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 Town of Shields)

THE TOWN BOARD OF SHIELDS TOWNSHIP met at the Shields Township office for its regular monthly meeting on October 28, 2010 at 6:15 p.m.

PRESENT: <u>Gale Strenger Wayne</u>	Supervisor
<u>David Barkhausen</u>	Town Clerk
<u>Lynn Baehr</u>	Town Trustee
<u>Cele Bull</u>	Town Trustee
<u>Mary Woodson</u>	Town Trustee

Trustee Laura Carney was absent. Highway Commissioner Bill Goodman and Assessor Teresia Yakes were also present.

I. Meeting Called to Order

Supervisor Strenger Wayne called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. and requested an attendance roll call. All Board members were present other than Trustee Carney.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Strenger Wayne opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Public Hearing on Amended Road District Budget

At a Special Board meeting on September 22nd, held to consider amendments to certain line items in the budget of the Road District in light of drainage work to be done in expectation of a \$50,000 grant from the State and a \$5,000 grant from Lake County, the Board adopted a tentative amended budget for the Road District, as more fully explained in the minutes of that meeting. That action was subject to this public hearing and final action by the Board on amending the budget.

There were no public comments on the matter. A motion by Trustee Woodson to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Bull was approved on a voice vote.

IV. Discussion and Vote on Amended Road District Budget

Following the Public Hearing on the amended Road District budget, Supervisor Strenger Wayne entertained discussion and said that the amended budget was to allow for the state grant that was expected and to reflect the activity for the previously mentioned drainage work. A motion to approve the amended budget by Trustee Bull, seconded by Trustee Woodson was approved 4-0 on a roll call vote.

V. Consideration of Minutes from the Previous the Town Board Meeting

A motion by Trustee Baehr, seconded by Trustee Bull, to approve the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Board held on September 16th and a motion by Trustee Woodson, seconded by Trustee Bull to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting to consider amending the Road District Budget held on September 22nd were unanimously approved on voice votes.

VI. Payment of Bills

Town Fund Bills: A motion by Trustee Bull, seconded by Trustee Woodson, to approve the payment of Town Fund expenses in the amount of \$74,314.96 passed 4-0 on a roll call vote.

Road & Bridge Bills: A motion by Trustee Woodson, seconded by Trustee Bull, to approve the payment of Road Fund expenses in the amount of \$17,984.35 passed 4-0 on a roll call vote.

General Assistance Bills: A motion by Trustee Woodson, seconded by Trustee Bull, to approve the payment of General Assistance expenses in the amount of \$9,630.62 passed 4-0 on a roll call vote.

VII. Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items

Christian Erzinger of Lake Bluff appeared on behalf of the Lake Bluff Barbecue Society which had held its 9th Annual “Rib Fest” competition with 23 groups giving away free ribs and trying to raise money in the process. The groups of rib chefs donate hundreds of dollars of their own money with this friendly

culinary competition. For the first time last year, there was People's Choice Award decided by patrons paying \$1 for the privilege of casting a vote to select their favorite rib recipe,. Last year, that raised over \$600 for the Shields Township Food Pantry, and this year it raised over \$3,000 for the same purpose. Supervisor Strenger Wayne mentioned various other donations for the event and the sponsorship of Harris Bank.

County Board Member Susan Gravenhorst of Lake Bluff mentioned the following items: free subscription to the quarterly newsletter of the Lake County Forest Preserve District; the current displays at the Lake County Discovery Museum; budget deliberations of the County Board; and possible new regulations governing wind turbines.

VIII. Presentation by Health Reach Center

As part of a series of presentations by the Township's "Community Outreach Partners," Kelly Rentas appeared on behalf of Health Reach to which the Townships often makes referrals for health care. Founded in 1992, Health Reach uses the volunteer services of doctors, dentists and other health care professionals to serve a low to middle income population that does not qualify for Medicaid assistance for the poor or Medicare for the elderly. Many of their patients are working but do not have health insurance and have limited incomes. With locations in Waukegan and Mundelein, they serve about 4,500 patients a year with over 18,000 patient visits annually and provide about 28,000 prescriptions from their pharmacy in Libertyville. They take care of about 800 patients with chronic disease and about 100 acute care patients monthly whom they help to keep from needing hospital emergency room visits. Their two acute care centers have varying hours each day, usually from 8:30 – 4:00, depending on the availability of manpower. Health Reach serves 160 patients from Shields Township (36 of whom are new patients) with 333 medical visits. Ms. Rentas placed a value of \$48,000 at \$300 per patient each year on this care.

