LOCKPORT, ILLINOIS

JULY 9, 2024

TOWN CLERK'S RECORD BOOK TOWN FUND

The Lockport Township Board of Trustees met at the Lockport Township Building, Multi-Purpose Room 127, 1463 S. Farrell Road, Lockport, IL 60441 on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 6:35 PM with Supervisor Alex Zapien presiding.

Present were Trustees Gregg Bickus (via Zoom), Karen Johnson, Dean Morelli and Denise Salvino, Clerk Erin Haas Gotts, Highway Commissioner Jim Louch, Collector Jessica Cannaday and Attorney Gary Mueller. The meeting agenda was posted at the Lockport Township Government Building, the Lockport Township website (Clerk's section), the website calendar and also on the Community Center door.

On a Motion of Johnson, seconded by Salvino to approve the minutes from the previous regular meeting held on June 11, 2024.

MOTION CARRIED

On a Motion of Johnson, seconded by Salvino to approve the minutes from the bid opening meeting held on June 14, 2024.

MOTION CARRIED

On a Motion of Johnson, seconded by Salvino to approve the total bills and payroll in the amount of $141,394.68. Roll call vote resulted in Bickus Aye, Johnson Aye, Morelli Aye, Salvino Aye and Zapien Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

Citizens Wishing To Address The Board- There were no citizens wishing to address the Board.

Clerk's Report- In the month of June, the Clerk's office notarized over 75 documents and provided diapers to over 40 families.

Clerk Gotts selected her early voting hours for the November General Election. Early Voting hours will be extended to match the Will County Clerk's office on many days. Also, Clerk Gotts mentioned that she will now have a fourth tablet to help process more voters with less wait time.

Clerk Gotts encouraged qualified citizens to register to vote in her office before October 8, 2024. The last day to apply for online voter registration will be October 20, 2024.

The first day vote by mail ballots will be sent out will be September 26, 2024. The last day to request a vote by mail ballot will be October 31, 2024.

Clerk Gotts reminded residents to sign up on the Township's homepage under the tab Alerts + Notifications, so they can stay informed about events and information alerts.

Building Report- Supervisor Zapien updated the Board on the new garage. Action 1 Construction will be awarded the contract. Supervisor Zapien will inform the Board when Action 1 Construction can begin the construction of the garage.

Discussion & Approvals- Township Officials of Illinois will be hosting their Annual Educational Conference on November 11-13. The early bird registration deadline is August 1, 2024.

On a Motion of Salvino, seconded by Johnson to approve up to 12 members to attend the Township Officials of Illinois's Annual Educational Conference. Roll call vote resulted in Bickus Aye, Johnson Aye, Morelli Aye, Salvino and Zapien Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Zapien spoke with Plainfield Township about sharing an exhibit booth at TOI's Annual Educational Conference to help spread awareness about the Community Mental Health Program. The exhibit booth cost would be $250.00 for Lockport Township and $250.00 for Plainfield Township.

On a Motion of Johnson, seconded by Salvino to approve an exhibit booth at TOI's Annual Educational Conference. Roll call vote resulted in Bickus Aye, Johnson Aye, Morelli Aye, Salvino Aye and Zapien Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Zapien stated that $10,000.00 was allocated to the Community Mental Health Program and will be expended in full at the end of this month. He would like to support the program with additional funding of $35,000.00. Trustee Morelli stated that mental health is an important issue and this program is great, but he is concerned with using additional tax payer's monies towards this program. There was discussion with the Board. The Board decided to allocate an additional $40,000.00 to the Community Mental Health Program.

On a Motion of Salvino, seconded by Johnson to support the Community Mental Health Program with additional funding in the amount of $40,000.00. Roll call vote resulted in Bickus Aye, Johnson Aye, Morelli Nay, Salvino Aye and Zapien Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

New Business- The summer newsletter has been sent out to the residents. The design process for the fall newsletter will begin soon.

The Lockport Township Back To School Fair will be held on Wednesday, July 17, 2024 from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Township building.

Supervisor Zapien updated the Board on the Decennial Committee. The next Decennial Committee meeting will be held on August 13, 2024 at 5:30 PM.

On a Motion of Johnson, seconded by Salvino to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

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ERIN HAAS GOTTS, TOWN CLERK