

CUBA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
28000 W. Cuba Road
Barrington, IL 60010
December 14th, 2017, 6:00 pm

I. Call to order:

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Kainz led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll call

Grant Born, Trustee; Jill Talbot, Trustee; Christopher Parisi, Trustee, Paul Dietzen, Trustee absent-excused; Michael Kainz, Supervisor.

Also present: Nicole Knapik, Cuba Township Clerk; TJ Podgorski, Highway Commissioner; Jim Rock, Township Attorney; Faye Sinnott, BACOG

IV. Public Comment:

Sinnott reported on the Lake Co. CMAP volunteer advisory meeting in which there were concerns about reduced state and federal funding and feels that the burden will begin falling onto the residents. Sinnott feels that the Township services are very valuable and urged the board to consider a Levy increase in order to assist with the gap in funding available.

V. Discussion and potential action on approval of minutes:

A. November 9th, 2017 – Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Talbot made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Born to approve the minutes of the November 9th, 2017 Board Meeting. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

VI. Discussion and potential action on the following topics:

A. Payment of bills

Trustee Talbot made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Born to approve the bills of 11/7/17 – 12/9/17 in the amount of \$269,993.86 check nos. 43066-43288

Roll call: Born – yes; Talbot – yes; Parisi – yes; Dietzen – absent-excused; Kainz – yes. Motion carried.

B. Resolution 17-R-03, Regular Meeting Dates and Holidays for 2018

Trustee Talbot made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Born to approve Resolution 17-R-03. The Resolution was approved as amended to reflect a date change in February from the 8th to the 12th. This change was made to accommodate the 30 day posting requirement of the tentative budget in January. The Resolution was approved by unanimous voice vote.

C. Health Insurance 2018

There is an approximate 12% increase from last years plan. Podgorski reminded the Board that even though there is an increase in the plan, the costs should not reflect that due to the reduction of staff in the Highway Department. Discussion was tabled on a proposal to have new hires begin paying 10% of the plan. Trustee Born made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Talbot to approve the Insurance plan for 2018.

Roll call: Born – yes; Talbot – yes; Parisi – yes; Dietzen – absent-excused; Kainz – yes. Motion carried.

D. Assessor Software License Agreement

Tonigan was not present to discuss the agreement but the structure has been discussed at many previous meetings. This software essentially gives the control back to the Assessors to enable them to value properties without being erased by Lake County. Trustee Born made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Talbot to approve the Assessor Software License Agreement.

Roll call: Born – yes; Talbot – yes; Parisi – yes; Dietzen – absent-excused; Kainz – yes. Motion carried.

E. Ordinance 17-O-05, Cuba Township Levy

Kainz began discussion stating that he does not agree with asking for an increase at this time. Knapik gave a brief history to the Board stating that although the Township had asked for an increase over the past few years, the amount extended had not come close to what it had levied. This year there is a CPI of 2.1% which would allow the Town to capture what it had been requesting for the past few years. If the CPI is lower next year, that is what the Township would be capped at. Asking for the maximum would be an approximate increase to a home valued at \$300K would be \$1.80 and asking for no increase would save the same homeowner \$0.14 per year on their tax bill. Knapik stated her concern over where the cuts in spending would come from and pleaded not to reduce services to our community such as mosquito abatement and Pace bus services as these items are what keep the Township relevant. After additional discussion, the Board took a vote to keep the Levy amount the same as last year.

Trustee Parisi made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Born to approve the General Town Levy without an increase from 2016 in the amount of \$1,009,550.

Roll call: Born – yes; Talbot – no; Parisi – yes; Dietzen – absent-excused; Kainz – yes. Motion carried.

F. Ordinance 17-O-06, Cuba Township Road District Levy

Attorney Rock began the discussion explaining to the Board the process for adopting the Highway Commissioners Levy and that the Board has no discretion over the amount set and that the Ordinance must be passed by the Board. Podgorski is requesting an increase of 3% which will go toward the Roads program. He plans to use these funds as well as additional funds to resurface many unincorporated roads that are in dire need.

Trustee Born made a motion which was seconded by Supervisor Kainz to approve the Road District Levy with an increase of 3% in the amount of \$1,942,197.

Roll call: Born – yes; Talbot – yes; Parisi – yes; Dietzen – absent-excused; Kainz – yes. Motion carried.

G. IGA between Cuba Township, Barrington Countryside Fire Protection District and the Village of Lake Zurich. Attorney Rock gave a summary to the Board of the renewal of the existing contract. The Township owns and is responsible for maintaining 9 warning sirens throughout the Township while the testing and signaling of alarms is handled by both the Village of Lake Zurich and the Barrington Countryside Fire District. This agreement is now in place for a longer term with an automatic renewal so that it does not need to be presented to the board annually.

Trustee Talbot made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Born to approve the IGA. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

VII. Items for Consideration and Adoption

There were no items for consideration and adoption

VIII. Reports

A. Assessor's report

There was no Assessor report

B. Clerk's report

Knapik reported a reminder of the upcoming Budget process and urged the Board to give input on the tentative budget prior to next months meeting.

C. Highway Commissioner's report

Podgorski reported on the completion of the Highlands drainage job, which involved 500 feet of 12" storm line replacement in order to alleviate an ongoing flooding issue. He states that this is only one of 6 or 7 ongoing issues that he plans to address. There have been two snow event responses so far this season. Effective immediately, the electronics recycling is available for Cuba Township residents only. The details are still being worked out but it will likely be by appointment only or in conjunction with a shred event and firewood Fridays.

D. Supervisor's / BACOG report

Kainz reported that the Township office is now equipped with a backup generator that will keep the entire office up and running during an outage. Concerns were addressed at the most recent BACOG meeting for not only aquifer water levels but also salt control measures. Podgorski gave a summary of his icing plan stating that he is not only monitoring the amount of salt being applied but using it in conjunction with another organic liquid product. Using this new product as a pre-treatment and also as a wetting agent to keep salt that is applied from bouncing off the roadway will help reduce the amount of salt needed.

F. Township Attorney's report

Rock reported on a new requirement for local Governments to adopt a Sexual Harassment Policy Ordinance by January 15, 2018. This item will be added to the January agenda.

IX. Old Business: Discussion and potential action of the follow topics:

A. Pace Dial-A-Ride program and contract renewal

This year's renewal is slightly lower than last year at approximately \$12K. There was no further discussion.

Trustee Born made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Talbot to approve the Pace Dial-a-Ride contract for 2018. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

X. New Business

There was no new business

XI. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session

XII. Action on Executive Session items

There was no action

XIII. Adjournment

Trustee Talbot made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Born to adjourn. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned 7:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole E. Knapik
Township Clerk