

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  
May 9, 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.

In the absence of Clerk Losurdo, Deputy Clerk Monaco took roll and found the following present: Trustee Klinger, Trustee Pecora, Trustee Fiorito and Supervisor Biscaglio. Also present were Township Highway Commissioner John Bjorvik, Township Assessor Al Biancalana, 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, Parks and Recreation Supervisor Dylan Lowther, Village of Elmwood Park Trustee Liaison Bina Conte, Leyden Fire Protection District Chief Brenda Farlow, and several residents. Absent: Trustee Otte and Clerk Losurdo

CORRESPONDENCE

Deputy Clerk Monaco read a letter from Olivia Boniecka thanking the Township for the Carl Fiorito Scholarship she received. Supervisor Biscaglio noted that this was from the monies given to local High Schools when the Scholarship Fund was dissolved. Deputy Clerk Monaco read a letter from Director Mike Tillman thanking the Township for aiding the Norcomm dispatchers in obtaining memberships to the Leyden Township Fitness Center.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Fiorito to approve the minutes for the April 11, 2023 regular meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Klinger. No discussion. Roll call: Ayes (4) Trustee Klinger, Trustee Pecora, Trustee Fiorito and Supervisor Biscaglio. Nays (0) None. Absent (1) Trustee Otte. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Supervisor Biscaglio presented the bills for payment from April 7, 2023 through May 5, 2023 as follows:

General Assistance Fund	\$	9,210.11
General Fund	\$	331,654.38
Highway Equipment & Building Fund	\$	1,405.33
Needy Fund	\$	89.87
Road & Bridge Fund	\$	146,762.44
Sewer & Water Fund	\$	414,224.04

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 (4) Trustee Klinger, Trustee Pecora, Trustee Fiorito and Supervisor Biscaglio. Nays (0) None. Absent (1) Trustee Otte. Motion carried.

## REPORTS

### Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Biscaglio requested the General Assistance report to be placed on file with the Clerk.

Supervisor Biscaglio appointed the members of the Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency. Supervisor Biscaglio explained that this is a law that was passed by the State of Illinois that requires all units of local government in the State to appoint a committee to review the activities of local government and suggest improvements in efficiency. The Township Supervisor and Trustees are required to be on the committee by State statute. Supervisor Biscaglio entertained a motion to appoint Township Administrator James Caporusso and Township Assessor Al Biancalana as the remaining committee members and Township Clerk Jamie Losurdo as Committee Secretary. The motion was made by Trustee Klinger. Motion seconded by Trustee Fiorito. No discussion. Roll call: Ayes (4) Trustee Klinger, Trustee Pecora, Trustee Fiorito and Supervisor Biscaglio. Nays (0) None. Absent (1) Trustee Otte. Motion carried.

Supervisor Biscaglio appointed the members of the Township Plan Commission, approved at the previous meeting. Supervisor Biscaglio entertained a motion to appoint Debra Fiorito, Sue Calluchi, Jose Rios, Virginia Holak, Benna Fetto. The motion was made by Trustee Klinger. Motion seconded by Trustee Pecora. No discussion. Roll call: Ayes (4) Trustee Klinger, Trustee Pecora, Trustee Fiorito and Supervisor Biscaglio. Nays (0) None. Absent (1) Trustee Otte. Motion carried.

### Highway Commissioner's Report

Highway Commissioner Bjorvik reported the Cook County Motor Fuel Tax Fund unobligated balance as of February 28, 2023 is \$1,183,280.44. Highway Commissioner Bjorvik appointed the Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency for the Road District as Township Highway Commissioner John "Bucky" Bjorvik, Township Trustee Bill Otte, Township Trustee Ronald Klinger, Township Trustee Nick Pecora, Township Trustee Vince Fiorito, Township Resident Kristina Monaco (Township Fiscal Officer / Deputy Township Clerk), Township Resident Bina Conte (Assistant Township Assessor / Elmwood Park Village Trustee), Committee Secretary Jamie Losurdo (Township Clerk). Highway Commissioner Bjorvik also reported from the Public Works Department that Public Works crews replaced a hydrant that was damaged during a motor vehicle accident and are removing dead trees and debris from the properties purchased by the Township and that 2023 water break restorations have begun. With confirmation from the Township Attorney, no board action is required for the Highway Commissioner's appointments.

### Assessor's Report

Assessor Biancalana reported that the Cook County Assessor Kaegi's office is accepting 2022 exemptions applications. The first mailing of senior freeze renewal applications are due May 10<sup>th</sup>. The second mailing will be mailed May 12<sup>th</sup> to all veterans with disabilities that received the exemption in 2021 and to all properties that had a deed transfer in 2021. The senior freeze renewal applications have a due date of June 14<sup>th</sup>. Residents who purchased property in 2021 will need to apply for a homeowner exemption and residents born in 1957 needs to apply for a senior exemption and senior freeze exemption until June 14<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Review will be holding hearings for 2022 appeals on May 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> with all results being mailed out few weeks later.

