

TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING

The Cunningham Township Board of Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., Monday, July 7, 2008 in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building at 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, Illinois.

Physically present at the meeting were Elected Officials: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, Smyth, Stevenson, Town Board Chair Laurel Lunt Prussing, and Township Supervisor Carol Elliott., Town Clerk, Phyllis D. Clark. Also present was Township Attorney Fred Grosser and Township Assessor, Joanne Chester.

There being a quorum, Chair Prussing called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Trustee Barnes moved to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2008 meeting and June 16, 2008 special meeting in omnibus fashion. The motion was seconded by Trustee Stevenson. The motion to approve the minutes of both meetings carried by a voice vote.

COMMITTEE TO VERIFY BILLS

Supervisor Elliott presented the staff report for both the Town Fund and the General Assistance Fund. Trustee Roberts moved to approve Town Fund bills in the amount of \$34,791.99 and the General Assistance Fund bills in the amount of \$46,691.62. The motion was seconded by Trustee Barnes and carried by a voice vote.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Township Supervisor, Carol Elliott, announced that she is working with Bill DeJarnette, Information Services Manager for the City of Urbana, to develop a financial information website for public review. She cautioned that some client information is sensitive and protected by law. She suggested that summaries be used in place of individual information to protect this sensitive information.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Dianna Visek, 608 W. Pennsylvania, spoke to the Town Board in favor of posting Township financial information for the public to review.

The following people spoke to the Town Board in favor of a resolution which would place an advisory referendum question on the November 4, 2008 ballot regarding the system of elections: Ruth E. Wyman, 706 S. Coler, #6; Al Klein, 1611 Beckman Ct.; Shirley Stillinger, 1003 S. Busey; Esther Patt, 706 S. Coler.

Richard Reynolds did not speak to the Town Board, but wished to have his position in support of a voting referendum question on the ballot entered into the record.

Dianna Visek, 608 W. Pennsylvania, spoke to the Town Board in opposition to having a referendum question placed on the ballot for November 4, 2008.

The following people spoke in support of a resolution to place a referendum on the November 4, 2008 ballot concerning health care: Grant Antoline, 2606 Cherry Hills Drive, Champaign; Megan McClaire, 1302 Brighton, #6; Claudia Lennhoff, 312 S. Poplar; Al Klein, 1611 Beckman Ct.; Ron Eaker, 1602 E. University Ave.

Andrew Bloeser, 502 W. Griggs St., did not speak to the Town Board, but wished to have his position entered into the record as in support of the resolution to place a health care referendum on the November 4, 2008 ballot.

Dianna Visek, 608 W. Pennsylvania, spoke in opposition to a resolution placing a referendum regarding health care on the November 4, 2008 ballot.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution No. T-2008-06-004R: A Resolution to Place An Advisory Referendum Question Concerning System of Elections Which is Fair, Understandable and Affordable on the November 4, 2008 Ballot in Cunningham Township, Champaign County, Illinois

After discussion, Trustee Barnes made a motion to approve the resolution. Trustee Smyth seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. T-2008-05-001: An Ordinance Approving the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance (Fiscal Year 2008-2009).

Supervisor Elliott presented updated staff report with additional input from Joanne Chester, Township Assessor. Trustee Roberts made a motion to approve the ordinance. Trustee Barnes seconded. The vote was as follows

Barnes – aye	Bowersox – aye
Chynoweth – aye	Lewis – aye
Roberts – aye	Smyth – aye
Stevenson – aye.	

Disposition: Ordinance No. T-2008-05-001: An Ordinance Approving the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance (Fiscal Year 2008-2009) was approved by a roll call vote (7-aye:0-nay)

2. Approval of Staff Salaries

Supervisor Elliott gave the staff report. After discussion, it was decided to defer and bring back at the next Town Board meeting for review. Supervisor Elliott advised that any decision made at that time should be retroactive back to July 1, 2008. Trustee Lewis made a motion to defer to the next Town Board meeting. Trustee Roberts seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

3. Approval of Increase of Legal Fees.

Supervisor Elliott gave the staff report and made a recommendation for approval. The fees will increase to \$150.00 per hour for six hours per month or a monthly rate of \$900.00. Any additional hours will be at \$175.00 per hour. Trustee Barnes made a motion to approve. Trustee Lewis seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

4. Determination of Salaries of Elected Officials for the Term Beginning May 2009 for the Supervisor, Town Clerk, and Township Board. Assessor's Salary Beginning January 2010.

Supervisor Elliott gave the staff report. After discussion, Trustee Smyth made a motion to defer topic to the next Town Board meeting for further review. Trustee Bowersox seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

5. Agreement Concerning the Disposition and Use of Funds Disbursed Through the Town of Cunningham/City of Urbana Consolidated Social Services Program (Fiscal Year 2008-2009)

Supervisor Elliott gave the staff report. Trustee Barnes made a motion to approve. Trustee Smyth seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

6. Resolution No. T-2008-07-007R: A Resolution to Place an Advisory Referendum Question Concerning Health Care on the November 4, 2008 Ballot in Cunningham

Township, Champaign County, Illinois

Trustee Barnes recused herself due to a conflict of interest at 8:28 p.m.

Town Board Chair Prussing gave a brief report with additional input from Trustee

Chynoweth. Trustee Chynoweth made a motion to approve the resolution.

Trustee Smyth seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, Chair Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Laurel Lunt Prussing
Chair

Phyllis D. Clark
Town Clerk

*This meeting was taped.

**This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: August 4, 2008