

Plainfield Township Board of Trustees Minutes from August 10, 2011

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

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES met at the Office of the Town Clerk at 6:00 p.m. on August 10, 2011.

PRESENT:

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

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Anita Gerardy	Town Clerk
Erin Kljaich	Assessor
Matthew Starr	Tax Collector

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

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

- I. Meeting August 10, 2011** 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 Ken McCafferty. Voice vote taken. Motion carries.
- V. Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2011 meeting was made by Chuck Willard, seconded by Tony Fremarek. Voice vote taken. Motion carries.
- VI. Supervisor’s Report:**
Mr. Argoudelis advised the board Bill HB 268 passed and a Local Government Consolidation Commission was created to survey and study the matter of consolidation and provide legislative recommendations by December 2012. Those recommendations are to permit effective management of local affairs, encouraging local policy decision making, reduce the multiplicity of local governments, eliminate overlap and duplication of power, increase efficiency and economy in local governments, allow optional forms of local governments and increase the authority for cooperation among the levels of government. The Commission’s seventeen unpaid members will

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be appointed as follows: three members appointed by each caucus leader of both chambers of the GA, five members appointed by the Governor and five representatives from local governments.

- A. Senior Services Center of Will County:** Pat Hensley presented the board with an overview of services and programs the agency provided to older adults in 2010. She stated the Center is now able to serve hot meals to Plainfield Township residents. Kathy Whalen presented a written concern regarding the limited services afforded to the residents of Plainfield Township. She stated in the past two or three years the Senior Services Center of Will County provided no services/programs in the Plainfield area. Services in past years included; Income Tax preparation and Rules of the Road, through the Secretary of State's Office. Ms. Hensley stated the seniors expressed a desire to have services closer to the downtown area. A motion was made by Tony Fremarek to donate \$1,000.00 to Senior Services Center of Will County, seconded by Chuck Willard. Roll call taken: Ken McCafferty-Aye, Chuck Willard-Aye, Steve Cammack-Aye, Tony Fremarek-Aye, John Argoudelis-Aye. Motion carries.
- B. Senior Center Addition Conceptual Drawings:** The Architectural firm of Healy, Bender & Associates, (Jacob Been and David Patton) presented their vision for the addition of the new Senior Center. They presented four different concepts.
- C. Senior Center Addition:** Conceptual Drawings and fee structures from Arris Architects, PHN Architects and Gleason Architects submitted was tabled to a special meeting scheduled for August 22, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. A legal notice will be published in the Herald News in the Friday, August 13, 2011 edition. Trustee Fremarek suggested re-naming the addition to ***Plainfield Township Multi-Purpose Facility***; since the Park District will have access to it after hours and it will be made available to residents of the Township. Mr. Argoudelis suggested Ms. French invite the remaining Architectural Firms to the Special Meeting scheduled for Monday August 22nd at 6:00 p.m. He suggested each Firm be scheduled every thirty minutes and allowing each firm fifteen minutes for their presentation. Ms. McMillen stated Seniors have been expressing their thoughts on the purpose of the new meeting room, and they are very clear, they do not want a "lounge" type room, but a room that they can use to play cards, exercise, have their luncheons etc. They do not want sofas or lounge furniture. They want comfortable chairs to use when they play cards and having their luncheons.
- D. Shuttle Bus Update:** Supervisor Argoudelis stated he and Ms. French have a few more companies interested in bidding on the new bus. Mr. Argoudelis also suggested looking into financing the new shuttle bus, thus conserving the cash for the Senior Center addition. Ms. French will include a financing package for the September meeting. The legal notice for bids for the shuttle bus will be published in the Enterprise August 11th. Bids will be opened August 29, 2011, 10:00 a.m. Meeting is open to the public.
- E.** Mr. Argoudelis advised the board of the possibility of the war memorial on Route 59 being moved to Settlers Park. The land is owned by the Park District and the Memorial is owned by the American Legion. The Village would like to see the Memorial moved to the site of the Civil War Memorial making it a "Memorial Park". Mr. Argoudelis stated he met with the American Legion and they voted almost unanimously to move the Memorial to Settlers Park provided the location is acceptable to them and is agreed upon by the Village. The biggest expense in moving the Memorial will be bulldozing, excavating, and masonry work, and a crane company to actually move the monument. Mr. Argoudelis stated he has met with Officer Greco to begin the process of moving the Memorial. Mr. Argoudelis stated he and Officer Greco will contact local

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companies to see if they would contribute to the cause. He will contact local crane companies, bulldozing companies, and masonry companies to offset the expense. Mr. Argoudelis stated there may be a request from the Park District and the Plainfield Board to donate to the cause.

