

**Plainfield Township Board of Trustees Minutes from August 11, 2010**

**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 August 11, 2010.

**PRESENT:**

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

**OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

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

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Andi French	Administrator
Mary Domanus	Highway Admin

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

- I. Meeting August 11, 2010** 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 Ken McCafferty, seconded by Tony Fremarek. Voice vote taken. Motion carries.
- V. Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes from July14, 2010, was made by Tony Fremarek, seconded by Chuck Willard. Voice vote taken. Motion carries.
- VI. Supervisor’s Report:**

**A. University of Illinois Extension: Dr. Emma Theuri, donation request:** Dr. Theuri asked for a donation for the University of Illinois Extension programs and for the Four H programs. She stated over 1,200 residents of Plainfield and Plainfield Township are supported by these two programs. Dr. Theuri introduced several Master Gardeners and 4 H leaders and students that benefit from the programs. They explained their involvement with children and adults, providing information on gardening, what the 4 H members do, such as food preparation, sewing, leadership skills, life skills. A motion was made by Chuck Willard to donate \$750.00 to the University of Illinois Extension,

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

**B. United Cerebral Palsy: Sam Mancuso, donation request:** Mr. Mancuso, President and CEO, presented an outline of the services provided to the residents of Plainfield Township. This program provides support to families with disabled family members for respite and also for family educational programs. A motion to donate \$500.00 to United Cerebral Palsy was made by Steve Cammack-Aye, seconded by Chuck Willard. Roll call taken: Chuck Willard-Aye, Tony Fremarek-Aye, Ken McCafferty-Aye, Steve Cammack-Aye, John Argoudelis-Aye. Motion carries.

**C/F. Sand bagging Program/Weller Drive Flooding Issues:** Mr. Reichert advised the board that his department has completed restoration of culverts in the Weller Drive area. He also advised the board that he purchased 300 sand bags at \$1,000.00 plus \$150.00 delivery charge and has them locked up in his garage. Mr. Willard stated he was able to get 2,000 empty sand bags (free) delivered from the county. Mr. Reichert and Mr. Willard will discuss the possibility of having the Township's own sand bagging machine, which includes initial cost of the machine, maintenance and upkeep, periodic purchase of bags, go to people such as landscaping companies (subcontract) to help with filling and delivery of bags to the affected homes. Mr. Willard and Mr. Reichert will put together a sand bagging program and will present the proposed program to the board at the September meeting. Mr. Reichert explained to the board, part of the flooding issue is the boat ramp that has been dug out on 135<sup>th</sup> and it floods when the river floods then runs down the corn field and into Weller Subdivision. Mr. Argoudelis stated he brought this up to the county and the county states it does not contribute to the flooding issue. Mr. Argoudelis stated he will contact the Army Corp. of Engineers regarding the boat ramp and what can be done about it.

Mr. Willard stated he would like to publicly thank the Village of Plainfield for helping the Township with sandbagging.

**D. Newsletter:** Ms. French asked newsletter articles be submitted to her before the September meeting.

**E. River Gauge:** The board was advised the cost of the new river gauge will be the responsibility of the Township. Mr. Willard advised the board during the last rain fall, the current river gauge in Shorewood was ineffective in predicting the amount of rain Plainfield would get. It stated Plainfield had another 11 to 12 inches before the river would overflow and flood surrounding areas. That was not true. Installing the new gauge at 119th Street and Naperville/Plainfield Road would give residents an earlier warning of the possibility of flooding. Plainfield Emergency Management Agency will also have a clearer picture of the possibility of flooding and will give residents an opportunity to prepare their property in case of flooding.

At the last meeting, the board was advised the cost of the initial installment would be approximately \$26,525.00 to install and maintain for one year.

Mr. Argoudelis stated he is in the process of contacting the areas around the township for assistance with the cost. A motion to go ahead with the installation of the new river gauge, before an agreement is reached with neighboring areas to share the cost, was made by Tony Fremarek seconded by Chuck Willard. Roll call taken: Tony Fremarek-Aye, Chuck Willard-Aye, Ken McCafferty-Aye, Steve Cammack-Aye, John Argoudelis-Aye. Motion carries.

**F.** Mr. Argoudelis advised the board that Monika McMillen had back surgery this past week. Sandy is covering for Monika at the Reception desk and competent bus drivers continue to provide riders with uninterrupted service.

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**VII. Reports**

**A. Building Issues:**

**No Issues**

Mr. Argoudelis stated he trimmed trees and cut down a dead tree around the building. Ms. McMillen advised Supervisor Argoudelis of a problem with rust on the north side of the building. She is checking into the best solution to remedy this problem.

