. Senior Coordinator:</b>	<b>Written Report</b>
<b>E. Senior Shuttle Bus:</b>	<b>Written Report</b>
<b>F. Tax Collector:</b>	<b>No Report</b>
<b>G. Trustee Reports:</b>	
<b>Mr. McCafferty</b>	<b>No Report</b>
<b>Mr. Willard</b>	<b>No Report</b>
<b>Mr. Fremarek:</b>	<b>No Report</b>
<b>Mr. Cammack:</b>	<b>No Report</b>
<b>H. Youth:</b>	<b>Written Report</b>

**IX. Approval of Bills:**

**General Town Fund:** A motion to approve the *General Town Fund* in the amount of **\$119,199.12** was made by Tony Fremarek, seconded by Ken McCafferty. Roll call taken: Tony Fremarek– Aye,

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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 **\$171,309.01** was made by Chuck Willard, seconded by Men McCafferty. Roll call taken: Tony Fremarek-Aye, Steve Cammack-Aye, Ken McCafferty-Aye, Chuck Willard-Aye, John Argoudelis-Aye. Motion carries.

**X. Public Comments:** **None**

**XI. Announcements:** **None**

**XII. Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the General Board Meeting was made by Chuck Willard seconded by Ken McCafferty. Voice vote taken. Motion carries. General Township meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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**Anita Gerardy *Town Clerk***

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Residents in attendance:

Colleen S. Percy 2604 Frank Turk Dr. Plainfield, Il 60586

Shannen McCarthy, Enterprise

Judi and Joe Medveskas, 15912 S. River Road, Plainfield, Il .

Karsten and Colleen Stueckard 15820 S. River Road, Plainfield, Il.

Dan and Maria Dylla 15815 S. River Road Plainfield, Il.

Donna Wysock 15833 S. River Road Plainfield, Il.

Jim McLachlan 15833 S. River Road Plainfield, Il.

Linda Holmer 15827 S. River Road Plainfield, Il.

Mary Domanus 24927 W. Renwick Road, Plainfield Il.

Pam Lee 15120 Wallin Drive (YMCA) Plainfield Il.

Susan Lee 15120 Wallin Drive (YMCA) Plainfield Il.

Darrell Schuckert 15809 S. River Road, Plainfield Il.