

MINUTES-BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

STATE OF ILLINOIS

DuPage County, SS.

Township of Naperville

THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES met at the office of the Township Clerk at 139 Water Street, January 8, 2013. Deputy Clerk Pomaranski called the meeting to order at 7:30p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Deputy Clerk Pomaranski called the roll. Quorum was established.

PRESENT: Gary Vician Township Supervisor
Fred Spitzzeri Township Trustee
David Wentz Township Trustee
Esin Busche Township Trustee
May Yurgaitis Township Trustee
Joseph K. Pomaranski Deputy Township Clerk

ABSENT: Carol L. Bertulis Township Clerk

GUESTS: Stan Wojtasiak Highway Commissioner
Warren Dixon Assessor
Harlan Dahlstrom 9S144 Aero Drive, Naperville, IL
Rachel Ossyra 1432 Greenlake Drive, Aurora, IL 60502
Dianne McGuire 1235 Tennyson Lane, Naperville, IL
Kerry Malm 418 Robin Hill Drive, Naperville, IL
Bob Fine 720 Prescott Court, Naperville, IL
Ronald Allen 2825 Bond Circle, Naperville, IL
Barry Greenberg 614 Windridge Court, Naperville, IL
Jean Wojtasiak 9S171 Skylane Drive, Naperville, IL 60564
John Monin 0N301 Cottonwood, Wheaton, IL 60187
Ralph G. Hinkle Milton Township
Steve Purduski 846 N. Webster, Naperville, IL 60563
Kurt Dorr 1505 Wedgefield Circle, Naperville, IL 60563
Fred Greenwood 1235 Tennyson Lane, Naperville, IL 60540

WELCOME TO THE PUBLIC AND PRESS:

Invitation to speak to any issue on the agenda or anything regarding township government. (Limit 3 minutes per person, per issue)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kurt Dorr, 1505 Wedgefield Circle, Naperville, IL 60563, discussed a recently submitted FOIA request regarding the medical insurance payment history of Trustee Spitzzeri. Mr. Dorr commented that Trustee Spitzzeri had an outstanding balance of \$1,000.00 that was owed to the township. Mr. Dorr recommended that the board penalize Trustee Spitzzeri or garnish his wages to pay the outstanding premiums.

Trustee Spitzzeri referenced an email message received from the Naperville Township Director of Administration dated October 22, 2012 instructing Trustee Spitzzeri to hold off payment until the changes of his family insurance coverage had been corrected. Trustee Spitzzeri declared that he did not receive any further instruction on the insurance invoice until this evening meeting. (See Attached Document)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Busche to approve the December 11, 2012 minutes. Motion seconded by Trustee Yurgaitis. The roll was called.

Ayes: Busche, Yurgaitis, Wentz, Vician, Spitzzeri
Nays: None
Absent: None Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS: Trustee Wentz read for the record the total Town Fund bills and claims before the Board which is \$ 131,943.68. A motion was by Trustee Wentz to approve the bills and claims against the Town Fund. Motion seconded by Trustee Busche.

DISCUSSION: Trustee Wentz requested an explanation of line item #38515 (Learning Spanish Basic). Supervisor Vician responded that the purchase was made for Township staff to refresh their Spanish language skills to aid general assistance applicants who are native Spanish speakers.

The roll was called for the Town Fund:

Ayes: Wentz, Busche, Yurgaitis, Spitzzeri, Vician
Nays: None
Absent: None Motion passed

Trustee Wentz read for the record the total Road Fund bills and claims before the Board which is \$ 105,747.68. A motion was made by Trustee Wentz to approve the bills and claims at \$ 105,747.68 against the Road Fund. Motion seconded by Trustee Yurgaitis.

The roll was called for the Road Fund:

Ayes:	Wentz, Yurgaitis, Busche, Spitzzeri, Vician
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Levy Reduction/Abatement:

Supervisor Vician proposed holding a budget workshop hearing on **January 15, 2013 at 5:30pm** to further discuss the Township Levy Reduction/Abatement and the Supervisor's Budget.

Trustee Spitzzeri stated that he was in favor of a further abatement. He discussed Lisle Township and their recent abatement from \$2.5 million to \$500,000. He stated that he would like the Supervisor to make a proposal.

Trustee Wentz stated that he recently had a conversation with Rick Tarulis, Lisle Township Supervisor, about their recent abatement. Trustee Wentz commented that Lisle Township reserves are still higher than Naperville Township. Trustee Wentz stated that he is in favor of abatement but needs appropriate budget appropriations.

Trustee Busche stated that Naperville Township needs 4-6 months of budget in reserve fund

Naperville Township Highway Commissioner Vehicle Usage:

Trustee Spitzzeri proposed a policy to established accountability to the Board and the taxpayers in Naperville Township with regarding to the use of the Highway Commissioner's vehicle and township property. Trustee Spitzzeri proposed the creation of a monthly mileage log that would be made available to the Board for review at each monthly meeting. The proposed mileage log would include the date, starting mileage each day, ending mileage each day and purpose of the driving activity each day.

DISCUSSION:

Trustee Yurgaitis requested verification that other townships also participated or established similar polices.

Trustee Busche questioned if this policy was specific to the Highway Commissioner or all township employees.

Trustee Wentz questioned if the policy applied to private vehicles or township owned vehicles. Trustee Wentz proposed a question to Highway Commissioner Wojtasiak regarding who is responsible for the cost of refueling the Highway Commissioner's vehicle.

Highway Commissioner Wojtasiak responded that Naperville Township was responsible for the refueling costs of the Highway Commissioner's vehicle.

