

Plainfield Township Board of Trustees Minutes from July 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 July 11, 2012.

PRESENT:

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

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Anita Gerardy	Town Clerk
Matthew Starr	Tax Collector
Sam Reichert	Highway Commissioner
Erin Kljaich	Assessor

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:

Ken McCafferty	Trustee
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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 July 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-Absent, Chuck Willard-Present, Steve Cammack-Present, Tony Fremarek-Present, John Argoudelis-Present.
- IV. Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Argoudelis asked for a motion to amend the agenda, tabling the Executive Session to the September meeting. A motion to approve the agenda with the amendment was made by Chuck Willard, seconded by Tony Fremarek. Voice vote taken. Motion carries.
- V. Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2012 meeting with an amendment (change start time of Disabilities Picnic from 2:00 to 12:00 p.m.) was made by Steve Cammack, seconded by Chuck Willard. Voice vote taken. Motion carries.
- VI. Supervisor’s Report:**
 - A. Advertise in Plainfield Chamber of Commerce 2013 Map:** Mr. Argoudelis stated for many years the Township has purchased space in the Chamber of Commerce map for an ad. A motion was made by Tony Fremarek to purchase a spot on the Chamber of Commerce map in the amount of \$1,150.00

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

B. Website Update: Mr. Fremarek made a motion to table the *Website Update* until the August meeting. Voice vote taken. All in favor, motion carries.

C. Building Update: Mr. Argoudelis stated the architect is going to the County on Thursday, July 12, 2012. He will be working with the Building Department to approve the building plans for the addition. Mr. Cammack asked what the process is with the County. Mr. Argoudelis stated our plans have to be consistent with the County **before** they can be put out for bid.

D. Executive Session: Mr. Argoudelis made a motion to table the Executive Session until the August meeting. Mr. Argoudelis stated he and Ms. Gerardy have to review Executive Session minutes before presenting them to the board for approval.

VII. Public Comments: Wayne R. Henker, a resident of Plainfield Township wanted to talk about leaf and branch pickup from his home on Addleman Street, which is part of the City of Joliet Road District, however, his home is in Plainfield Township. He stated 200 feet from his house, on Castle Court, the Township picks up leaves and branches. Mr. Henker stated he has tried to work with the City of Joliet, but they have informed him they are only responsible for snow removal and street sweeping for Addleman Street. Mr. Reichert stated he spoke with a representative from TOIRMA, the Township insurance company, regarding covering roads that are not the responsibility of the Township. He stated technically TOIRMA is only responsible for injuries that happen on roads the Township is responsible for, except in an emergency situation. Mr. Willard suggested working on an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Joliet. If an agreement could be reached, the City of Joliet would continue their responsibility for snow removal and street sweeping, and the Township would be authorized to do leaf and branch pickup. If an agreement is reached, the tax money the Road District allocates to the City of Joliet would change. Mr. Argoudelis will contact the City of Joliet Manager to discuss a way to solve this problem. Mr. Argoudelis stated he will contact Mr. Henker as soon as he discusses this problem with the Joliet City Manager and finds a solution.

VIII. Elected Officials Report:

A. Assessor's Office: Ms. Kljaich stated she is getting ready for the big appeal season which occurs every August. This year they are sending out the notices about two weeks earlier to make room at the end of the year for all the hearings.

B. Clerk: Ms. Gerardy stated she contacted Connor Shaw, from Possibility Place, regarding doing a presentation in September. He has agreed to present a program on "*Native Woody Plants for the Environment*" in September. His fee is \$100.00. Ms. Gerardy will set up a day and time for this presentation. Mr. Argoudelis also asked if she would contact someone at the Morton Arboretum to see if they would be interested in doing a presentation for the Township.

C. Highway Commissioner:

Written Report

Mr. Cammack asked how long River Road and Renwick Road will be closed. Mr. Reichert stated they will be closed until August but will open when school begins. Mr. Reichert stated the bridge is on schedule. He stated Will County Sheriff has been out to the site several times and written approximately eighty tickets for unauthorized cars going through the barricades.

