

**CUBA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
28000 W. Cuba Road
Barrington, IL 60010
September 13, 2012; 6:10 pm**

Supervisor Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm. Trustee Rice led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: David Nelson, Supervisor; Doug Alexander, Trustee; Don Griffith, Trustee; Jack Mumaw, Trustee; Art Rice, Trustee.

Also present: Priscilla Rose, Clerk; Tom Gooch, Highway Commissioner; Rebecca Tonigan, Assessor; Keri-Lyn Krafthefer, Township attorney; Barbara Murphy, Tom Rowan

Public comment

Barbara Murphy addressed the board and asked the board to try to save money whenever possible. Rose replied to Murphy that the Township recently reduced the levy and in the most recent year had no increase in the tax levy. Tonigan told Murphy that she has made an effort to reduce property assessments to reflect the current market but that Lake County applied a positive factor to the assessments which then raised the assessments.

Tom Rowan addressed the board regarding recent activity at the Barrington Countryside Fire Protection District(BCFPD). He stated that there is discussion with the Village of Barrington (VOB) to resolve several issues including increasing staff and the purchase of an additional vehicle. At this point, he felt both parties were at an impasse and added that the current IGA expires on December 31, 2013. The BCFPD is prepared to move ahead without the VOB if necessary. Gooch suggested that mediation be attempted with Nelson as the mediator.

Discussion and potential action on approval of minutes of August 9, 2012

Trustee Griffith made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mumaw to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2012 meeting as corrected. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion and potential action on payment of bills

A motion was made by Trustee Griffith and seconded by Trustee Mumaw to approve the bills in the amount of \$406,814.87, check nos. 29628 through 29843.

Discussion took place regarding several bills regarding equipment for a new truck, the postage meter, legal bills and several other bills.

Roll call: Alexander- yes; Griffith- yes; Mumaw- yes; Rice- yes; Nelson- yes. Motion carried.

Reports:

Highway Commissioner's report

Nelson presented a letter from Winfield Township thanking the Cuba Township Road District for their help and cooperation for storm clean-up in July. Gooch said that it was a great situation of mutual assistance.

Supervisor's report

Nelson told the board that he has been in contact with a Cuba Township resident, David McDonnell, who is an electricity broker. He suggested that McDonnell could assist the Township in finding the best electricity provider as the electric aggregation process moves forward.

He continued with recommendations regarding the review of the Township's bill paying process by Ken Peterson. The recommendations were reviewed and discussed with no action being taken. The situation will be reviewed at the October 11, 2012 board meeting.

Assessor's report

Tonigan reported to the board that there are 73 complaints to date. She is hopeful that the reductions she was able to make will keep the number of complaints down. She spoke about the tax rep situation and how it is interfering with the appeal process. Griffith suggested a video camera be placed in the office to record conversations to avoid any disputes about what is said to taxpayers regarding their assessments.

Gooch excused himself at 7:10 pm.

Clerk's report

Rose told the board that she would like to have the monthly board meetings taped and have them posted to the Township website. She continued that the newsletter will be mailed the last week of September and that plans are underway for the Fall Festival on October 20, 2012. Discussion took place regarding using Road District employees for assistance during the Fall Festival. Nelson will discuss the situation with Gooch. Early Voting runs October 22, 2012 through November 3, 2012. She reported to the board that she recently attended a webinar regarding the April 9, 2012 election.

Township Attorney's report

Krafthefer reported that she has prepared an IGA for the loan payoff of the Road District and the pay back situation to the General Town. There was discussion on the details of this agreement.

BACOG report

Mumaw reported that the potential Barclay's Wood purchase was discussed at the recent BACOG meeting. There was discussion on the increasing use of synthetic drugs by teenagers, the DiMucci property situation was reviewed and it was noted that the Legislative Breakfast was cancelled.

Old Business: Discussion and potential action related to the following topics:

Township senior/disabled bus program

Griffith reported, that with the help of a Road District employee, information on where PACE riders live in Cuba Township has been entered into a computer program.

Health and risk management insurance review

Mumaw reported that the committee met recently and recommends to the board that employees and elected officials all receive the same health insurance benefits- HMO paid for , the employee/elected official pay the difference between HMO and PPO- and is to be included in the upcoming salary ordinance for elected officials.

Emerald Ash Borer disease programs

Mumaw told the board that he has received 3 quotes for Emerald Ash Borer prevention. Davey was the lowest quote and he will proceed with contacting them to begin treatment.

Levy discussion

Rose told the board that in recent years the number used for the levy for General Town and the Road District has been the previous year's tax extension. Consensus of the board agreed that was the way to proceed this year. Rose will prepare the ordinance, and the gravel tax resolution for the October 11, 2012 board meeting.

Salary ordinance 12-O-03 related to Township officials

Trustee Mumaw made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Rice to table the issue.

Roll call: Alexander- yes; Griffith- no; Mumaw- yes; Rice- yes; Nelson- yes. Motion carried.

Tonigan excused herself from the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Follow-up on property acquisition issues from special township meeting of electors

Krafthefer told the board that she has been working the Village of Tower Lakes attorney, James Bateman, to develop an intergovernmental agreement regarding the purchase of the property. Several issues have come to light during this process, including the fact that the property is subject to an annexation agreement and the property is in a special services area. She continued that she is working on a donor agreement whereby the participating agencies would give their funds to Cuba Township, and then Cuba Township would bring all the funds, except for the Village of Tower Lakes, to the bank at closing. Other details of the situation were reviewed and discussed.

New Business

There was no new business.

Trustee Griffith made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Alexander to go into Executive Session to discuss the acquisition of real estate.

The meeting recessed to Executive Session at 7:55 pm.

Regular session resumed at 8:08 pm

Roll call: Alexander, Griffith, Mumaw, Rice and Nelson.

Also present: Rose, Krafthefer.

Discussion and potential action on Executive Session Items

There was no action

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Griffith which was seconded by Trustee Mumaw to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm

Respectfully submitted-

Priscilla H. Rose
Clerk

