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MINUTES

CAPITAL TOWNSHIP BOARD

AUGUST 14, 2023

The Capital Township Board of Trustees met in the County Board Complex, 3rd floor County Building. The following members answered to roll call: Joe Aiello, Kelly Gilmore, Ken Leonard, and Tammie Rockford. Trustee Gordon came in at 12:05 p.m. Justin Reichert was present as Legal Counsel. Mark Crawford was also present.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Rockford, seconded by Trustee Gilmore, to approve the Minutes of July 10, 2023. A voice vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATION EXPENDITURES

A motion was made by Trustee Leonard, seconded by Trustee Rockford, to approve payment of the Supervisor/Collector/General Assistance Administration Expenditures in the amount of \$750.00. Upon a roll call vote, there were 4 Yeas – 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Trustee Gilmore, seconded by Trustee Rockford, to approve payment of the Township Clerk/Township Assessor’s Administration Expenditures in the amount of \$667.96. Upon a roll call vote, there were 4 Yeas – 0 Nays.

SUPERVISOR’S UPDATE

Supervisor Aiello stated they would discuss the budget and there will be discussion of the audit at a future meeting. They will take a look at their budget and what they have done over the past couple years to see if it fits into anything that is trending. One of the things they have taken on is supporting the local homeless initiative with the City, County, Helping Hands, and other groups. This board has an open mind about this and has been willing to participate.

They are going to put another expenditure for the homeless initiative in the budget. He does not think they will do any more than what they have done the past couple years, but they will look at how things have been trending with those expenses.

Mark Crawford gave a brief overview of the budget. He explained that the big components of their budget are General Assistance and the operation of the other offices with the Assessor's Office being the biggest part of that. Fortunately, they've had really fantastic replacement tax revenue. It is usually about \$300,000 and now it is at about \$800,000. Supervisor Aiello explained that the replacement tax comes from the State of Illinois Department of Revenue. Mark Crawford stated this has allowed us to considerably reduce the property tax levies. They went from \$2 million down to \$500,000, and that is a great reduction.

Supervisor Aiello stated they have been able to expand their homeless initiative services. They are in good shape and will be getting more services out of this. The services include rent, utilities, transitional assistance, and the Workfare Program. At some point they will need to take a look at the \$350 rent grant to see if it is keeping up with inflation.

Trustee Gordon asked if it is only every two years that these constituents can come back to apply for the rent assistance. She asked why it is every two years. Supervisor Aiello stated it is every two years. It is set by the board. There are a lot of opportunities out there where they can get rent from other sources. Justine with General Assistance assists them with that. They can look at this as a board and have Justine come in and go over it with them.

Trustee Gordon asked about the \$100 Box Program. Supervisor Aiello stated there was a \$100 voucher and they were able to go to different grocery stores to get food. Supervisor Aiello stated there was some grant money from the State of Illinois, which included income levels, for people in Sangamon County who lost power and it was handled through Sangamon County Community Resources.

Justin Reichert announced that Joe Roesch, who is his associate, has been appointed as Sangamon County Circuit Clerk to replace Paul Palazzolo.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Trustee Leonard, seconded by Trustee Gilmore, to adjourn the meeting to September 11, 2023 at Noon. Upon a roll call vote, there were 5 Yeas – 0 Nays.

Don Gray
Town Clerk