

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
August 8, 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 for the scheduled meeting.

Supervisor Biscaglio called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. 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 and Supervisor Biscaglio. Also present were Township Highway Commissioner John Bjorvik, Township Assessor Al Biancalana, Town Counsel Matthew Rose, Director of Community Outreach Melissa Bukovatz, Director of Public Works Mike Losurdo, Assistant Director of Public Works Tony Bianchi, Director of Parks and Recreation Troy Locascio, Supervisor of Parks and Recreation Dylan Lowther, Code Enforcement Officer Rich Santiago, Village of Elmwood Park Trustee Liaison Bina Conte and Deputy Clerk Kristina Monaco. Absent: Trustee Fiorito and Township Administrator James Caporusso.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Losurdo read a letter from the Queen of Hearts Chapter of the Red Hat Society thanking the Township for the opportunity to facilitate fun and friendship by meeting at Westdale Park, with special acknowledgement to Township Park & Recreation Staff member Omar Aguirre. The Chapter also included a donation to the Leyden Township Needy Fund for School Supplies.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Supervisor Biscaglio presented the bills for payment from July 7, 2023 through August 1, 2023 as follows:

General Assistance Fund	\$	6,808.56
General Fund	\$	479,128.00
Highway Equipment & Building Fund	\$	4,101.64
Needy Fund	\$	NONE
Road & Bridge Fund	\$	162,357.10
Sewer & Water Fund	\$	289,957.03

A motion was made by Trustee Pecora to approve the payment of the bills as presented. Motion seconded by Trustee Otte. No discussion. Roll call: Ayes (4) Trustee Klinger, Trustee Otte, Trustee Pecora and Supervisor Biscaglio. Nays (0) None. Absent (1) Trustee Fiorito. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Supervisor's Report

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

Highway Commissioner's Report

Highway Commissioner Bjorvik reported that the unobligated balance as of May 31, 2023 for the Cook County Motor Fuel Tax Fund is \$1,214,227.69. Highway Commissioner Bjorvik also reported from the Public Works Department that the Water Main project is completed; restorations have started and should be finished before the start of the new school year. Public Works crews replaced two broken fire hydrants.

Assessor's Report

Assessor Biancalana reported that the final deadline to enter 2022 Cook County exemptions is August 18, 2023. The Leyden Assessor's office will continue processing exemption applications and file as a certificate of error once tax bills are ready to mail. Residents who purchased property in 2021 and the property is their primary residence can apply for a homeowner exemption. Residents born in 1957 can also apply for a senior exemption and if their household income from 2021 is less than \$65,000 they can apply for the senior freeze. Contact the Leyden Assessor's office for assistance in applying. The 2023 Cook County Assessor appeals will be starting soon. Residents who would like to appeal their assessment can contact the Leyden Assessor's office. Appeals are being prepared now to enter once the Cook County Assessor opens the appeal window. The 2022 Cook County second installment tax bills are projected to be mailed in November and payable in December 2023.

Administrator's Report

None

Clerk's Report

No report at this time.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Klinger commented on the successful National Night Out event and thanked all those who worked and volunteered for the event.

Social Services Committee Report

Trustee Klinger 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 July 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

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Biscaglio entertained a motion to approve Resolution R 2023-26 authorizing a participation agreement with Blue Cab Co., Inc. for the Senior and Disabled Citizen Subsidized Taxi Program. Supervisor Biscaglio noted the spelling error on the agenda of the name Blue Can Co., which should be Blue Cab Co. The motion was made by Trustee Klinger and seconded by Trustee Pecora. No discussion. Roll call: Ayes (4) Trustee Klinger, Trustee Otte, Trustee Pecora and Supervisor Biscaglio. Nays (0) None. Absent (1) Trustee Fiorito. Motion carried.

Supervisor Biscaglio entertained a motion to approve Resolution R 2023-27 awarding the bid proposal for the Fairfield Avenue at Palmer Avenue Intersection Improvement Project to MYS Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$509,609.38. Supervisor Biscaglio added that this project includes traffic restrictions for vehicles entering and exiting Belmont Avenue intending to keep traffic out of the residential area. The motion was made by Trustee Otte and seconded by Trustee Klinger. No discussion. Roll call: Ayes (4) Trustee Klinger, Trustee Otte, Trustee Pecora and Supervisor Biscaglio. Nays (0) None. Absent (1) Trustee Fiorito. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

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 Klinger. No discussion. Roll call: Ayes (4) Trustee Klinger, Trustee Otte, Trustee Pecora and Supervisor Biscaglio. Nays (0) None. Absent (1) Trustee Fiorito. Motion carried. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at **6:09 p.m.**

Jamie Losurdo
Township Clerk
August 8, 2023
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