

Plainfield Township Board of Trustees Minutes from January 9, 2008

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

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES met at the Office of Town Clerk at 6:05 pm on January 9, 2008

PRESENT:

John Argoudelis	Supervisor
Ken McCafferty	Town Trustee
Paul Pesavento	Town Trustee
Chuck Willard	Town Trustee
Kim Sandstrom	Town Trustee

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Richard Martin	Assessor
Anita Gerardy	Clerk
Steve Cammack	Tax Collector

OTHERS PRESENT:

Andi French	Administrator
Monika McMillen	Administrative Assistant
Erin Kljaich	Deputy Assessor

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

- I. Meeting January 9, 2008 was called to order at 6:05 pm.**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer**
Pledge of Allegiance and prayer were said.
- III. Roll Call for Quorum:** John Argoudelis – Present, Paul Pesavento –Present, Chuck Willard – Present, Ken McCafferty – Present, Kim Sandstrom, 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.
- V. Approval of minutes from previous meeting December 12, 2008**

A motion to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting with corrections was made by Ken McCafferty, seconded by Paul Pesavento. Voice vote taken. Motion carries. Correction of Executive Meeting: vote to hire Steve Cammack was made after the Executive Meeting closed.

VI. SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

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- A. Joliet Area Community Hospice:** Duane Krieger presented the board with an overview of services provided in general with specifics on Plainfield statistics.
A motion was made to donate \$1,000.00. by Chuck Willard seconded by Paul Pesavento. Roll call taken. John Argoudelis Aye, Ken McCafferty Aye, Chuck Willard Aye, Paul Pesavento Aye, Kim Sandstrom Aye. Motion carries.
- B. Assistance Center, Discussion of lettering on front door.** Mary Dickerson and Pat Cork presented a proposal to the board requesting approval for additional lettering on the door to the food pantry. The lettering will be white vinyl with the Plainfield Interfaith Food Pantry name, address, phone number and logo. The bid for the signage is \$300.00, which they will pay for. Supervisor Argoudelis suggested that the formal name, "Assistance Center" be incorporated at the top of the shaded addition. A motion to approve the signage for the Assistance Center, with the township paying for additional lettering not to exceed \$200.00 was made by Chuck Willard and seconded by Kim Sandstrom. A voice vote was taken: Ken McCafferty - Aye, Chuck Willard -Aye, Paul Pesavento - Aye, Kim Sandstrom - Aye, John Argoudelis -Aye. Motion carries.
- C. Swearing in of newly appointed Tax Collector:** Steve Cammack was sworn in as the newly appointed Tax Collector
- D. New Township Building Issues:** Monika McMillen reported there are no new building repair issues. Rick Martin stated that he would like to see a plate put over the entrance key pad, as when it is icy and cold the keys stick on the key pad. Monika stated that she had addressed this issue at the last meeting and it is being looked into.
1. Township flag and table cloth: Ms McMillen requested that the board approve her request to design (table cloth) that can be displayed when the township is represented at official events. John Argoudelis said he would work with Andi French and Monika McMillen to design and adopt an official flag that will be consistent with our green color and also incorporating the township logo. The board agreed.
- E. 2008 Goals:**
- Youth:** John Argoudelis and Kim Sandstrom will study a program to expand the current youth program to possibly include classes on anger management, drug use, peer pressure, and parenting for young parents. He stated that we could possibly offer counseling to those who need it. He and Kim would put together their suggestions and bring it back to the board.
Supervisor Argoudelis will also work in expanding the township web site. He would like to see additional information available to the residents. He will also work on a Women's Services.
- Shuttle Bus:** Monika McMillen presented a prototype of the signage for the Senior Bus overhead advertising. Supervisor Argoudelis suggested that we will begin additional advertising of the bus service to the residents. Monika will place an ad in the Enterprise newspaper and also distribute the brochure to doctors offices in the area, as well as local area church bulletins. John asked that she attend a Village of Plainfield Board meeting to present this information to them, as a lot of residents view the meeting on the cable channel.
- Disabilities:** Paul Pesavento stated he is in need of additional volunteers.
He also stated that Monika McMillen was able to donate an overstock of used medical equipment in the Medical Loan Closet to the Joliet Community Hospice.

