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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW) MEETING

Ela Township, 1155 East Route 22, Lake Zurich
Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 8:30 am
MEETING MINUTES – Approved March 11, 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 8:15 a.m. on February 23, 2021.

1. Call to Order: Supervisor Palmblad called the February 23, 2021 COW meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.
2. Roll Call: Present were Supervisor Palmblad, Township Manager Stefaniuk, and Community Programs Director Dillon. Present via Zoom were Trustee Bowman, Trustee Jennings, Trustee Sikes, Assessor Barrington, Deputy Clerk Case, Director Fackler, and Youth Coordinator Cacciatore. Highway Commissioner Forster was absent.
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Supervisor Palmblad led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Topics for Discussion:
 - a. Peace Pole: Pamela Self and Shari Gullo were present to provide an update on the progress of the Peace Pole. Specifications include it being 20 ft. tall, lit from the inside, and have 7-8 sides. Estimated cost is \$35K, and funds will be raised monetarily via donation or in donations of service and materials. Production and fabrication will take 3-4 months, and the languages that will be displayed on the pole or possibly surrounding brick work are to be determined. Trustee Bowman requested to review structural drawings. Final numbers and should be received by March 5.
 - b. Grant Applications:

Nicole Hunt was present and spoke on behalf of PADS Lake County.

After a long discussion on the funding applications, preliminary decisions were made, all funding is determined on what tax dollars come in for the year. Nine applications were received for FY22.

A Safe Place	\$2,000.00
Center for Enrichment	\$0.00
Center for Independence	\$2,500.00
D95-Joanie's Closet	\$3,000.00
Emmaus House	\$16,500.00
Erie Family	\$1,000.00
LZBSA	\$0.00
PADS Lake County	\$4,000.00
Zacharias	\$3,000.00
Total =	\$32,000.00
 - c. Trustee Vacancy: Three candidates will be discussed in Executive Session after the COW meeting.

- d. Townhall Office Door access – review quotes:
In an effort to improve security at Town Hall, quotes for remote access were received for the Administrative and Assessors department doors. Precision Lock and Safe provided the lowest quote, no electrician will be needed, they can hook it up to existing electric in the administrative department file room. This item will appear on the agenda for vote at the March Board Meeting.
 - e. Ultraviolet Lamps for furnaces – review quotes:
In an effort to improve air quality at Town Hall and the Community Center, quotes were received for ultraviolet lamps for the furnaces at both locations. The estimate from Ack-Temp is the better value out of the two that were received. Assessor Barrington suggested we get a quote for the same installation at the Highway Department.
 - f. Old Business: None at this time.
 - g. New Business: None at this time.
- 5. Set Date of Next COW Meeting (March 30, 2021 @ 8:30 AM)
 - 6. Executive Session: The Board entered Executive Session at 9:32 a.m.
 - 7. Adjourn: Supervisor Palmblad adjourned the February 23, 2021 COW meeting at 9:32 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Deputy Clerk Case


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February 19, 2021