

Plainfield Township Board of Trustees Minutes from February 13, 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 February 13, 2008

PRESENT:

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

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Sam Reichert	Highway Commissioner
Richard Martin	Assessor
Anita Gerardy	Clerk
Steve Cammack	Tax Collector

OTHERS PRESENT:

Andi French	Administrator
Monika McMillen	Administrative Assistant
Erin Kljaich	Deputy Assessor
Mary Domanus	Highway Admin. Assistant

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

- I. Meeting February 13, 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 Chuck Willard, seconded by Ken McCafferty. Voice vote taken. Motion carries.
- V. Approval of minutes from previous meeting January 9, 2008**

A motion to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting with corrections was made by Chuck Willard, seconded by Paul Pesavento. Voice vote taken. Motion carries.

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SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- A. United Cerebral Palsy Donation Request:** Samuel Mancuso presented the board with an overview of the general services provided specifics on Plainfield statistics. Sam stated that 49 people from this area were offered respite care. State provides UCP for you, if you qualify for respite care. If additional respite care is needed, the state will not give any more money. UCP gets additional money from donations from other agencies. These donations help UCP offer additional help when State funds are not available. Motion to approve discussion.
- B. LeWood Subdivision water issues: Resident** Mark Murphy did not attend the meeting, However Supervisor Argoudelis gave a brief update of this issue. Mr. Murphy lives in the LeWood Subdivision and they have been experiencing some water issues. Sam Reichert has addressed this issue as best he can. Mr. Murphy has taken this to the county committee that is charged with investigating these issues. The committee has asked that he, John Argoudelis and Sam Reichert meet with them on this issue. The township has provided the LeWood Subdivision with appropriate assistance. The committee is trying to find a way to help the people of this subdivision to correct this problem. Mark Murphy claims that his problem arose from all the new construction happening in Plainfield. The engineers are not agreeing with his explanation, and feel it has nothing to do with his water problem. Residents in the area have had their ditches filled in causing the water to back up into yards. The main focus of Mr. Murphy is with the village. Mr. Argoudelis received a letter from Mr. Murphy's attorney who is threatening to sue the village. Mr. Argoudelis explained that the Township will help as much as possible, but there is a limit to what the Township can do to correct this problem as it is on his property. Mr. Reichert explained that the original problem was that the Com Edison easement flooded and backed into Kay Ashbaugh's yard and the Murphy house, causing the septic field to flood. It was contaminated with fecal material and other contaminates. Mr. Reichert took it upon himself and to try to fix the problem as there was a danger to the children playing in this contaminated field. The highway department put in two catch basins in the back, a new tile that ran the length of Farmingdale, and also put in catch basins on the corners of Pleasant. When it rains, the rain is caught in the basins and is sent out to the streets. There is nothing else the Township is able to do. Kay Ashbaugh has had issues with flooding for a long time. Mr. Reichert had engineers working on her property. The Highway Department has done as much as they possibly can. She is now pumping the water from her basement into the street and causing the street to ice up. She is demanding that the Township deliver salt to her home and salt the street. She expects everyone else to pay for the any help to correct this problem. Mr. Argoudelis stated that we, the Township, are doing everything that can be done but the problem is with the Village not the Township.
- C. Seminar:** Anita Gerardy gave the board information on a seminar "Partnering for the Future of Township Government" being offered in April. If any one would like to attend, let Andi French know no later than the next meeting which is March 12th ,2008.

A motion to donate \$1,000.00 was made by Ken McCafferty , seconded by Chuck Willard. Roll call taken, Ken McCafferty - Aye, Chuck Willard - Aye, Paul Pesavento - Aye, Kim Sandstrom - Aye, John Argoudelis - Aye. Motion carries

Andi told the board that Sam Mancuso sent some one over to pick up the electric wheelchair. It was donated to a family involved with Joliet Hospice.

D. New Township Building Issues:

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- a. Monika McMillen has been analyzing bills for simplifying vendors for monitoring and inspection of our emergency systems. Currently we are contracted with Cipher,LTD, our fire monitoring system, for \$2,875.00 a year. When service was needed Cipher advised her that they were unable to assist with the problem and to call Simplex Grinnell. Simplex Grinnell quoted \$3,150.85 (including a one time configuration fee of \$900.00) with an annual total of \$2,250.85 to service all systems. Chuck Willard suggested he would provide Monika with another vendor, Tri State, in order to get a third bid. Ms. McMillen will report her findings to the board at the March meeting.
- b. Ms. McMillen advised the board that at the present time we do not have a linebacker on our phone system. AT&T would install a linebacker at the cost of \$62.65 a month.
- c. Ms. McMillen explained to the board that in order for the bus drivers to wash the buss at the end of each day, an additional spigot will need to be installed.

