

**CUBA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
28000 W. Cuba Road
Barrington, IL 60010
November 12, 2014 6:00 pm**

I. Call to order:

Supervisor Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Nelson led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Nelson asked for a moment of silence to remember the Nation's veterans.

III. Roll call

David Nelson, Supervisor; Doug Alexander, Trustee-absent; Jack Mumaw, Trustee; Jeff Raider- Trustee, Jill Talbot- Trustee.

Also present: Priscilla Rose, Cuba Township Clerk; Randy Marks, Cuba Township Highway Commissioner; Keri-Lyn Krafthefer, Cuba Township attorney; Susan Segota, Cuba Township Finance Manager, Barb Murphy, Pat Dupras, Noel Schumann

IV. Public Comment

Murphy spoke and noted that the cell phone bill seems high. Talbot replied noting that she works for AT&T and that the rates on the land lines and cell phones are very low and efficient.

Dupras address the board and thanked the board for the opportunity to speak. He also noted the recent tire recycling event and the repair to a light fixture at White Memorial Cemetery. He brought up several issues relating to the 2008 improvements to Cuba Road which resulted in increased water on surrounding private properties. Marks gave Dupras a written report in reply to his questions at the October 9, 2014 board meeting. There was discussion between Marks and Dupras regarding the process to correct the problems on Dupras' properties.

V. Discussion and potential action on approval of minutes

A. October 9, 2014

Trustee Mumaw made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Talbot to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2014 board meeting as amended. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

VI. Discussion and potential action on the following topics:

A. Payment of bills

Trustee Mumaw made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Raider to approve the bills in the amount of \$459,872.58, check nos. 34742 -34971.

Trustee Talbot asked questions regarding the Ringers Landscaping bill and Mumaw noted that the names were included on the receipt for a business lunch and appreciated the notice.

Roll call: Alexander- absent; Mumaw- yes; Raider- yes; Talbot- yes; Nelson- yes. Motion carried.

VII. Items for Consideration and Adoption

Rose explained that this is the first step in the levy process to determine the estimate amount of the levy for this year. Should the levy exceed 5% of the previous year's, then a public hearing must be held in compliance with Truth in Taxation laws. Rose gave the board a brief history of the levy process explaining that five years ago a 5% reduction was taken and since then there has been no increase. She feels this year is the time to increase the General Town levy to capture the Consumer Price Index (1.5%) to keep up with increased operational costs, new technology costs and to allow for regular building maintenance, including future roof replacement, HVAC system replacements and building painting. She concluded that she feels to continue tap into reserves is not a responsible way to budget or to plan for future budgets and does not reflect the true cost of doing business. It was noted that the recommended amount of reserves for township government is 6 months, which is the current cash position for General Town.

Mumaw stated he is opposed to a CPI increase for this year and would like to see what happens at the end of the year with the budget. He also said he would like a long range plan for building maintenance.

Raider approves of a CPI increase and asked for more detailed information on the budget at the December board meeting. Talbot agreed.

Nelson confirmed that he, Trustee Alexander and Susan Segota reviewed the cash position and reserves of the General Town fund. Segota gave further details regarding the cash position and reserves.

A. Tentative levy adoption

1. Cuba Township General Town Levy

Trustee Raider made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Talbot to adopt the General Town levy for 2015 in the amount of \$937,207 and \$48,000 for IMRF, for a total of \$985,207 and to be reviewed at the December 11, 2014 board meeting.

Mumaw confirmed that this is 1.5% increase, which is the CPI for this year. Nelson confirmed that he spoke with Trustee Alexander who would like to see concrete numbers for a budget in December. Nelson supported the 1.5% increase.

Murphy had several comments on expenditures and how to cut back.

Roll call: Alexander- absent; Mumaw- no; Raider- yes; Talbot- yes; Nelson- yes. Motion carried.

2. Cuba Township Road District levy

Marks explained the following reasons for increasing the Road District levy by 4.99% - there are no reserves, there has been a high demand for services and the antiquated equipment and technology is in need of an updating. This would amount to a \$14,873 increase in Road and Bridge and a \$66,673.53 increase in Special Road for a total increase of \$81,546. There was further discussion about the need for the increase. Krafthefer explained that typically Township boards are highly deferential to requests of the Highway Commissioner with respect to the Road District levies.

