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MINUTES

CAPITAL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

APRIL 13, 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 and Justin Reichert were present as Legal Counsel.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Berning, seconded by Trustee Purchase-Williams, for approval of the Minutes of the March 9, 2020 meeting. A voice vote was unanimous.

SUPERVISOR/GENERAL ASSISTANCE EXPENDITURES

A motion was made by Trustee Carlson, seconded by Trustee Berning, to approve payment of the Supervisor/Collector/General Assistance Administration Expenditures in the amount of \$1,000.03. 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 Aiello Hewell, to approve payment of the Township Clerk/Township Assessor’s Administration Expenditures in the amount of \$164.76. 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 what Capital Township has done since the shelter-in-place order was put in place. They have served 2,400 meals through their winter warming center for the homeless. They are now using the Salvation Army, which is the old Golds Gym building, and is now a homeless shelter. They started out serving about 130 meals per day and are now serving about 100 meals per day since the weather is warmer. With the shelter-in-place, they do not allow people to come back if they leave, unless they are leaving to get essentials. They are doing this because they do not want to spread the virus throughout the shelter. So far, they have not had any cases of the virus in the shelter. He appreciates the feedback from the board. They want to continue with the program to feed the homeless, and there are still significant amounts of people that need fed. The General Assistance Office uses their client base of about 2,400 people they work with on an annual basis. Some are referred to them from the workforce program and some from the transitional program. There is a need for food, diapers, and cleaning supplies. They can always direct people to other programs when needed for some of these things. If the board wants to do something, they could always put together food and supply boxes.

Once this shelter in place order is lifted, they will see an increase in rent and utility assistance requests. Supervisor Aiello asked for thoughts from the board members. Trustee Berning stated he feels the group is doing a fine job, and they have gotten ahead of things. Supervisor Aiello stated they are one of the smaller agencies, but the impact they are making is big.

Trustee Purchase-Williams agreed they have done an excellent job with this. She thinks it is a good idea to make the boxes. She asked if they would only go to the clients who request them. Supervisor Aiello stated they would go by their client list. They know who their clients are, and they can reach out to those they have helped in the past. Trustee Purchase-Williams stated Capital Township is stepping up, and she thanked Supervisor Aiello for keeping the board members in the loop. Supervisor Aiello stated these are tough times, and they need to communicate. He is keeping in touch. He has been talking with the homeless on the street to see what they need. The Washington Street Mission closed, and that is where the homeless would go to take showers.

Supervisor Aiello asked the board if they want to come up with a dollar amount for the food boxes. Trustee Purchase-Williams suggested spending \$25.00 for each would be a good starting point. They could include toilet paper, bleach and cleaning supplies in them. She asked if there is someone they could reach out to for this. Supervisor Aiello stated he would check. He could check with Humphrey's and others. Trustee Carlson suggested they mirror what is going on statewide. Supervisor Aiello agreed to follow what the state is doing. Once this is over with, landlords will start sending out eviction notices and people will also need assistance with utilities. Trustee Carlson stated the food boxes might need to keep going another month or so if the order is lifted at the end of this month.

Trustee Purchase-Williams stated there have been 1,600 more cases just in the Chicago area. There could possibly be another outbreak in the fall.

Trustee Aiello Hewell expressed her appreciation for all the work that has been done on this. She talked with Triad last week about another project and they said they have a warehouse full of toilet paper, so the board can contact them regarding that. Supervisor Aiello asked Trustee Aiello Hewell to send him their contact information so he can look into it.

A motion was made by Trustee Carlson, seconded by Trustee Purchase-Williams, Trustee Berning, and Trustee Aiello Hewell, to provide weekly \$25.00 food boxes to their client base for up to 30 days past the end of the shelter-in-place order. A voice vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Trustee Purchase-Williams, seconded by Trustee Berning, Trustee Carlson, and Trustee Aiello Hewell, for cleaning supplies to be delivered to their client base every three to four weeks. The supplies will include: Lysol, bleach, paper towels, toilet paper, and hand soap. This will continue for up to 30 days past the end of the shelter-in-place order. Trustee Purchase-Williams stated she would like to help Supervisor Aiello in delivering these items to their clients. A voice vote was unanimous on the motion.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Purchase-Williams asked how things are going with the old building. Supervisor Aiello stated everything is taking a back seat at this time. He will get an update from the realtor after all this is over. He has been over to the building and they had the bug man there since they were due for a termite inspection.

Supervisor Aiello stated he would get to work on all this and will keep them all up to speed.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Trustee Purchase-Williams, seconded by Trustee Berning, to adjourn the meeting to May 11, 2020 at Noon. A voice vote was unanimous.

Don Gray
Town Clerk