

MINUTES

TOWN OF THE CITY OF CHAMPAIGN BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: September 3, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Feinen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Stock Alicia Beck
Angie Brix Tom Bruno
Clarissa Fourman Matthew Gladney
Will Kyles Vanna Pianfetti
Chairperson Feinen

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Andy Quarnstrom, Township Supervisor
Fred Stavins, Township Attorney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

August 6, 2019 Regular Township Meeting

Board Member Stock, seconded by Board Member Gladney, moved to approve the minutes. A voice vote was taken; all voted yes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

APPROVAL OF SUMMARY OF CHECKS WRITTEN – ALL FUNDS, JULY 2019: July showed the total for the Town Fund was \$114,984.76; General Assistance was \$16,933.25; IMRF was \$4,053.45; and the Social Security Fund was \$661.19. Total expenditures for the month of July 2019 were \$136,632.65. Supervisor Quarnstrom noted the increase in expenditures is due to the final payment regarding the Assessor's record digitization project. Board Member Stock, seconded by Board Member Gladney, moved to accept and place on file the summary of expenditures. A voice vote was taken on the motion to approve the expenditure report and place it on file; all voted yes. Motion carried.

FY 17-18 GATA QUARTERLY REPORT: Supervisor Quarnstrom noted the increased number of rental assistance cases; and working with the Housing Authority and other agencies to address struggles regarding affording housing in the community. Board Member Stock, seconded by Board Member Gladney, moved to accept and place on file the quarterly report. A voice vote was taken on the motion to approve the quarterly report and place it on file; all voted yes. Motion carried.

ACTION ON ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2019-0901: A Resolution Approving the Purchase of Property – (301/303 N. First Street): Board Member Stock, seconded by Board Member Gladney, moved to approve the Resolution. Board Members suggested consolidating the Resolutions. Board Member Stock, seconded by Board Member Gladney moved to consolidate Resolutions 2019-0901, Resolution 2019-0902, and Resolution 2019-0903. A voice vote was taken on the motion to consolidate; all voted yes.

Resolution 2019-0902: A Resolution Approving A License Agreement for 306 and 306.5 N. First St.

Resolution 2019-0903: A Resolution Approving A License Agreement for Beardsley Park Properties

Supervisor Quarnstrom noted Prosperity Gardens has chosen to close and requested proposals from agencies to continue their work. The Township submitted a proposal that was accepted around July 1, 2019. The Township has been working to develop an agreement to purchase Prosperity Gardens. The CU @ Work Program workforce will be utilized to continue the work of Prosperity Gardens, make it an educational effort, and to grow the organization and provide food for individuals in need in the community. The purchase price has been negotiated to \$9,000. Township staff is requesting board approval to purchase 301 N. First and all the assets associated with Prosperity Gardens; and to approve license agreements for 306 and 306.5 N. First, and the Beardsley Park neighborhood gardens.

Board Members technical questions included the following topics: U of I researchers' explanation regarding the contaminated soil and use of raised beds (Beardsley area); payment to workers for Prosperity Gardens; working with other organizations used by Prosperity Garden including a traveling market component; whether compensation to Prosperity Gardens includes their total assets; funds to maintain and replace the assets being acquired; staffing, and funding for staffing for the Prosperity Gardens program; and donation of the facility with the cooler and wash stand area becoming part of the Township assets. Joan Dixon, President and CEO of the Community Foundation of East Central Illinois, spoke in support of continuing the Prosperity Garden programs, and purchase and lease agreements. Board Member comments included the following topics: thanked the Supervisor for his efforts to continue this needed program for the community, helping those in the community, working with homeless, helping feed and get vegetables out into the community; and valuing the work efforts of the CU @ Work participants, thanks for supplying work, and for addressing social service needs in the community. A roll-call vote was taken on approval of the Resolutions; all voted yes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

TOWN BOARD AND TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR'S COMMENT: Supervisor Quarnstrom thanked the Legal Department for all their work in relation to the Resolutions.

NEXT MEETING: Chairperson Feinen noted the next meeting date of October 1, 2019.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marilyn L. Banks". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Marilyn L. Banks
Town Clerk