

Minutes – Annual Meeting of Shields Township Electors

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Lake County,) } SS.
Town of Shields)

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ELECTORS OF SHIELDS TOWNSHIP occurred on Tuesday, April 14, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. at the Shields Township office, pursuant to the Illinois Township Code, to the Annual Meeting agenda approved by the Shields Township Board at its monthly meeting on March 19, 2008, and to the Notice of the Annual Town Meeting given by the Shields Township Clerk. Twenty-eight electors (registered voters of Shields Township) signed in as participating electors at the meeting.

1. Meeting Called to Order

Township Clerk David Barkhausen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Clerk Barkhausen led the electors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Nomination and Appointment of Moderator for Annual Meeting

Clerk David Barkhausen called for Motions for the Appointment of a Moderator for the Annual Meeting. Highway Commissioner Bill Goodman nominated Do Russ as Moderator and Rudy Iberle seconded. Dan Rogers nominated Rudy Iberle, but Mr. Iberle declined to be considered. There being no further nominations, Don Russ was selected as the Moderator on a voice vote.

4. Consideration and Approval of the Minutes from the 2008 Annual Meeting

A motion by Dan Rogers to waive the reading of the minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting and to approve the minutes, seconded by Trustee Peter Sexton, was approved on a voice vote.

5. Presentation of Supervisor's Annual Financial Report

As required by the Illinois Township Code, Clerk David Barkhausen read from a summary of the Supervisor's Annual Financial Statement for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 2008 and ending February 29, 2009 that was prepared and sworn to by Supervisor Charles Fitzgerald on March 25, 2009. Clerk Barkhausen cited a balance at the beginning of the fiscal year of \$1,077,918, revenues of \$1,339,132 expenditures of \$1,515,022 and an ending balance of \$902,028. He also stated that the Supervisor's Statement showed property taxes levied for the preceding year of \$1,080,322, taxes collected of \$1,091,184, and unpaid liabilities for payroll taxes of \$171.

6. Presentation of 2008 Scholarship Awards

Supervisor Charles Fitzgerald announced five college scholarship awards from the Township of \$1,000 each. He mentioned that an independent committee of five members reviews the applications. The process is overseen by DeVon Nelson on the Township staff. The recipients, the hometowns and schools, colleges and possible majors were as follows:

Colleen Considine of Lake Bluff, Lake Forest High School, Northwestern University (biology); Mariah Crump of North Chicago, North Chicago High School, Southern Illinois University (nursing); Jon Grum of Knollwood, Lake Forest High School, Illinois Wesleyan (business administration); Kasia Hart of Knollwood, Lake Forest High School, Boston College (biology and environmental science); Hannah Wang of Lake Bluff, Lake Forest High School, undecided between William Swarthmore and Carleton (English and music).

7. Advisory Referendum on Senior Citizen Property Tax Relief

Clerk Barkhausen explained that the electors at last years' Annual Town Meeting had approved the submission of an advisory referendum question relating to property tax relief for long-time Shields Township residents that had been proposed by Trustee Ben Wagner. It required a subsequent certification by the Township Board. The County Clerk's office had advised that the certification by the Township Board had to be filed with the County Clerk by February 5th in order to be included on the April 7, 2009ballot in the Consolidated Election. However, the Clerk's office had not mentioned that the Board action itself would have had to occur by February 2nd. Because the Board's certification occurred at a meeting on February 3rd, it became necessary to resubmit the question approved at the 2008 Annual Meeting if the electors wished to do so.

On a motion by Trustee Ben Wagner, seconded by Robin Russ, the following advisory referendum question was approved on a voice vote for submission to the voters at the next election occurring in Shields Township: "Shall homeowners who have owned and resided in the same home for 30 years or more have their property taxes reduced over a 5-year period to the level in effect when they purchased their home?"

8. Setting the Date for the 2010 Annual Town Meeting

On a motion by Clerk David Barkhausen, seconded by Larry Bridges, a resolution was adopted on a voice vote to set the second Tuesday in April as the date for the 2010 Annual Town Meeting of the Shields Township Electors.

9. Old Business - None

10. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Mona Strenger of Lake Forest, seconded by Larry Bridges of North Chicago, the 2009 Annual Town Meeting of the Shields Township Electors was adjourned at 6:25p.m.

Attest

Donald E. Russ, Moderator

David N. Barkhausen, Town Clerk