Trustee Wentz raised concern about the goals of this policy. He reiterated that this policy would apply exclusively to township owned vehicles and would not apply to other employees private vehicles.

Trustee Wentz asked Highway Commissioner Wojtasiak if the Naperville Township Highway Department had a gas refueling station on the premises.

Highway Commissioner Wojtasiak responded that Naperville Township has a gas refueling station on their property.

Highway Commissioner Wojtasiak commented that Trustee Spitzzeri was misinformed. He stated that the purchase of the new Highway Commissioner's vehicle was purchased on a government bid. He stated that he had purchased 8 trucks and 2 heavy equipment machines during the past 8 years without the Board's approval. Highway Commissioner Wojtasiak stated that he was not required to gain the Board's approval for any purchase at the Naperville Township Highway Department. He stated that the vehicle purchase was listed as a line item on his annual budget.

Highway Commissioner Wojtasiak noted for the record that he puts 10K-12K miles on the township vehicle annually. He stated that he responds to an average of 1,000 JULIE calls per year, 75-100 building permit inspections, and weather related issues.

Highway Commissioner Wojtasiak instructed Deputy Clerk Pomaranski to read a passage from a Township Officials of Illinois Publication titled "What's My Job". At the conclusion of the passage, Highway Commissioner Wojtasiak stated "This conversation is over."

Trustee Spitzzeri noted for the record that Highway Commissioner Wojtasiak walked out of the Board meeting at 8:32PM.

Trustee Spitzzeri noted for the record that Trustee Yurgaitis called him an “idiot”.

Trustee Spitzzeri discussed Highway Commissioner Wojtasiak’s previous comments regarding his duties and vehicle usage. Trustee Spitzzeri commented that Highway Commissioner Wojtasiak has no mention of JULIE calls or building inspections in his monthly report to the Board of Trustees. Trustee Spitzzeri commented that Highway Commissioner Wojtasiak purchased a \$20,000 vehicle and no one blinked an eye.

Supervisor Vician stated that he was in favor of polices to better account for usage of the public’s money and is in favor of setting up a good business policy for the township

A motion was made by Trustee Spitzzeri to Adopt a Township Handbook Monthly Mileage Policy for All Township Employees to include Date of Travel, Total Mileage and Purpose of the Travel. Motion seconded by Supervisor Vician. The roll was called.

Ayes:	Spitzzeri, Vician
Nays:	Wentz
Abstain:	Yurgaitis, Busche
Absent:	None

Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Road District Abatement:

Highway Commissioner Wojtasiak discussed the proposed Special Hard Road Abatement. He recommended the Township Board abate at a tax of 0.015. Highway Commissioner Wojtasiak reported a gross savings of \$783,000.00 when taxing at the proposed rate.

A motion was made by Trustee Wentz to approve the proposed Special Hard Road Abatement. Motion seconded by Trustee Yurgaitis. The roll was called.

Ayes:	Wentz, Yurgaitis, Busche, Spitzzeri, Vician
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

Motion passed.

C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team) – Ralph Hinkle

Ralph Hinkle from Milton Township discussed the C.E.R.T. Program. The program has been a national program since September 11, 2001. It consists of 725 volunteers that provide aid to first responders and mutual aid with local township road districts at a low cost, efficient and local level when disaster strikes. Ralph Hinkle discussed a pilot program that would cost Naperville Township \$5,750 per year. Mr. Hinkle informed the board that 100% of the yearly cost would be spent towards training civilians in DuPage County. Mr. Hinkle noted that Downers Grove and Winfield townships had recently pledged support for the organization.
(See Attached Documentation)

360 Youth Services – Shari Johnson, Power of Choice High School Campaign Coordinator

None.

REPORTS:

ASSESSOR DIXON REPORT:

Assessor Dixon discussed his year-end sales report. He stated that the marketplace has reached a balance. He discussed the single family homes in Naperville Township have seen a sales increase and a decrease of time spent on the market. Attached housing in Naperville Township really been hit hard by the downswing in the economy and the assessor's office is working to help the attached housing market stabilize. Assessor Dixon stated that current home prices are now in line with prices seen during 2003-2004. Assessor Dixon discussed his outlook for 2013 and hoped that the market would continue to stabilize was hopefully for a 2% increase moving forward. (See Attached Report)

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER WOJTASIAK:

(See Attached Report)

TOWN CLERK:

None.

SUPERVISOR VICIAN:

Supervisor Vician discussed the TRIAD Bingo event that was attended by 92 seniors. He stated that the Township has seen increases in human services, LIHEAP applications, Ride DuPage/Circuit Breaker Applications, and Veteran services.

(See Attached Report)

TRUSTEES REPORTS:

TRUSTEE SPITZZERI:

None.

TRUSTEE BUSCHE:

Trustee Busche stated that she recently visited Fox Valley Preschool and the donation from the Township would be used for a great project.

TRUSTEE YURGAITIS:

Trustee Yurgaitis reiterated that she recently visited Fox Valley Preschool and the donation from the Township would be used for a great project.

TRUSTEE WENTZ:

Trustee Wentz noted that the Mayor's Annual State of the City address is scheduled on January 28, 2013 and reminded the Board of the Naperville Chamber of Commerce Annual Gala.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNMENT: Motioned by Trustee Wentz at 8:54 P.M.
Seconded by Trustee Yurgaitis

Roll was called:

Ayes:	Wentz, Yurgaitis, Spitzzeri, Vician, Busche
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

Motion passed.

DATE: January 8, 2013

DEPUTY TOWNSHIP CLERK:  for Carol J. Bertubas

SUPERVISOR: 