

# MINUTES

## TOWN OF THE CITY OF CHAMPAIGN BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: November 13, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gerard at 7:02 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	Paul Faraci Karen Foster Michael La Due Tom Bruno Chairman Gerard	Deborah Feinen William Kyles (after Roll Call) Vic McIntosh Marci Dodds
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BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Pamela Borowski, Township Supervisor  
Fred Stavins, Township Attorney

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Board Member Dodds, seconded by Board Member La Due, moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 2, 2012. A voice vote was taken on the motion to approve the minutes; all voted yes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

APPROVAL OF SUMMARY OF CHECKS WRITTEN – ALL FUNDS, SEPTEMBER 2012: Board Member Dodds, seconded by Board Member Foster, moved to approve and place on file the summary of checks written. September 2012 showed the total for the Town Fund was \$39,964.32; General Assistance was \$8,826.55; IMRF was \$3,085.13; and the Social Security Fund was \$1,868.88. Total expenditures for the month of September 2012 were \$53,744.88. A voice vote was taken on the motion to approve expenditures; all voted yes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2012-1101: A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE AMOUNTS OF MONEY NECESSARY TO BE RAISED BY THE TAX LEVY. Township Supervisor Borowski noted the proposed tax levy is at 100% instead of the 105% allowed by law and that will be well within the boundaries of what the Township needs to operate. Board Member Foster had several questions regarding the formula used to calculate the tax levy amount. Finance Director Schnuer and Township Supervisor Borowski noted CPI stands for Consumer Price Index; the CPI, at .03, increased significantly over the last year; and the percentage of new construction of equalized assessed value (EAV) is 1.16%. State law allows the prior year's extension amount to be

increased by the CPI and the percentage of new construction of EAV to determine the new tax levy amount. Board Member Foster expressed support of the Township Supervisor noting she has stayed within the Township budget, and has increased payments to clients. Board Member Dodds, seconded by Board Member La Due, moved to approve the Resolution. A roll-call vote was taken; all voted yes except Board Member Feinen and Foster who voted no. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 12-1102: COMPENSATION ORDINANCE:** Township Supervisor Borowski noted the salary increase for the Supervisor and the Assessor position is a little less than one cent per household, per year. Board Member questions and comments included:

- Is a raise mandated? (No, but by law, a Compensation Ordinance must come before the Board every four years, and it needs to be set 160 days before the next election. If the Township does not have a Compensation Ordinance, the Supervisor and Assessor will not get paid.)
- Can the compensation be separated from the pay increase? (Yes, the Ordinance can be amended.)
- How is the increase being funded? Will it decrease funds to the needy? (The Township budget has a fairly significant surplus at this time, and can handle the increase without affecting services.)
- Was a pay increase approved prior to the last election cycle? (A pay increase for the Supervisor was held the first two years, with a raise approved for the last two years. The Assessor position was approved for a raise all four years.)
- Board Member McIntosh noted the Board did not approve an increase for the Supervisor position four years ago because the Board felt the Supervisor at that time was not doing the job. Board Member McIntosh noted he will support this increase.
- Could the surplus be used to increase services? (By law, the General Transition Assistance program can only provide a maximum amount of \$245 per month, per recipient. The Supervisor budgets for 40-45 people for the whole year, and the Township have 25-27 clients per month, on average.)
- If the number of people needing assistance increases, would the surplus cover the salary increase as well as the increase in assistance needs? (Yes)

Board Member Dodds, seconded by Board Member La Due, moved to approve the Ordinance. A roll-call vote was taken; all voted yes except Board Member Faraci and Dodds who voted no. Motion carried.

**QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORTS: FIRST QUARTER, FY12/13:** Board Member Dodds, seconded by Board Member La Due, moved to approve the Quarterly Report. A voice vote was taken on the motion to approve; all voted yes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF 2013 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS:** Board Member Dodds, seconded by Board Member Foster, moved to approve the 2013 Calendar of Meeting. A voice vote was taken on the motion to approve; all voted yes. Motion carried.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** None

TOWN BOARD AND TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR'S COMMENT: None

NEXT MEETING: Chairman Gerard noted the next meeting would be the Regular Meeting of December 4, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT: Board Member Dodds, seconded by Board Member La Due, moved to adjourn. A voice vote was taken on the motion to adjourn; all voted yes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Glenda F. Robertson  
Deputy Town Clerk