### Administrator's Report

Township Administrator Caporusso asked the Board to approve Resolution R 2023-16 which authorizes an agreement with F.H. Paschen for security camera replacement at Township properties excluding the Pump Station and Community Center, which were approved in previous meetings. Township Administrator Caporusso asked the Board to approve Resolution R 2023-17 and Resolution R 2023-18 which authorizes an intergovernmental agreement for the use of Township recreational properties with Leyden Area Special Recreation Cooperative and Westdale Baseball. Township Administrator Caporusso reminded all that on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-7:30pm at the Carl Fiorito Senior Center there will be an open house with Cook County Commissioner Frank Aguilar, who will be operating monthly hours at the

Township, on May 20<sup>th</sup> is the Township's first annual Health Fair at the Bradley A. Stephens Community Center from 1pm-4pm, on June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10am-2pm is the Electronic, Shredding, Textile and Prescription Drug Recycling event in the Town 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

In the absence of Trustee Otte, Trustee Klinger requested the water collection report thru April 30, 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

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Biscaglio entertained a motion to move into executive session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) relating to the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body. The motion was made by Trustee Pecora and seconded by Trustee Klinger. No discussion. Roll call: Ayes (4) Trustee Klinger, Trustee Pecora, Trustee Fiorito and Supervisor Biscaglio. Nays (0) None. Absent (1) Trustee Otte. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in the courtroom at 6:24 p.m. Deputy Clerk Monaco took roll and found the following present: Trustee Klinger, Trustee Pecora, Trustee Fiorito and Supervisor Biscaglio. Absent: Trustee Otte

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Biscaglio entertained a motion to authorize the Township Supervisor, Township Administrator and Township Attorney to negotiate with the owners of the property commonly known as the Lido Motel (2415 Mannheim Road) for acquisition of the property by the Township. Supervisor Biscaglio explained that the intent to purchase the property is for the Township to maintain control of the property to prevent it from falling into its current state of disrepair. The motion was made by Trustee Fiorito and seconded by Trustee Klinger. No discussion. Roll call: Ayes (4) Trustee Klinger, Trustee Pecora, Trustee Fiorito and Supervisor Biscaglio. Nays (0) None. Absent (1) Trustee Otte. Motion carried.

Supervisor Biscaglio entertained a motion to approve Resolution R 2023-15 a resolution awarding the bid proposal for the 2023 Water Main Improvements to Cerniglia Company in an amount not to exceed \$1,485,322.80. Supervisor Biscaglio added that this was the lowest bidder of 7 bids and a company that the Township has previously worked with. The motion was made by Trustee Klinger and seconded by

Trustee Pecora. No discussion. Roll call: Ayes (4) Trustee Klinger, Trustee Pecora, Trustee Fiorito and Supervisor Biscaglio. Nays (0) None. Absent (1) Trustee Otte. Motion carried.

Supervisor Biscaglio entertained a motion to approve Resolution R 2023-16 a resolution authorizing an agreement with F.H. Paschen for security cameras at various Leyden Township properties. The motion was made by Trustee Fiorito and seconded by Trustee Klinger. No discussion. Roll call: Ayes (4) Trustee Klinger, Trustee Pecora, Trustee Fiorito and Supervisor Biscaglio. Nays (0) None. Absent (1) Trustee Otte. Motion carried.

Supervisor Biscaglio entertained a motion to approve Resolution R 2023-17 a resolution authorizing an intergovernmental agreement between Leyden Township and Leyden Area Special Education Cooperative for the license and use of Leyden Township's recreational property. Supervisor Biscaglio added that this formalized an ongoing agreement. The motion was made by Trustee Klinger and seconded by Trustee Pecora. No discussion. Roll call: Ayes (4) Trustee Klinger, Trustee Pecora, Trustee Fiorito and Supervisor Biscaglio. Nays (0) None. Absent (1) Trustee Otte. Motion carried.

Supervisor Biscaglio entertained a motion to approve Resolution R 2023-18 a resolution authorizing an intergovernmental agreement between Leyden Township and Westdale Baseball for the license and use of Leyden Township's recreational property. Supervisor Biscaglio added that this formalized an ongoing agreement. The motion was made by Trustee Pecora and seconded by Trustee Fiorito. No discussion. Roll call: Ayes (4) Trustee Klinger, Trustee Pecora, Trustee Fiorito and Supervisor Biscaglio. Nays (0) None. Absent (1) Trustee Otte. Motion carried.

#### RECESS FOR DECENNIAL COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY

Supervisor Biscaglio entertained a motion to recess the regular meeting for the first meeting of the Decennial Committee on Government Efficiency. The motion was made by Trustee Pecora and seconded by Trustee Klinger. No discussion. Roll call: Ayes (4) Trustee Klinger, Trustee Pecora, Trustee Fiorito and Supervisor Biscaglio. Nays (0) None. Absent (1) Trustee Otte. Motion carried.

The regular meeting resumed at 6:35 p.m. As no Board members left the courtroom, Supervisor Biscaglio entertained a motion to accept the previous roll call. The motion was made by Trustee Klinger and seconded by Trustee Pecora. No discussion. Motion carried on a voice vote.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Louise Pennington of 10208 Lyndale thanked Township Code Enforcement Officer Santiago for his work boarding a vacant lot at 10210 Lyndale. She reported that the board had since been down. Supervisor Biscaglio referred the Director of Public Works Mike Losurdo to re-board and monitor the location. Resident Pennington informed the Township of parties going on at the Lido Motel. It was recommended that Resident Pennington contact the Township Administrator, who is working with the Sheriff's Office to police the location. Resident Pennington inquired on the grass at property 10210 Lyndale and requested the grass be cut. Director of Public Works and Supervisor Biscaglio explained the process in place to cut the grass and lien the property.

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 6:39 p.m.

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Jamie Losurdo  
Township Clerk  
May 9, 2023  
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