

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
September 12, 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 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 Outreach Melissa Bukovatz, Director of Public Works Mike Losurdo, Code Enforcement Officer Richard Santiago, Elmwood Park Trustee Liaison Bina Conte, Leyden Fire Protection District Chief Brenda Farlow, Deputy Clerk Kristina Monaco and a resident. Absent: None

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was read by Clerk Losurdo announcing the presentation of the West Central Municipal Conference's Patrick R. Higgins Lifetime Achievement Award to Leyden Township Supervisor Rocco D. Biscaglio. The award will be presented at the WCMC meeting on September 29, 2023.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Klinger to approve the minutes for the August 8, 2023 regular meeting. 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) None. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Supervisor Biscaglio presented the bills for payment from August 2, 2023 through September 6, 2023 as follows:

General Assistance Fund	\$	7,958.03
General Fund	\$	745,373.32
Highway Equipment & Building Fund	\$	28,788.34
Needy Fund	\$	18.51
Road & Bridge Fund	\$	193,807.63
Sewer & Water Fund	\$	1,066,268.85

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

REPORTS

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Biscaglio requested the General Assistance report to be placed on file with the Clerk. Supervisor Biscaglio expounded on Resolution R 2023-31 under New Business explaining that the previous two IT companies the Township worked with were too small to meet the Township's needs. Resolution R 2023-31 authorizes an agreement with Mayflower Technologies, a larger company, that should be able to provide the necessary IT support.

Highway Commissioner's Report

Highway Commissioner Bjorvik reported that a signed copy of Leyden Township Road District Ordinance HO 2023-4 amending Title 4 "Public Ways and Property", Chapter 5 "Vehicles and Traffic", Section 2 "Parking Regulated" of the Leyden Town Code to Prohibit the Parking of a Motor Vehicle for Sale on the Public Ways and Property and Leyden Township Road District Resolution HR 2023-1 authorizing an agreement with Compass Minerals America Inc. for bulk rock salt have been placed on file with the Clerk. Highway Commissioner Bjorvik also reported from the Public Works Department that the Water Main project is complete and the Public Works Department is preparing for winter projects.

Assessor's Report

Assessor Biancalana reported that the deadline to have all 2022 exemptions deducted from the 2022 second installment tax bill was September 1, 2023. The Leyden Assessor's office will continue processing exemption applications and will file them as a certificate of error once tax bills are ready to mail. Residents that 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. Residents qualifying for the senior exemption with a household income from 2021 less than \$65,000 can apply for the senior freeze. Residents can contact the Leyden Assessor's office for assistance in applying for these exemptions. The 2023 Cook County Assessor appeals ends September 18, 2023. Residents who would like to appeal their assessment can contact the Leyden Assessor's office. The 2022 second installment tax bills are projected to be mailed in November and payable in December 2023.

Administrator's Report

Township Administrator Caporusso asked for the approval of Ordinance TO 2023-4 which he explained amends the Town code, making it illegal for vehicles parked on highways, parkways or public properties to display for sale signs and several resolutions. Township Administrator Caporusso asked for the approval of Resolution R 2023-29 which he explained is an agreement between the Township and Triton College to partner for the sole and limited purpose of providing employment skills training to students enrolled in Triton's Skill Enhancement and Employee Development (S.E.E.D.) program under the guidance of Leyden Township. There is no cost or fee, associated with this Agreement. Township Administrator Caporusso asked for the approval of Resolution R 2023-8, which he explained, are three service agreements between the Township and Thermflo for maintaining Township Generators. Township Administrator Caporusso asked for the approval of Resolution R 2023-32 which he explained, after competitive bids and the recommendations from the Township engineer, awards to the lowest, responsible bidder to National Power Rodding Corp. for the purpose of the Parker Avenue Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation project. Township Administrator Caporusso asked for the approval of Resolution R 2023-33 that he explained amends the Maintenance agreement with Aclara Technologies. The amendment adds mobile programmer features and software to the current agreement.

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 August 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 R 2023-28 Authorizing three (3) Agreements with Thermflo for the Servicing of three (3) Township Generators. The motion was made by Trustee Klinger and 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) None. Motion carried.

Supervisor Biscaglio entertained a motion to approve Resolution R 2023-29 Authorizing a Skill Enhancement and Employee Development Agreement with Triton College for the 2023 Year. 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) None. Motion carried.

Supervisor Biscaglio entertained a motion to approve Resolution R 2023-30 ratifying a Property Tax Reproration Agreement with Lido Hospitality, Inc. The motion was made by Trustee Klinger and seconded by Trustee Otte. No discussion. Roll call: Ayes (5) Trustee Klinger, Trustee Otte, Trustee Pecora, Trustee Fiorito and Supervisor Biscaglio. Nays (0) None. Absent (0) None. Motion carried.

Supervisor Biscaglio entertained a motion to approve Resolution R 2023-31 authorizing a Managed Services Consulting Agreement with Mayflower Technologies LLC. The motion was made by Trustee Fiorito and 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) None. Motion carried.

Supervisor Biscaglio entertained a motion to approve Resolution R 2023-32 awarding the Bid Proposal for the Parker Avenue Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation to National Power & Rodding Corp. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$467,656.80. The motion was made by Trustee Otte 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) None. Motion carried.

Supervisor Biscaglio entertained a motion to approve Resolution R 2023-33 authorizing an Amended Maintenance Agreement with Aclara Technologies. Supervisor Biscaglio clarified that this is for the water meter reading software. The motion was made by Trustee Klinger and seconded by Trustee Fiorito. No discussion. Roll call: Ayes (5) Trustee Klinger, Trustee Otte, Trustee Pecora, Trustee Fiorito and Supervisor Biscaglio. Nays (0) None. Absent (0) None. Motion carried.

Supervisor Biscaglio entertained a motion to approve Ordinance TO 2023-4 Amending Title 4 “Public Ways and Property”, Chapter 5 “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 2 “Parking Regulated” of the Leyden Town Code to Prohibit the Parking of a Motor Vehicle for Sale on the Public Ways and Property. Supervisor Biscaglio explained this is an identical ordinance to that of the Leyden Township Highway Commissioner (HO 2023-4). The motion was made by Trustee Pecora 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) None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Louise Pennington of 10208 Lyndale inquired on meeting Cook County Commissioner Aguilar at his satellite office. Director of Community Relations Melissa Bukovatz offered to assist in scheduling an appointment with Commissioner Aguilar’s satellite office. Resident Pennington expressed concern regarding trailer and boat storage, a shed permit on Dora and the parking of cars on lawn on Kirschhoff Street. Resident Pennington acknowledged the removal of the trailer on Scott Street and requested a meeting with Cook County Building and Zoning.

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 6:19 p.m.

Jamie Losurdo
Township Clerk
September 12, 2023
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