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MINUTES

CAPITAL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JUNE 8, 2020

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Capital Township Board of Trustees met by phone due to the Governor’s Executive Shelter in Place Order regarding COVID-19. The following members answered to roll call: Joe Aiello, Richard Berning, Brad Carlson, Alysse Aiello Hewell, and Lakeisha Purchase-Williams. Mark Crawford was also present. Bruce Stratton was present as Legal Counsel.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Purchase-Williams, seconded by Trustee Berning, for approval of the Minutes of the May 11, 2020 meeting. A voice vote was unanimous.

SUPERVISOR/GENERAL ASSISTANCE EXPENDITURES

A motion was made by Trustee Purchase-Williams, seconded by Trustee Carlson, to approve payment of the Supervisor/Collector/General Assistance Administration Expenditures in the amount of \$804.30. Upon a roll call vote, there were 5 Yeas – 0 Nays.

TOWN CLERK/TOWN ASSESSOR EXPENDITURES

A motion was made by Trustee Carlson, seconded by Trustee Berning, to approve payment of the Township Clerk/Township Assessor’s Administration Expenditures in the amount of \$889.89. Upon a roll call vote, there were 5 Yeas – 0 Nays.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

There was no report from Legal Counsel.

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Supervisor Aiello gave an update on the services they have been providing. They have continued to assist with meals, providing breakfast and lunch at the homeless shelter. There has been around 50 people. They have been very fortunate to not have any COVID cases. The homeless shelter has implemented the strictest lockdown in the city, and it is paying off. The homeless community has done well with a big part of that due to the assistance they have provided.

General Assistance has been getting many calls for service. Clients are getting way behind on utilities and rent and are receiving 5-day notices from their landlords. The courts are not evicting people right now, but it does not mean it will not happen. They are working with Community Resources and are sending people there every day. They are working hand in hand with them. Community Resources is providing LiHeap money and \$60 food boxes. They are filling a huge gap in light of the situation they are in.

They are hearing about all kinds of issues such as bats in homes, car accidents, and people just having a hard time. They also get many calls regarding things they cannot handle such as driver's license services because they cannot get ahold of anyone else. It is getting better now since things are starting to open up. They have also talked with landlords about being patient and tell them help is coming. He thinks they can do more for people as they move forward.

Trustee Aiello Hewell asked how much has been donated so far. Supervisor Aiello stated he does not have the number in front of him but he will get that for them this week. He believes it is running around \$3,000 per week. Trustee Berning stated it was at \$5,000 per week. Supervisor Aiello stated it has gone down since the population has gone down. Trustee Purchase-Williams asked if they could get a report showing the breakdown during this three-month timeframe. Supervisor Aiello stated they could. They did start out higher at about \$5,000. Trustee Aiello Hewell thanked him for all he has been doing.

Trustee Purchase-Williams asked if he could get them a breakdown of how many clients they had coming in during this time. She also asked what they do when the people get eviction notices and are three months behind. Supervisor Aiello stated he would get the clients in the hands of Community Resources first because they are receiving more money. There is a lot of anxiety out there with people. They need to use as many resources from Community Resources as they can use. The five-day notice will trigger the use of their benefit. Trustee Purchase-Williams stated the City received funding through Rodney Davis. The \$500 they receive will not cover some people's rent. Supervisor Aiello stated he heard some of that money would go to the Urban League. Trustee Purchase-Williams stated she has not heard that but will look into it and keep them informed.

Trustee Purchase-Williams asked if he could send a list of all the resources, including phone numbers of who they are sending people to such as Community Resources.

She also asked if anyone knows of anyone else that could help the family she talked about before that had an accident in Nashville. They have someone who is providing the labor free but they still need help with the materials. Supervisor Aiello stated there are a couple different groups including the ABC Club, who he is waiting to hear back from. Also, they could see if a place like Carter Brothers Lumber would be willing to donate wood or something like that. Trustee Purchase-Williams stated Habitat is donating the labor and she will get a total to them for the amount of materials needed.

Trustee Purchase-Williams asked if they would still be doing food deliveries. Supervisor Aiello stated they are using Community Resources because they have \$60 boxes. She asked if they stopped their supply boxes. Supervisor Aiello stated they did since Community Resources is providing the bigger box. If there is some other service they could provide to people, they can talk about it.

Trustee Carlson thanked Supervisor Aiello for spearheading this and said to keep doing what he has been doing. Supervisor Aiello stated they are blessed to be in a position to help people. He sees the challenges every day.

Trustee Berning asked if the homeless shelters are testing those people for COVID. Supervisor Aiello stated he does not believe they are testing. They would be tested if they are showing symptoms. If positive, they would then be isolated. They can only leave to go to work, to the store, to appointments, the pharmacy, or for two walks per day. They have a van to take them places. Helping Hands has put people into housing, but there are a lot of men and some women out there on the streets. Trustee Berning asked if anyone has made an estimate of whether there are more homeless people out on the streets now than a year ago. Supervisor Aiello stated there are agencies that take inventory of the homeless count. They did a year or two ago, and it was about 300. Trustee Berning asked if they could get that information to them. Supervisor Aiello stated he would find out what that number is.

Supervisor Aiello stated one question he gets is what the most important thing is they do in the General Assistance Office. He stated it is that they prevent people from being homeless.

Trustee Purchase-Williams asked how their old building is doing. Supervisor Aiello stated he has been there and everything is fine with the building. He does go over there every day to check on it.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Trustee Purchase-Williams, seconded by Trustee Berning, to adjourn the meeting to July 13, 2020 at Noon. A voice vote was unanimous.

Don Gray
Town Clerk