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Emergency Management Coordinator: Chuck Willard stated that he has looked into a new software program that would allow him to pin point flooding areas. Not just the general area, but will print out the exact area that is affected. Chuck will also set up a training program for anyone interested in becoming certified in using a defibrillation machine.

Plainfield Presents: Ken McCafferty contacted the state regarding programs for the residents of Plainfield in regard to identity theft, child predators and meals on wheels. He would also like to present programs on recycling in the home, gardening planning and planting.

Garden Plots: Ken McCafferty will put an article in the newspaper regarding the garden plots. He stated that the soil needs to be amended. He will contact the U of I Extension in Joliet and also Joliet Junior College Ag department regarding the best and least expensive way to add nutrients to the soil. Last year residents complained that the soil was difficult to work with.

Assessor: Erin Kljaich Chief Deputy Assessor, presented the board with the Assessor’s Office goals for 2008. These include, their Website, re-measuring (computerizing the township files), assessment classes, and PTO(paid time off) monitoring.

Rick Martin requested permission to hire an additional person to the assessor’s office. The board advised him to wait until the 2008 fiscal year budget is approved.

Clerk Goals: Anita Gerardy stated that at this point her goals for 2008 include but are not limited to learning the position of Township clerk by attending seminars that are a benefit to the job.

Highway Commissioner: No representation

Passports: Ms. Gerardy will be trained in the protocol of issuing passports at the next class in April. Ms. McMillen will continue to provide this service during normal business hours as well as the 1st Saturday morning of each month due to a need.

Newsletter: Mr. McCafferty has requested that everyone have their articles to him by January 31st, He asked that everyone e-mail their article to Andi French as she has expense of outsourcing this job. She will also send it to the Enterprise 10 days prior to the paper coming out.

Reports:

A. Disabilities	No Report
B. Emergency Management Coordinator	No Report
C. Plainfield Presents	No Report
D. Senior Coordinator	No Report
E. Youth	No Report

VII. Elected Officials Reports;

A. Assessor

Mr Martin stated he might have a problem in November regarding the tax rates. He stated that he felt it was a conflict of interest if Supervisor Argoudelis were to represent a resident in the township who had a complaint about his/her taxes. Mr. Argoudelis stated emphatically that he never has and never will represent a resident in the township regarding tax complaints.

B. Clerk	No Report
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C. Highway Commissioner, absent

No Report

D. Trustees

No Report

IX. Approval of Bills: A motion to approve the General Town Fund, in the amount of \$195,145.26 was made by Paul Pesavento, seconded by Kim Dandstrom. Roll call taken: Ken McCafferty - Aye, Chuck Willard - Aye, Paul Pesavento - Aye, Kim Sandstrom - Aye, John Argoudelis - Aye. Motion carries.

A motion to approve the Road and Bridge in the amount of \$33,701.62 was made by Chuck Willard, seconded by Paul Pesavento. Roll call taken: Ken McCafferty - Aye, Chuck Willard - Aye, Paul Pesavento - Aye, Kim Sandstrom - Aye, John Argoudelis - Aye. Motion carries.

A motion to approve the County Joint Bridge Fund in the amount of \$957.43 was made by Ken McCafferty, seconded by Paul Pesavento. Roll call taken: Ken McCafferty - Aye, Chuck Willard - Aye, Paul Pesavento - Aye, Kim Sandstrom - Aye, John Argoudelis - Aye. Motion carries.

X. Public Comments:

No comments

XI. Announcements:

None

XII. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Ken McCafferty, seconded by Chuck Willard. A Voice vote taken. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

Anita Gerardy

Town Clerk