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MINUTES

CAPITAL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MARCH 9, 2020

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Capital Township Board of Trustees met in the office of the Supervisor. 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 and Joe Roesch were present as Legal Counsel.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Carlson, seconded by Trustee Purchase-Williams, for approval of the Minutes of the February 10, 2020 meeting. A voice vote was unanimous.

FY2019 AUDIT REPORT

Lori Milosevich with Estes, Bridgewater & Ogden was present to report on the FY2019 Audit. They have an unmodified and clean opinion to report. The audited financial statements report can be a good reference tool. The report shows total expenses and revenue. All questions have been answered, and there are no recommendations to the board. It was a good and clean audit.

A motion was made by Trustee Berning, seconded by Trustee Carlson, to accept the Audit Report. A voice vote was unanimous.

SUPERVISOR/GENERAL ASSISTANCE EXPENDITURES

A motion was made by Trustee Berning, seconded by Trustee Aiello Hewell, to approve payment of the Supervisor/Collector/General Assistance Administration Expenditures in the amount of \$1,400.33. Upon a roll call vote, there were 5 Yeas – 0 Nays.

TOWN CLERK/TOWN ASSESSOR EXPENDITURES

A motion was made by Trustee Purchase-Williams, seconded by Trustee Carlson, to approve payment of the Township Clerk/Township Assessor's Administration Expenditures in the amount of \$89.70. 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 stated there is an agenda in everyone's packet for the Annual Town Meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Berning, seconded by Trustee Purchase-Williams, to approve the Annual Town Meeting Agenda. A voice vote was unanimous.

Supervisor Aiello reported that he is still working with the General Assistance Office and he has spent some time with clients and the employees. They are still giving out money but are also making people more accountable. Renters and landlords also need to be made more accountable. He may have something next month for the board regarding this. He has also heard back from Peoria County regarding transitional assistance. They have stopped giving away money. Capital Township will look into a rent program. They are finding, people are not using the money for what they are supposed to. There are many people in the community who need assistance. They may consider giving a voucher for transitional assistance and not cash.

Trustee Purchase-Williams asked if the caseworkers could do a check. Supervisor Aiello stated they do and there are monthly meetings. Trustee Berning stated the key is to be consistent. Don't be subjective and follow a consistent program. Supervisor Aiello stated they do need to be careful. They are trying to make people more accountable, but it is difficult. They need to find the best way to distribute services. Peoria County does vouchers for things such as utilities. They want to keep a roof over people's head, food on the table, and do a little more for them than just give cash. He may spend more time in Peoria County looking at what they do. Trustee Purchase-Williams stated the goal with these programs is for an employer to hire a person permanently.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Purchase-Williams asked if there is any news on the old building. Supervisor Aiello said next month the realtor would be here to talk to them. There was mention of an east side group interested but they don't have the money. Trustee Purchase-Williams mentioned that One in a Million and NAACP were interested but don't have the money either.

Trustee Purchase-Williams stated she received an email regarding a civic engagement for Treasurer Frerichs. They would like donations and a table there from us. She would like to participate in this. She will send meeting minutes and notes. Supervisor Aiello asked her to send them to him and he will send to the group.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Berning mentioned that the building expenses are reflected in the audit but next year it will show they got rid of it. Mark Crawford stated it would if they sell it, and there is also a land value. Trustee Purchase Williams stated it is hard to sell it at a good price. Supervisor Aiello agreed. There are vacant buildings across the street including the vacant building the homeless shelter was going into. They could potentially market this as an entrance into Springfield.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Trustee Berning, seconded by Trustee Purchase-Williams, to adjourn the meeting to April 14, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

Don Gray
Town Clerk