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D. Tax Collector: No Report

E. Trustees Comments:
Mr. McCafferty: No Report

Mr. Cammack: No Report

Mr. Willard: No Report

Mr. Fremarek: No Report

IX. Reports:

A. Building Issues: Written Report

B. Community Garden Plots: No Report

C. Disabilities Committee: Mr. Cammack stated he and some of the members of the disabilities committee attended the “Abilities Expo” in Schaumburg. He stated he did not have to use the senior shuttle bus as they went on two different days. Steve stated he was able to drive both days.

D. Emergency Management Coordinator: No Report

E. Flooding: Mr. Willard stated his report combines EMC and flooding. He received a call from the Will County Land Use Engineer asking what the Township participation would be putting together a fix for Harris Drive. Mr. Willard stated what he wants to know is the amount of money the Township will contribute to help fix the problems on Harris Drive. Mr. Willard asked him to submit, on paper, a list of different plans, the estimated cost of each and the dollar amount the County will contribute. He will bring the information to the board for review at the next Township Board meeting.

Mr. Argoudelis commented on the progress for the Grant for Sunnyland. Mr. Argoudelis stated Sunnyland, with the cooperation of the County, received an IKE grant for \$750,000.00 after the flood of 2008 to help alleviate flooding issues. They still need additional funds. Ms. French has applied for a CDBG grant for \$362,000.00 through Will County. If they get the additional grant money, Sunnyland would be able to solve the problem of flooding for thirteen of the fifteen homes that are affected.

Mr. Argoudelis stated money has come through to buy the homes that have been flooding along the DuPage River. The houses have already been designated and part of the application. There is five point one million dollars of Federal money that will go toward buying homes of people in the flood areas that are not able to sell their homes. This will affect the Township as a number of homes are in the Township. Mr. Argoudelis stated he believes one third of the money will come to Plainfield Township to help Township residents. The homes will be bought out and the land transferred to the local Park District. Mr. Willard inquired about the location of the homes being bought out. Mr. Argoudelis stated there are a cluster of homes on River Road, a cluster up north around Weller Subdivision, and another cluster further south. Ms. Kljaich asked if there was a way she could get a copy of the homes being bought out. Mr. Argoudelis stated she should contact Tom Carroll at Will County Land Use.

Mr. Argoudelis asked Mr. Willard about the severe cells that hit the area. He stated he was trying to cover two major events in the city, Taste of Joliet where people were hanging off a Ferris wheel and the

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NHRA where people were being hit by flying debris. He stated he was very busy, between the two events, with the amount of injuries he treated that evening.

F. Food Pantry

Written Report

G. Senior Coordinator: Ms. Whalen presented a written report. Mr. Argoudelis stated the senior picnic was a success.

H. Senior Shuttle Bus:

Written Report

I. Youth Committee: Mr. Starr reminded the board the next College Expo is scheduled for November 7, 2012. He stated he was contemplating presenting the 2013 Plainfield Township scholarship awards in conjunction with the particular high school honors night. Mr. Cammack and Mr. Fremarek agreed with his suggestion. Regarding the Great Read committee, Mr. Starr stated they will make their book choice next month.

X. Approval of Bills:

General Town Fund: A motion to approve the *General Town Fund from 6/13/12 to 7/11/12* in the amount of **\$157,066.56** was made by Tony Fremarek, seconded by Chuck Willard. Roll call taken: Chuck Willard-Aye, Steve Cammack-Aye, Tony Fremarek-Aye, John Argoudelis –Aye. Motion carries.

Road and Bridge: A motion to approve the *Road and Bridge Fund from 6/13/12 to 7/11/12* in the amount of **\$209,236.16** was made by Tony Fremarek, seconded by Steve Cammack. Roll call taken: Chuck Willard-Aye, Steve Cammack-Aye, Tony Fremarek-Aye, John Argoudelis-Aye. Motion carries.

XI. Announcements: Ms. French gave an update on the mosquito abatement program. Mr. Argoudelis stated he would like to have the Mosquito Abatement schedule on the Township website. Mr. Fremarek asked that a scanned PDF file be sent to him and it will be posted. Mr. Argoudelis stated the Township has spent the allocated amount for mosquito abatement for 2012. If the Township requires extra sprays, money would have to be moved around.

XII. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the General Town Meeting at 6:50 p.m. was made by Tony Fremarek. Voice vote taken, motion carries.

Anita Gerardy, Township Clerk

Public in attendance:

Wayne R. Henker, 1908 Addleman Street, Joliet, IL