VII. Public Comments: Mr. Larry Hug, Plainfield Township resident, District 1 Joliet City Councilman, stated he was just observing the procedure for a Township meeting.

Ms. Judi Medveskas, Plainfield Township resident, inquired about the upcoming road construction on Renwick Road. Mr. Argoudelis stated it is the Village of Plainfield that is responsible for this project. She was advised to find this information on the Village website under Public Works. She inquired about the status of the bids for the Renwick Road Bridge. Ms. Domanus stated the bids were opened Friday the 5th of August. There were approximately eight or nine. The state has to go through every bid; it will take approximately three to five weeks to go through the screening.

Ms. Medveskas complimented the Highway Department on the work they are doing in keeping the shrubs and grass trimmed on the purchased properties around the Renwick Road Bridge.

VIII. Elected Officials Report:

A. Assessor’s Office: **Written Report**

B. Clerk: **No Report**

C. Highway Commissioner: **Written Report**

D. Tax Collector: **Written Report**

E. Trustees:

- Chuck Willard: Mr. Willard advised the board he has the need to withdraw approximately \$75.00 up to \$100.00 to purchase a Weather Software called “*WEATHER TAP*”. Mr. Willard stated this will be an annual expense and renewed each year. The program will track live storms and lightening. A motion to allow Mr. Willard to purchase the “*Weather Tap*” up to \$100.00 was made by Tony Fremarek, seconded by Steve Cammack. Roll call taken: Ken McCafferty-Aye, Tony Fremarek-Aye, Steve Cammack-Aye, Chuck Willard-Aye, John Argoudelis-Aye. Motion carries.
- Steve Cammack: Mr. Cammack advised the board of an inquiry he received from a resident of the Township asking exactly what the Township board does for the residents. He stated he referred them to the website. He also suggested the board or a committee investigate what other Township projects can be offered to their residents. Mr. Cammack and Mr. Fremarek will investigate other projects that can be offered to the Township residents and will report back to the board at the September meeting. Ms. Klijach offered to serve on the committee.
- Tony Fremarek: Took part in the Tom Cross discussion on an update from Springfield.
- Ken McCafferty: **No Report**

IX. Reports

A. Building Issues: **Written Report**

B. Community Garden Plots: **No further report**

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C. Disabilities Committee: Mr. Cammack stated the Disabilities Committee will hold their annual picnic on Sunday, September 11th from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Village Green. Registration is required and is open to all disabled residents of Plainfield Township and their families.

D. Emergency Management: Mr. Willard discussed the work that was done on Feeney. A discussion followed regarding the Harris Drive tap on with Joliet.

E. Flooding: **No Further Report**

E. Food Pantry: Ms. Gerardy stated there are no other issues with the Food Pantry at this time. Mr. Argoudelis inquired as to the state of cleanliness of the Pantry, and it was noted, the Pantry is not as clean as we like it to be. Anita will check with Mary Dickerson and Pat Cork. Mr. Argoudelis inquired how well the medical closet is working. Ms. French and Ms. McMillen stated it works well but needs more space. Mr. McCafferty stated this issue should be brought up to the Architectural Firms when presenting their conceptual drawings of the addition of the Multi-Purpose Room. Ms. French stated she has advised each firm of the need of storage for the medical equipment.

G. Senior Coordinator: **Written Report**

H. Senior Shuttle Bus: **Written Report**

I. Youth Committee: **Written Report**

Matt Starr, Youth Chairman, advised the board of his intention to have voter registration at the next college expo. He is working with Nancy Schultz Voots' office to offer this service. Ms. Gerardy will assist with this service.

X. Approval of Bills:

General Town Fund: A motion to approve the *General Town Fund* in the amount of **\$88,703.44** was made by Ken McCafferty, seconded by Tony Fremarek. Roll call taken: Tony Fremarek-Aye, Steve Cammack-Aye, Chuck Willard-Aye, Ken McCafferty-Aye, John Argoudelis-Aye. Motion carries.

Road and Bridge: A motion to approve the *Road and Bridge Fund* in the amount of **\$195,205.37** was made by Chuck Willard, seconded by Ken McCafferty. 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 adjourn the Township General meeting at 7:49 p.m. was made by Tony Fremarek, seconded by Chuck Willard. Voice vote taken. Motion carries.

Anita Gerardy

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Residents in attendance:

Judy Medveskas, 15912 S. River Road, Plainfield, IL 60544

Pat Hensley, Senior Services Center of Will County

Michelle Manchir TribLocal

Larry E. Hug 1713 Corregibor, Joliet