E. Plainfield Park District, Senior Coordinator Lap top Request:

The senior coordinator has requested permission to purchase a new lap top. Motion made to authorize purchase of new lap top made by Chuck Willard, seconded by Kim Sandstrom. Voice vote was taken: Ken McCafferty – AYE, Chuck Willard – AYE, Paul Pesavento – AYE, Kim Sandstrom – AYE, John Argoudelis – AYE.

VI. Reports:

A. Disabilities

No Report

B. Emergency Management Coordinator

Chuck Willard stated that he has looked into a new software program that would allow him to pin point flooding areas. Cost of new equipment will be approximately \$1,200.00. Motion to approve the purchase of new emergency medical computer soft ware made by Paul Pesavento, seconded by Kim Sandstrom. Voice vote taken: Ken McCafferty absent, Chuck Willard – AYE, Paul Pesavento – AYE, Kim Sandstrom – AYE, John Argoudelis – Aye.

Carillon has been calling stating that they want a tornado siren installed. Chuck has pointed out to Will County and Carillon that they already have a tornado siren installed and the ringing they hear on Tuesday mornings is the emergency tornado check. Chuck is working with both Will County and Carillon. John confirmed that Chuck will conduct an emergency training session on March 8th at 8:00 A.M. The press will be invited to observe our proposed emergency program.

C. Plainfield Presents

No Report

D. Senior Coordinator presented a written request for a new lap top. Andi French advised the board that the senior coordinator will be working out of the Administration Center office on Ottawa Street on Mondays and Fridays and the River Edge facility the rest of the week. The Park District has already purchased the lap top and has asked the Plainfield Township pay for half the cost. Motion to approve \$429.00, which is half the cost of the laptop was made by Chuck Willard, seconded by Kim Sanderstrom. Roll call vote, all AYES, motion carries.

E.. Senior Shuttle Bus.

MM. McMillen reported that rider ship was down in January due to the cold weather.

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F. Youth: No Report

VII. Elected Officials Reports;

A. Assessor

Mr. Martin reported that he submitted his budget proposal to the board.

B. Clerk

Ms. Gerardy explained to the board, that since she was sworn in as the Clerk, she has not had access to her computer and or e-mail. The board advised her that it would be fixed no later than the following week. It was decided to wait until this problem is fixed before additional Vista programs are purchased for the entire township.

C. Highway Commissioner

Mr. Reichert assured the board that the highway department has plenty of salt which will cover the township for the duration of this winter.

D. Trustees

No Report

IX. Approval of Bills: A motion to approve the General Town Fund in the amount of \$78,758.86 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 Road and Bridge in the amount of \$133,429.29 was made by Paul Pesavento, seconded by Kim Sandstrom. 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.

A motion to transfer: \$2,000.00 from line 45 and put into line 54, to cover the general relief fund, \$500.00 from line item 25 to line item 27 (emergency services) to cover \$1,200.00 for the computer software. \$1,000.00 from line item 33 to cover contribution to United Cerebral Palsy.

John received a letter from the park district stating that they will not be hosting Plainfield Fest. They will instead host a one day event, calling it a fire works display. They requested that all Plainfield organizations take part in the planning and some financial responsibility for this event. Mr. Argoudelis stated that he will talk to them regarding this issue. He suggested that we offer a community contest, such as an art contest. He will report back to the board at the next meeting.

X. Public Comments: Supervisor Argoudelis received a letter from the park district stating that they will not be hosting Plainfield Fest. They will instead host a one day event, calling it a fire works display. They requested that all Plainfield organizations take part in the planning and some financial responsibility for this event. Mr. Argoudelis stated that he will talk to them regarding this issue. He suggested that we offer a community contest, such as an art contest. He will report back to the board at the next meeting.

XI. Announcements: None

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XII. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Chuck Willard, seconded by Kim McCafferty. All in favor AYE. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

Anita Gerardy

Town Clerk