

Plainfield Township Board of Trustees Minutes from September 12, 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 September 12, 2012.

PRESENT:

John Argoudelis	Supervisor
Steve Cammack	Trustee
Tony Fremarek	Trustee
Chuck Willard	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 Clerk, the following official business was transacted:

- I. Meeting September 12, 2012** was called to order at **6:03 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 the Agenda:** A motion was made by Tony Fremarek to approve the agenda seconded by Steve Cammack. Voice vote taken. Motion carries.
- V. Approval of the August 8, 2012 minutes:** A motion was made by Tony Fremarek to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2012 meeting, seconded by Steve Cammack. Voice vote taken. Motion carries.
Approval of the August 22, 2012 minutes: A motion was made by Tony Fremarek to approve the minutes from the August 22, 2012 meeting, seconded by Steve Cammack. Voice Vote taken. Motion carries.
- VI. Supervisor’s Report:**
 - A. Senior Services Center of Will County, Pat Hensley:** Pat Hensley was unable to attend the meeting. A motion to table the Senior Services Center of Will County to the October meeting was made by Tony Fremarek. Voice taken. All Ayes. Motion carries.
 - B. Homecoming Parade:** Ms. French asked if the Elected Officials would be participating in the Homecoming Parade so the application could be submitted. Matt Starr, Chuck Willard and Anita Gerardy will attend the parade. We will meet at Ms. Gerardy’s home at 8:00 a.m.
 - C. Levy Workshop:** Mr. Argoudelis stated the board will meet at 5:30 p.m. on October 10th before the general town meeting.
 - D. Joint Funding Agreement for DuPage River Gage:** Mr. Argoudelis stated the River Gage name was changed last year to **“The River Gage near Plainfield”**. The United States Department of the Interior has asked the Township to sign an agreement to continue annual monitoring on the gage. Mr. Willard stated it

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has been used by the National Weather Service. Predictions have been more accurate. A motion was made by Tony Fremarek to approve the **Joint Funding Agreement** for the DuPage River Gage seconded by Steve Cammack. Roll call taken: Steve Cammack- Aye, Tony Fremarek-Aye, Chuck Willard-Aye, John Argoudelis-Aye. Motion carries.

- E. Sunnyland Subdivision Well Repair Update:** Mr. Argoudelis stated the pipe was buried further down into the ground to see if it that would increase water pressure which it did. They do not know if the old pump will be sufficient to keep up with the water pressure so it will be monitored for a few weeks before any additional steps are taken. At this time the water is not fit for drinking and has been chlorinated.
- F. Building Addition Update:** Mr. Argoudelis stated the bid opening was held, however it was incomplete and Mr. Berti was unable to analyze the bids. There were line items that were not bid on. Mr. Argoudelis stated all the traditional laws of the Township were followed. All public notices were posted. According to T.O.I. all items not bid on must be published and rebid again. Mr. Argoudelis stated if all bids are in and complete, the Building Addition Update will be on the October 10th agenda. He stated when all the bids are complete and Mr. Berti has reviewed them, the figures will be presented to the board for discussion.
- G. Public Comment:** Judy Medveskas stated the berm has been taken out under the bridge which has caused the area to flood. She spoke with Craig Young from Hutchinson and he advised her to call IDNR. She stated she called IDNR and The Army Corps of Engineers. The compensatory storage was reviewed and approved by the Army Corps of Engineers and was built to spec. They advised her to call the Township and ask that sandbags be readily available. Mr. Reichert advised her that the Highway Department will respond to the flooding issues as they have in the past. When the compensatory storage on the west side of the bridge is redesigned, that should alleviate the flooding issues. Ms. Medveskas stated the stop sign on Renwick Road has been taken down. Mr. Reichert stated, per design by the Federal Government, the stop sign will not be put back up on Renwick Road but a two-way stop will be put up on River Road. Mr. Reichert stated he cannot legally install stop signs on his own where they haven't been designed but getting a letter from the township and the county in support of a four-way stop at River and Renwick Roads may be helpful if presented to the Federal Government. Mr. Argoudelis stated he will discuss this issue with the County.

