

TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING

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The Cunningham Township Board of Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., Monday, October 6, 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, Gehrig, Lewis, Roberts, Smyth, Stevenson, Town Board Chair Laurel Lunt Prussing, Township Supervisor Carol Elliott, and Town Clerk, Phyllis D. Clark. Also present was Township Attorney Fred Grosser.

Township Assessor, Joanne Chester, was not present at the meeting.

There being a quorum, Chair Prussing called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Trustee Stevenson moved to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2008 meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Barnes. The motion 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 \$45,043.49 and the General Assistance Fund bills in the amount of \$32,400.55. The motion was seconded by Trustee Barnes and carried by a voice vote.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

Supervisor Elliott reported the most recent edition of "Township Officials" magazine had an article regarding changes in annual town meetings. These changes came about with House bill 5505, which was signed last July, requiring at least ten days for setting an agenda. If anyone in the public wants to submit

an agenda item, they have to secure the signature of fifteen registered voters requesting the agenda item and submit the signatures no later than March 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the annual meeting.

She also announced there are seven Township financial records posted on the City website for the public to review. She thanked Bill DeJarnette and Ronald Eldridge for their help in getting this material on the site. The records include the Township detailed trial, case load graft for two fiscal years for General Assistance, eligibility information, New Gazette annual vendor report, Township budget for fiscal year 2008-2009, Township financial statements and the year-to-date budget and forecast.

Supervisor Elliott stated she has been notified that the Department of Human Services has raised the General Assistance grant levels by 9%. Effective November 1<sup>st</sup>, the grant amount will increase from \$223.00 to \$243.00. Clients who are eligible now will get something in November and will also receive retroactive benefits from July if they were receiving assistance at the time. She stated this should not have an impact on the budget unless there would be an increase in cases.

#### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **1. Audit Presentation – Financial Statement & Report FY 2007-2008.**

John Knoblett, Kemper CPA Group, LLP, was scheduled to give a presentation and discussion of the financial statement and report from fiscal year 2007-2008, but was unable to attend. Supervisor Elliott answered trustee questions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, Chair Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Laurel Lunt Prussing  
Chair

Phyllis D. Clark  
Town Clerk

\*This meeting was taped.

\*\*This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

**Minutes Approved: November 3, 2008**