There is an issue with the key pads on exterior doors. The codes do not always work. Ms. French will have Mark Angelus install a spare key lock. She will send the keypads in for repair. Mr. Fremarek asked what has to be done to activate the alarm system. Ms. French stated it can be activated, but has to be coordinated with the highway department's alarm system. She will confer with Mary Domanus.

**Building Maintenance:**

**Written Report**

**B. Community Garden Plots:**

**No Report**

**C. Disabilities Committee:** Mr. Cammack reminded the board The Disabilities picnic will be held on September 12<sup>th</sup> at the Village Green from 12:00 - 4:00. Mr. Cammack advised the board that a long standing member of the Disabilities Committee will be stepping down. Mr. Cammack asked if it would be possible to present the member with a plaque of appreciation, and if it could be done at the board meeting.

**D. Emergency Management:**

**No Report**

**G. Food Pantry:** The Food Pantry Board has been asked to make changes in distribution of food. Currently the schedule for distribution is once a month. A suggestion was made to stagger distribution of food to several times a month. At this time, no changes have been made.

**VIII. Elected Officials Report:**

**A. Assessor's Office:**

**Written Report**

**B. Clerk:**

**No Report**

**C. Highway Commissioner:** Mr. Reichert advised the board he has spoken with several Will County Sheriff's police officers regarding the possibility of allowing officers the use of the Township building in the evening to do their paper work. Mr. Reichert stated having a police car in the parking lot, would help deter any vandalism. Mr. Reichert stated the Will County Sheriff's police would have access to the highway portion of the Township building. Mr. Argoudelis stated he will contact the Will County Sheriff's office and finalize an agreement allowing the Sheriff's police access to the Highway Department building.

**D. Senior Coordinator:**

**Written Report**

**E. Senior Shuttle Bus:**

**Written Report**

**F. Tax Collector:**

**No Report**

**G. Trustee Reports:**

**Mr. McCafferty**

**No Report**

**Mr. Willard**

**No Report**

**Mr. Fremarek:** Mr. Fremarek suggested, after reviewing the new proposal for health insurance, it would be advisable to continue with the current policy and reimburse full time employees full or a portion of their health insurance.

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**Mr. Cammack:** Mr. Cammack requested a change to the current agenda. He would like to have "Public Comments" be moved from the end of the agenda to after the **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**, but before the **REPORTS**.

**H. Youth:**

**Written Report**

**IX. Approval of Bills:**

**General Town Fund:** A motion to approve the *General Town Fund* in the amount of **\$69,304.08** was made by Tony Fremarek, seconded by Ken McCafferty. Roll call taken: Tony Fremarek– Aye, Steve Cammack-Aye, Ken McCafferty-Aye, Chuck Willard-Aye, John Argoudelis-Aye. Motion carries.

**Road and Bridge:** A motion to approve the *Road and Bridge Fund* in the amount of **\$94,265.08** was made by Tony Fremarek, seconded by Ken McCafferty. Roll call taken: Tony Fremarek-Aye, Steve Cammack-Aye, Ken McCafferty-Aye, Chuck Willard-Aye, John Argoudelis-Aye. Motion carries.

**XII Public Comments:** Mr. Fremarek inquired about the ordinance in the Township regarding weed complaints. Ms. French stated when a complaint is called in the homeowner is notified. If the resident does not comply with the request, the Township hires someone to cut the weeds and bills the homeowner. If the homeowner does not pay the bill, a lien is put on their home. Mr. Fremarek inquired about the maintenance contract the Township has for the office copier and fax machine. He stated a replacement for the machines would be more economical than paying a maintenance contract. Mr. Argoudelis stated they would keep that in mind if any machine needs to be replaced.

**XI. Announcements:**

**None**

**XII. Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the General Board Meeting was made by Chuck Willard seconded by Ken McCafferty. Voice vote taken. Motion carries. General Township meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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**Anita Gerardy Town Clerk**

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Residents in attendance:

Emma Theuri, University of Illinois Extension, Joliet Il.

Pat Herman, University of Illinois Extension, Joliet Il. (Master Gardener)

Rachel Rayas, University of Illinois Extension, Joliet, Il (4H supporter)

Heidi Rayas, University of Illinois Extension, Joliet, Il (4H supporter)

Mary Domanus University of Illinois Extension, Joliet Il. (Master Gardener)

Bill Gerardy, University of Illinois Extension, Joliet Il (Master Gardener)

Karen Keller, University of Illinois Extension, Joliet Il (master Gardener)

Sam Mancuso United Cerebral Palsy, Joliet Il.