Mumaw noted that he will support the 4.99% increase in light of the severe winter last year and costs associated with it. He added that he would like to see reserves restored and built up.

Trustee Mumaw made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Talbot to adopt the Road District levy with a 4.99% increase.

Roll call: Alexander- absent; Mumaw- yes; Raider- yes; Talbot- yes; Nelson- yes. Motion carried.

IV. Public Comment

Public Comment was reintroduced to allow Noel Schumann to address the board.

Noel Schumann addressed the board regarding the proposed Speedway gas station in the Village of Lake Barrington at Kelsey Road and Northwest Highway. Marks noted that he asked her to attend and supports her position. Schumann presented her objections to the Speedway project including environmental and traffic impact and the scope and size.

Nelson noted that he has tried to get a feeling from the community regarding the project and he is not optimistic that this project will be scaled back or defeated. He thanked Schumann for the good evidence that she has presented. Nelson noted that the pros of the project included increased tax revenue for the Village of Lake Barrington. One of the many negative aspects of the project include the incompatibility with the Village of Lake Barrington's comprehensive plan.

Rose noted for the record that she is opposed to this project because she is concerned about the aquifer for her residential well and the increased local traffic. She feels the scope of the project is unconscionable. Marks noted that he is opposed as this could impede the passage of Road District vehicles on the preferred route north on Kelsey Road to job sites. Further concern is for the increased congestion on the south side of the Northwest Highway and Kelsey Road/Plum Tree intersection.

B. Capital Asset policy

There was discussion on this policy. It was decided to review this as an agenda item at the December 11, 2014 board meeting.

C. Fund Balance policy:

This policy will be on the agenda for the December 11, 2014 board meeting.

VIII. Reports:

A. Supervisor's report

Nelson noted thank you notes received from taxpayers for various services. He continued that the BACOG water testing event will take place next week with test kits being available at the Township office. The IMRF rate for next year has decreased by 8%. He concluded that he has been in touch with a group interested in promoting Township government. He declined participation as the group was looking for funding to support their efforts.

B. Highway Commissioner's report

Marks reported and detailed the work that has been done by the Road District recently which included the paving and striping of the Village of North Barrington's parking lot, paving in the Village of Tower Lakes, miscellaneous patching in unincorporated Cuba Township, GIS work and brush pick-up. He explained the firewood program and the newly expanded recycling program. Marks concluded by adding that all Road District vehicles are outfitted and ready for snow removal.

C. Assessor's report

In Tonigan's absence, there was no report

D. Clerk report

Rose thanked everyone for their help the Fall Festival and thanked the Road District and Marks for security coverage at White Memorial Cemetery during the Halloween weekend. She noted that she continues to sell the remaining lots at White Memorial Cemetery based on the list she has compiled over the past few years of those interested. She distributed the completed piece for the

Quintenessential Barrington magazine celebrating Barrington's Sequicentennial and thanked Barbara Benson for the well written article which accompanied the picture.

E. Township Attorney's report

There was no report.

F. BACOG report

Nelson reported that mosquito abatement was discussed at the most recent BACOG meeting and that Clarke Mosquito will enhance some services within Cuba Township in the upcoming year at no increased cost. The Housing and Community Development Commission is putting pressure on the BACOG communities to comply with its goals.

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

A. Township senior/disabled bus program

Trustee Mumaw reported that Cuba Township's share should decrease by 6% for the upcoming year and that the cost sharing is recommended to remain at 60/40% for the upcoming year. He added that ridership is down for the past year.

B. Health insurance review

Trustee Mumaw reported that a meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2014 to review final figures for the new insurance year.

C. Audit review

Progress of compliance list

This has been previously reviewed

X. New Business

There was no new business.

X. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session

XI. Action on Executive Session items

There was no action required

XI. Adjournment

Trustee Talbot made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Raider to adjourn. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla H. Rose
Clerk