When Trustee Bull asked about volunteer needs and opportunities, Ms. Rentas said they have a particular need for additional volunteer health care professionals. They currently have fifty volunteer doctors and thirty other professionals, including nurses and dentists. In response to a question from Supervisor Strenger Wayne, Ms. Rentas said they have 16 to 18 specialists, including podiatrists from Rosalind Franklin University. They work cooperatively with the Lake County Health Department, which serves the Medicaid and Medicare populations and those who qualify the "All Kids" program for medical assistance for children.

IX. Old Business

a. Discussion and Vote on Intergovernmental Agreement with Road District

Supervisor Strenger Wayne mentioned that the Township is receiving a \$50,000 grant from the State for drainage work to be performed by the Road District and that an intergovernmental agreement between the Township and Road District is required to facilitate this work. In response to a question from Trustee Bull, Highway Commission Goodman said that the Township should be paid within five days of submitting paperwork to the State signed by the contractor and the Road District's engineer. Money will come to Township and then be transferred back to the Road District. A motion by Trustee Bull to approve the intergovernmental agreement, seconded by Trustee Woodson, passed 4-0 on a roll call vote.

X. New Business - None

XI. Public Comments – Agenda Items

Dan Rogers of the Knollwood neighborhood said he was glad to note the Board's concern about the conditions of the roads in the Road District. He said the only real way to address the situation is for the Road District property tax levy to be increased, that the Road District could not survive on grants, and that the levy is too low to provide the resources needed. He observed that the levy was set too low twenty years ago before the Illinois tax cap legislation went into effect, and he said the roads will be reduced to gravel in some areas. He said the need for a higher Road District property tax levy needs to be explained to all parts of the Township.

XII. Township Officials' Reports

a. Highway Commissioner's Report

Highway Commissioner Goodman said work on the storm sewer drainage project is completed and that the road patching work performed by Peter Baker & Sons should also be finished within the next week. He also announced an open house and public meeting concerning the Village of Lake Bluff's Phase I engineering study of possible intersection improvements at the Route 41 and 176 interchange. It is set for Tuesday, November 16th from 4-7 p.m. at the Lake Bluff Elementary School.

b. Trustees' Report

Trustee Bull said that Trustee Carney, who was absent from the meeting, had asked her to request that the trustees be given proposed budget figures two weeks before a meeting to discuss them and not just the day before. She added that Trustee Carney had expressed her disappointment that the rescheduled October monthly meeting had not been set on a date when everyone could attend. Supervisor Strenger Wayne said she had tried to work with all members to schedule the meeting at a mutually convenient time.

c. Supervisor's Report

In her Supervisor's Report, Supervisor Strenger Wayne mentioned the following items:

- Her thanks for the contributions to the Shields Township Food Pantry made by the Lake Bluff Rib Fest participants and attendees; the sponsorship of the event by Harris Bank; the assistance of Ken Baehr; the donations of bags by Sunset Foods, the contributions of Rob and Sue Douglass from the closing of their Village Market in Lake Bluff; a food drive held by Baird & Warner realtors at the Lake Forest Jewel food store; a food drive in the Amerberly Woods development; and cash and food donations organized by Michele Wilson of the Coldwell Banker real estate office.
- The Health and Education Fair that was held from 9-12 a.m. on Saturday, September 19th on the grounds next to the Township office under the theme of "Navigating through Turbulent Times" with all services and activities being provided free and many donations helping to make the event possible. Seminar discussions were held on real estate law led by Brad Andersen of Griffith, Grant & Lackie, mortgage issues by Lake Forest Bank & Trust, and investments by Wayne Hummer. They can be seen on the local cable access channel.
- An open house employment "options and opportunities" seminar organized by State Senator Susan Garrett on November 15th from 1-4 p.m. on the Highland Park Country Club and involving a number of local employers and government agencies.
- A ribbon cutting on October 1st for the Northern Illinois Food Bank's new facilities at their headquarters off of the intersection of Washington and Route 41 in Park City, including new freezer capacity, a doubling of their dry warehouse space, and the capacity to prepare snacks and suppers.
- The creation of a new playground for children from a vacant piece of land in Foss Park in North Chicago through the joint work on October 4th and contributions of the Navy, Kraft Foods, Youth Build, and the KaBOOM organization.
- October 14th The Lake County Community Foundation's bus tour on October 14th focusing on Latino issues in Lake County. It started at the Presbyterian Church in Lake Forest and included visits to facilities and programs in Zion, Round Lake, and Highland Park. The Foundation's mission is to improve the quality of life for the neediest citizens in Lake County.

XIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn by Trustee Bull, seconded by Trustee Woodson, was approved unanimously on a voice vote at 6:58 p.m..

Attest

David N. Barkhausen, Town Clerk