

**CUBA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
28000 W. Cuba Road
Barrington, IL 60010
September 11, 2014 6:00 pm**

I. Call to order:

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Nelson led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of September 11, 2001. He shared these words he heard recently- "thanks to those who gave their today, so we can enjoy our tomorrows".

III. Roll call

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

Also present: Priscilla Rose, Cuba Township Clerk; Rebecca Tonigan, Cuba Township Assessor; Randy Marks, Cuba Township Highway Commissioner; Keri-Lyn Krafthefer, Cuba Township attorney; Barbara Murphy, Jim Buckman, Cole Buckman, Kelly Buckman, Patrick Dupras, Rick Hersemann, Kirsten Neptune, Klaus Henke, Liz Nelson

IV. Public Comment

Liz Nelson, Lake County Health Department /Community Health Center and Kirsten Neptune addressed the board regarding the Barrington LEEDS coalition. She shared that data from the Illinois Youth survey indicated that alcohol is the main drug of choice for Barrington teens. The coalition continues to educate the public about alcohol and marijuana and its effects on teen bodies and minds. Postcards have been sent to parents about addressing the subject with their children. The program is funded by a three year grant from the Illinois Department of Human Services. A complementary program, Broncos Committed, is run at Barrington High School.

Cole Buckman addressed the board and gave details on his completed Eagle Scout project in the Township's food pantry. There was a tour of the newly arranged and stored orthopedic items and as well as the newly constructed tables and shelves. Cole explained the process of his project involving the participation of other scouts. The board thanked him for his time and commitment to the food pantry and the Township.

Patrick Dupras addressed the board regarding drainage issues on his property at 25955 W. Cuba Road, Barrington. He noted that drainage issues on his property also impact properties on Elizabeth Lane. Dupras gave a brief history of the situation leading up to the current problem. Marks offered comments on possible correction methods and the ramifications. Marks will review the situation and stay in touch with Dupras. Mumaw asked for monthly updates on the situation at future board meetings.

Murphy addressed the board with several questions about the Highway Commissioner's vehicle, phone bill for the Township office, interest rates, the Township's audit and Groh Landscaping services. Marks, Talbot, Tonigan and Nelson replied to Murphy's inquiries.

VII. Reports:

C. Assessor's report

Tonigan reported that the filing period has closed and appeals are approximately 50% of the previous year. Hearings will begin in October. Next year is the quadrennial reassessment will which be significant, with an increased workload. She mentioned that she and several other Lake County assessors are trying to enact change within the assessment system to make it fair for everyone. She added that Lake County has recently withdrawn computer support to the townships. This support will now need to be paid for at the township level which will factor into next year's budget considerations.

Tonigan excused herself at 7 pm.

V. Discussion and potential action on approval of minutes

A. August 14, 2014

Trustee Talbot made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Mumaw to approve the minutes of August 14, 2014 board meeting.

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 Alexander to approve the bills in the amount of \$400,720.38 check nos. 34253 – 34450.

Alexander asked questions regarding the newly installed VoIP phone system and bills for curbing and aprons.

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

VII. Reports

B. Highway Commissioner's report

Marks reported that various paving and patching jobs are completed including Old Barrington Road and the Village of North Barrington parking lot and Flint Lake Estates. Drainage projects have also been completed along with ditching and drain pipe installation. The salt barn site has been prepared and additional parking spaces have been paved behind the old fuel shed for use by the Township office for overflow. Preparations for winter have begun. There is a salt shortage this season with prices expected to be 2 ½ times higher than last season.

A. Supervisor's report

Nelson noted that the Council of Barrington Garden Clubs has recognized the Township building for integration of native plants in the office landscaping. He thanked Community Liaison, Kate Formichella, for her volunteer efforts in beautifying the grounds of the Township building which led to this award.

Nelson pointed out that a recent article in the *Daily Herald* noted that Cuba Township has not increased taxes in recent years. He continued that interviews have begun for Cheryl Tanaka's replacement as she is retiring on October 24, 2014. Nelson reported that the Healthier Communities Report has been released indicating the majority of respondents have chosen to live in the Barrington area for the good school system and secondly for open space. Improvements respondents would like access to are sufficient stores, services and restaurants, better public transportation and improved traffic. He continued that former Township trustee Art Rice recently received an award for his participation in the water resources committee with BACOG.

Alexander gave a report of his recent helicopter ride with Clarke Mosquito noting that the exposure was very educational and he now has a better understanding of the mosquito abatement process. There was discussion about participation from other municipalities to fully cover the cost of enhanced abatement services to allow for full coverage of the Township. It was discussed that this subject could be facilitated through BACOG.

D. Clerk's report

Rose reported that the funding application has been completed and is ready for distribution. It was decided that Mumaw and Rose will review the funding applications received this year and make recommendations to the board. She added that the newsletter will be mailed the week of September 22, 2014. She concluded by adding the Fall Festival is October 11, 2014.

E. Township Attorney's report

Krafthefer noted that she would like to add to the October 10, 2014 agenda a resolution authorizing short term loans between funds. She will draft the resolution.

F. BACOG report

Nelson reported that Bob Kellerman, the president of the Village of Deer Park, is the new BACOG president. At the last meeting there was much discussion about Lake County and the services offered. The Lake County Zoning and Planning boards are being merged due to poor attendance at meetings and a lack of a quorum. Discussion took place regarding water and the presence of chloride.

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

A. Township senior/disabled bus program

Mumaw reported that ridership declined in the first part of the year and that financial participation will be based on these statistics. As Cuba Township has twice the ridership of Barrington Township, the Township's financial participation will be adjusted accordingly in future years.

B. Health insurance review

Nelson reported that the letter to employees is ready for distribution.

C. Audit review

Progress of compliance list

Nelson noted that of the 17 recommendations, 9 have been completed. Susan Segota, Finance Manager, will attend the October 9, 2014 to review several of the items on the list including sample fund balance and capital asset policy. Nelson reviewed several of the compliance items that are in process.

Other new business

Mumaw reviewed with the board his request to change the October 9, 2014 to October 8, 2014. There was discussion regarding changing the meeting date and it was resolved to leave the date as scheduled for October 9, 2014, 6 pm. Rose offered her objection in principal to changing any meeting date.

Mumaw continued that for the October 9, 2014 agenda he would like added an update of the drainage situation on Cuba Road and Elizabeth Lane. Secondly, he would like an update on the mosquito issue regarding enhanced participation by BACOG members. He also requested that some of Murphy's questions at this meeting be reviewed for possible implementation.

IX. New Business

Levy discussion

Rose explained the levy process. There was discussion regarding the gravel tax resolution for the Road District. She added that this year's CPI is 1.5%. Rose further explained that she felt General Town will need more funds in upcoming years as the cost of business is increasing, but tax revenue has not increased

in recent years. Building maintenance costs will likely increase to deal with aging mechanics and building structure as well as increased costs of doing business, including computer support services and other technical related issues. She added that she feels the General Town budget is very tight with little margin for contingencies. Mumaw added that as long as the Township has money in reserves, he is not in favor in increasing the levy.

X. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session

XI. Action on Executive Session items

There was no action required

XI. Adjournment

Talbot made a motion which was seconded by Raider to adjourn. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla H. Rose
Clerk