VIII. Elected Officials Reports:

- A. Assessor:** Ms. Kljaich stated September 10, 2012 was the deadline to file a formal appeal. To date, she believes the County has approximately 1,500 appeals; the township has just five appeals (four residential, one commercial). Now the actual hearings begin.
- B. Clerk:** Ms. Gerardy advised the board Mr. Connor Shaw will present a program on Native Woody Plants for the Environment on September 20th at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Gerardy and Ms. Kljaich have published a notice advising Plainfield residents the Township will hold voter registration Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. October 9th is the last day to register voters.
- C. Highway Department:** **Written Report**
Mr. Reichert gave an update on Harris Drive. He stated he, Tom Carroll and Derrick O'Sullivan met with the gradall operator and they have a good idea of what the County Engineers would like to do regarding the flooding issues. The County is going to get grade elevation shots from Raymond Drive to the service road and through some of the houses. Besides doing the pipe and ditch work, if they can get more than two spots going to the Rill, the water would get out twice as fast.
- D. Tax Collector:** **No Report**
- E. Trustees:**
 - Mr. Cammack: **No Report**
 - Mr. Willard: **No Report**

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Mr. Fremarek: Mr. Fremarek gave an update of the new website. He and Ms. Kljaich are very happy with the progress RWK has made so far. He will be sending an e-mail (Dev-report) to everyone.

IX. Reports

A. Building Issues:

Written Report

B. Community Gardens: Mr. Fremarek stated the gardens are winding down. He will have the plots cleaned up and made ready for spring planting. He would like to have a letter sent to each gardener asking for suggestions to help improve the gardens. Mr. Fremarek stated the new web site is in progress and he is satisfied with the progress.

C. Disabilities Committee: Mr. Cammack stated the Disabilities Picnic was a success. There were prizes for all participants. He has been asked to speak at the special needs PTA in Plainfield regarding the disabilities committee on the 25th of September. Mr. Cammack and Mr. Brann, a Disabilities Committee volunteer, will be attending a training session on how to present disability programs to different organizations. This information will help them to assist disabled persons applying for jobs. Ms. Kljaich stated she will help with resumes as her degree is in Human Resources.

D. Emergency Management: Mr. Willard stated he was proactive when reporting on Hurricane Isaac. He was in contact with Mr. Fremarek who put the information on the website as it came in.

E. Flooding:

No Further Report

F. Food Pantry: Mr. Cammack stated he took a tour of the facility and had a conversation with Pat Cork. He asked if the Township was funding the pantry. Mr. Argoudelis stated the Township board donates food items at holiday times. Our donation to the Food Pantry is giving them free space.

G. Senior Coordinator:

Written Report

H. Senior Shuttle Bus:

Written Report

I. Youth Report:

Mr. Starr stated Tom Hernandez will do a Connect Ed call advising students of the College Expo scheduled for November 7, 2012.

X. Approval of Bills:

General Town Fund: A motion to approve the **General Town Fund from 8/9/12 to 9/12/12** in the amount of **\$85,673.87** was made by Tony Fremarek, seconded by Steve Cammack. Roll call taken: Mr. Cammack-Aye, Mr. Fremarek-Aye, Mr. Willard-Aye, Mr. Argoudelis-Aye. Motion carries.

Road & Bridge: A motion to approve the **Road & Bridge Fund from 8/9/12 to 9/12/12** in the amount of **\$124,278.73** was made by Tony Fremarek, seconded by Steve Cammack. Roll call taken: Mr. Fremarek-Aye, Mr. Cammack-Aye, Mr. Willard-Aye, Mr. Argoudelis-Aye. Motion carries.

XI. Announcements:

No Announcements

XII. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the General Town Meeting at 6:58 p.m. was made by Tony Fremarek, seconded by Chuck Willard. Voice vote taken. All Ayes. Motion carries.

Anita Gerardy, Town Clerk

Residence in Attendance:

Judy Medveskas, 15912 River Road, Plainfield, IL