

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
PALATINE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 10, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Supervisor Langlotz-Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Palatine Township Center. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by Trustee Huley.

ROLL CALL

Board Members in attendance: Supervisor Langlotz-Johnson, Trustees Huley, McGrane and Pohlman.

Also in attendance: Assessor Kelly, Highway Commissioner Kaider and Administrator Pioch.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BUSINESS

A. Town Fund & General Assistance 2014-2015 Budgets

Supervisor Langlotz-Johnson asked Assessor Kelly to begin the budget discussion with the Assessor's Office budget. Assessor Kelly provided a recap of his budget and changes that were made since its original presentation in October 2013.

The discussion moved to the General Assistance Budget. Trustee McGrane asked several questions that led to a long discussion regarding the amount of expenses that were being funded in the budget. Supervisor Langlotz-Johnson provided an update of a few accounts that were revised in a downward manner based upon her previous discussions with Board Members. After quite a lengthy discussion there was a consensus among the voting members of the Board that the total expense budget should be set at \$448,555 with a \$51,000 amount shown in a line item that would not be touched unless there was an extraordinary (unforeseen) need that develops in General Assistance. Administrator Pioch is to choose the account that will be used and the corresponding name of the line item.

Supervisor Langlotz-Johnson asked the Committee to provide input and questions about the Town Fund Budget. A few items were discussed to the satisfaction of the voting Board Members. The Supervisor then stated that she wanted to ensure that all questions had been asked now or if any additional questions develop that she would like to know about them so they may be answered prior to the March 31st Board Meeting and that she did not intend to have deep discussions at that meeting since this was the forum set for working out any questions and concerns about the Budgets.

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B. Road District 2014-2015 Budget

Supervisor Langlotz-Johnson asked Highway Commissioner Kaider to present his budget to the Committee and to answer any questions that were raised. The Commissioner brought up a few major points to explain such as salt and overtime but he pointed out that the line item for \$350,000 was the line item that would be used to complete the needed work projects in various unincorporated neighborhoods and roads for the upcoming fiscal year.

After the brief discussion the Supervisor asked the voting members if there was a consensus to accept the Road District budget. Responses were in the affirmative.

C. Approval of 2014 Annual Town Meeting Agenda

MOTION by Supervisor Langlotz-Johnson, second by Trustee Pohlman to approve the proposed Annual Town Meeting Agenda.

Supervisor Langlotz-Johnson stated that this was being done due to the fact that since the Board Meeting date was revised to March 31st there was not the required 10 day approval

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote

The Supervisor commented that this Agenda will also be placed on the upcoming March 31st Board Agenda for an official vote.

It was agreed that all of the following committees did not have any outstanding issues that should be placed before the Committee at this time so each would not be reviewed: **Cemetery Committee, Events/Special Projects Committee, Finance Committee, Health & Safety Committee, Human Needs Committee, Insurance Committee, Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Newsletter Committee, Policy Committee, Public Relations Committee, Transportation Committee and Website Committee.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Langlotz-Johnson reminded the Committee that the Township Health Fair will be held on Tuesday, August 18. The Township and Palatine Lions Club will co-sponsor a May 3 Shredding Day and a May 10 Electronic Recycling Event. The Supervisor advised that the Pet Safety Day and Road District Tire Amnesty Day did not have confirmed dates at this time.

Assessor Kelly announced that the prospective Eagle Scout that had approached the Township to build a vegetable garden on the Township property had visited him recently to obtain a required signature. The Scout will get back to the Township regarding a timeframe for beginning the work when the weather improves.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURN

MOTION by Supervisor Langlotz-Johnson, second by Trustee McGrane to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote

**Please note that Administrator Pioch served as Deputy Clerk for the notes from this meeting.*

Respectfully submitted,


TOWN CLERK