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MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, December 10, 2020
7:00pm – BOARD MEETING
APPROVED – January 7, 2021

This meeting will be conducted by audio or video conference and may not have a physically present quorum of the Ela Township Board because of a disaster declaration related to COVID-19 public health concerns affecting the Township. Pursuant to Section 7(e)(2) of the Open Meetings Act, the Supervisor has determined that an in-person meeting at the Township building with all participants is not practical or prudent because of the disaster. Township officials, legal counsel, and the Township Manager will not be physically present at the Township Hall, if that is unfeasible due to the disaster. Since physical public attendance at the Township Hall may be limited or not feasible, alternative arrangements for public access to hear the meeting has been made available by contacting the Supervisor's Office at (847) 438-7823 for the Zoom meeting link or the phone number to call into the meeting prior to 5:00 p.m. on December 10, 2020. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the meeting will also be audio or video recorded and made available to the public, as provided by law.

1. Call to Order: Supervisor Palmblad called the December 10, 2020 Board Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
2. Board Roll Call: Present in person were Supervisor Palmblad, Clerk Prouty, Trustee Sikes, and Township Manager Stefaniuk. Present via zoom were Trustees Bos, Bowman, and Jennings, Highway Commissioner Forster and Assessor Barrington.
3. Pledge of Allegiance:
4. Public Comments: At this time, we welcome any public comments, three minutes a piece or a total of fifteen minutes. No public comments.
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2020:
A motion by Trustee Bowman and seconded by Trustee Sikes to approve the meeting minutes of November 12, 2020 with any corrections or additions. And there were no corrections or additions. Motion passed 5 to 0.
6. Committee Meeting Minutes – accept meeting minutes from COW (12/1) – Youth Committee () – Senior Committee ()- Communications Committee (11/12)- Community Family Services ()- Park Committee (11/16)- Special Meeting Insurance Renewal (11/12). A motion by Trustee Sikes and seconded by Trustee Jennings to accept the Committee meeting minutes as listed above. Motion passed 4 to 0. Trustee Bowman abstained.

7. Approval of Board Audit from 11/9/2020 to 12/7/2020

The Clerk read the board audit.

TOTAL GENERAL TOWN FUND-----	\$ 23,734.25
TOTAL GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND-----	\$ 1,500.00
TOTAL GENERAL ROAD FUND-----	\$ 492,405.67

TOTAL PERMANENT ROAD FUND----- \$ 16,801.10
TOTAL PARK MAINTENANCE FUND----- \$ 4,113.43
TOTAL CEMETERY MAINTENANCE----- \$ 319.62
TOTAL PAYROLL----- \$ 140,405.11

TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS----- \$ 679,279.18

A motion by Trustee Bowman and seconded by Trustee Bos to authorize the payment of the board audit (11/09/2020 to 12/07/2020) of \$679,279.00. Motion passed 5 to 0.

8. Monthly Updates from Elected Officials, Department Heads & Township Manager
(Senior – Social Work – Youth - Bus)

Supervisor Report: No report, except to wish everyone Happy Holidays.

Clerk Report: The Clerk stated that she had finally signed the contract with Lake County for the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election.

Bos: Trustee Bos announced that this would be his last Township Board meeting and thanked the board for him being a part of the Ela Township. As he is now our new elected Republican State Representative.

Bowman: No comment at this time.

Jennings: No comment at this time.

Sikes: No comment at this time.

Assessor Report: The Assessor's office is finally finished with tax appeals.

Highway Commissioner: The department is preparing for snow that is supposed to be coming this weekend.

Senior and youth Report: Report will be added to minutes.

Community Family Services: Report will be added to the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

Added to the agenda for discussion were scholarships.

9. Preventative Maintenance Agreement – consideration and motion to approve a three-year Preventative Maintenance Agreement with Sherman Mechanical for a yearly amount of \$6,139.00.

A motion by Trustee Sikes and seconded by Trustee Bowman to approve a three-year maintenance agreement with Sherman Mechanical for a yearly amount of \$6,139.00. Motion passed 5 to 0.

10. Shredding/Recycling Event – consideration and motion to approve \$925.00 to share shredding/recycling event in May with the Ela Area Public Library.

A motion by Trustee Sikes and seconded by Trustee Bowman to approve \$925.00 to share shredding recycle event in May with Ela Public Library. Motion passed 5 to 0.

11. 23065 Foxridge Ct., Deer Park – discussion regarding claim and possible French door replacement. The board decided to paint the door and have insurance replace one door.
12. Closed Executive Session: None at this time.
13. Consideration and possible action on items discussed in closed session
14. Adjourn:
A motion by Trustee Sikes and seconded by Trustee Bowman to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. Motion passed 5 to 0.

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Supervisor Gloria M. Palmblad **Clerk** Lucy A. Prouty

Highway Commissioner Andrew Forster **Assessor** John Barrington

Trustee Chris Bos

Trustee Larry Bowman

Trustee Michael Jennings

Trustee Joel Sikes