

MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE TOWN OF LEYDEN
AND THE SEWER AND WATER
OF THE TOWN OF LEYDEN
HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS
April 11, 2023

REGULAR MEETING

The Supervisor and Board of Trustees convened at 5:30 p.m. to review the bills and vouchers.

The Board reconvened to the courtroom at 6:00 p.m. for the scheduled meeting.

Supervisor Biscaglio called the hearing to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Clerk Losurdo took roll and found the following present: Trustee Klinger, Trustee Otte, Trustee Pecora Trustee Fiorito and Supervisor Biscaglio. Also present were Township Highway Commissioner John Bjorvik, Township Administrator James Caporusso, Town Counsel Matthew Rose, Director of Community Relations Melissa Bukovatz, Director of Public Works Mike Losurdo, Assistant Director of Public Works Tony Bianchi, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Troy Locascio, Village of Elmwood Park Trustee Liaison Bina Conte, Deputy Clerk Kristina Monaco and numerous residents. Absent: Township Assessor Al Biancalana

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Fiorito to approve the minutes for the March 14, 2023 regular meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Klinger. No discussion. Roll call: Ayes (5) Trustee Klinger, Trustee Otte, Trustee Pecora, Trustee Fiorito and Supervisor Biscaglio. Nays (0) None. Absent (0) Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Supervisor Biscaglio presented the bills for payment from March 10, 2023 through April 6, 2023 as follows:

General Assistance Fund	\$	22,860.36
General Fund	\$	243,010.60
Highway Equipment & Building Fund	\$	6,706.28
Needy Fund	\$	NONE
Road & Bridge Fund	\$	1,100,918.03
Sewer & Water Fund	\$	224,162.40

A motion was made by Trustee Klinger to approve the payment of the bills as presented. Motion seconded by Trustee Pecora. No discussion. Roll call: Ayes (5) Trustee Klinger, Trustee Otte, Trustee Pecora, Trustee Fiorito and Supervisor Biscaglio. Nays (0) None. Absent (0) Motion carried.

REPORTS

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Biscaglio requested the General Assistance report to be placed on file with the Clerk. Under New Business there will be a resolution to create a Township Plan Commission, this is part of an Illinois

law allows the Township to have input on zoning or planning for development in the unincorporated area. Supervisor Biscaglio urged all to approve the resolution.

Highway Commissioner's Report

Highway Commissioner Bjorvik reported from the Public Works Department that crews have prepared all equipment for spring and summer, branch pick up has started for the season and a cut and cap project has been completed on the Grand Avenue water main between Rhodes and Garnett.

Assessor's Report

In the absence of Assessor Biancalana, Leyden Township Assistant Assessor Bina Conte reported that the Cook County Assessor Kaegi's office started accepting 2022 exemption applications. The renewal applications were mailed to properties that received a 2021 senior freeze. All properties that received a senior exemption or persons with disabilities exemption will receive a postcard indicating their exemption will auto renew for 2022. Any resident who purchased a property in 2021 needs to apply for a homeowners exemption and those born in 1957 need to apply for their senior exemption and/or senior freeze until June 14th.

Administrator's Report

Township Administrator James Caporusso reported that last month the Lido Motel on Fullerton and Mannheim had a fire that damaged some 2nd floor units. All utilities were shut off. The Red Cross, Leyden Family Services, Leyden Fire Department and Leyden Township were out for several days assisting residents with finding housing, financial support, providing food and other services. After inspections from the County Building and Zoning Department, Nicor and ComEd and along with violations from the State Fire Marshall Office, it was determined for the safety and wellbeing of residents that the building be completely shut down. Once the motel was declared inhabitable, the water service to the property was required to be shut off. Unfortunately, the restaurant that is located on the property also was shut down because the motel and restaurant share the same water service line. Leyden Township secured the property between the gas station and the Lido Motel to prevent illegal truck parking. The manager of the Lido Motel property blocked stairwells, fenced off access to the internal portions of the motel and is taking steps to board up units to prevent people from breaking in. Township Administrator Caporusso thanked the Red Cross, Leyden Family Services, Leyden Fire Department, Cook County Sheriff's Police, Cook County Building and Zoning and the Leyden Township staff for their hard work. Township Administrator Caporusso asked to please save the date of June 3rd from 10am to 2pm. Leyden Township will be hosting an Electronics, Shredding, Textile and Prescription drug recycling event in the Township Hall parking lot.

Clerk's Report

No report at this time.

Trustee Reports

No reports at this time.

Social Services Committee Report

Trustee Fiorito requested the Senior Services, Social Services, Community Relations and Community Center reports to be placed on file with the Clerk.

Sewer & Water Committee Report

Trustee Otte requested the water collection report thru March 31, 2023 to be placed on file with the Clerk.

Local Government Report

Trustee Pecora requested the Township Enforcement Officer monthly report to be placed on file with the Clerk.

Other Reports

Supervisor Biscaglio introduced retired Master Gunnery Sergeant Edward Castaneda. He has joined the Township team to revive the Veterans Assistance Program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Biscaglio entertained a motion to approve Resolution R 2023-14 creating a Township Plan Commission. The motion was made by Trustee Fiorito and seconded by Trustee Klinger. No discussion. Roll call: Ayes (5) Trustee Klinger, Trustee Otte, Trustee Pecora, Trustee Fiorito and Supervisor Biscaglio. Nays (0) None. Absent (0) Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

There being no further business to go before the board a motion was made by Trustee Otte that this meeting be adjourned. Motion was seconded by Trustee Pecora. Roll call: Ayes (5) Trustee Klinger, Trustee Otte, Trustee Pecora, Trustee Fiorito and Supervisor Biscaglio. Nays (0) None. Absent (0). Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Jamie Losurdo
Township Clerk
April 11, 2023
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