

ANNUAL TOWN METING
April 12, 2016

Elk Grove Township Deputy Clerk, Paul Pioch, filling in for Clerk George Busse called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:01 pm at the Elk Grove Township Meeting Hall, 2400 S. Arlington Heights Rd, Arlington Heights, Illinois 60005.

Public Attendance

Sign-In Sheets (Attached) – Total Attendees: 44

Call To Order: Deputy Clerk Pioch announced that only qualified Elk Grove Township residents are eligible to vote at this meeting and explained that voters would be required to raise the voting card that was issued to them when they signed into the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Reading of the Public Notice: Deputy Clerk Pioch asked if there was a motion to dispense with the reading of the Notice. Motion was made by Connie Carosielli and seconded by Mary Anne Smith. There was no discussion on the motion. **Motion Approved.**

Election of Moderator: Mary Anne Smith nominated Sandy Henmueller to serve as Moderator for the 2016 Annual Town Meeting. The motion was seconded by Laurie Wagner. There was no discussion on the motion. **Motion Approved.**

Deputy Clerk Pioch swore in Sandy Henmueller, who presided as Moderator for this Annual Town Meeting.

Reading of the Minutes of the 2015 Annual Town Meeting: A motion to waive the reading of said minutes was made by Debbie Chodorowski, the motion was seconded by Laurie Wagner. There was no discussion on the motion. **Motion Approved.**

Approval of the Minutes of the 2015 Annual Town Meeting: A motion was made by Connie Carosielli to approve the Minutes of the 2015 Annual Town Meeting, the motion was seconded by Mary Anne Smith. There was no discussion on the motion. **Motion Approved.**

Supervisor's Report: Moderator Sandy Henmueller introduced Supervisor Michael Sweeney to present his 2015-2016 Supervisor's Report. Supervisor Sweeney welcomed the residents for the opportunity to serve them this past year. He pointed out three things about the Township:

1. The Township serves all residents and the services provided are available for all residents within the Township and the Township does not act as the municipality for the unincorporated areas of the Township.
2. The Township is a tax payer advocate.
3. General Assistance and Emergency Assistance is provided by the Township to any of its residents that qualify.

Supervisor Sweeney then mentioned that the Township had added two new employees in the last year. Paul Pioch as the Township's first Administrator and Lisa Menich as a General Assistance Caseworker. Supervisor Sweeney advised that these two are working to develop public/private partnerships within the Township as a way to better serve individuals and families in need by working directly with donors and volunteers.

He mentioned that the Township has been very proactive on several fronts:

1. A Community Resource Board of 30 linear feet has been added to the front hallway at the Township offices and contains information related to Open Jobs in the area as well as information about Health, Community Events, etc.
2. The Elk Grove Township Agency Collaborative was formed in early January and is a vehicle created by the Township to help bring together public/private partnerships that can refer services amongst its members that will help all of the members provide resources to assist residents to be self-sufficient.
3. An Employment Support Center was opened on March 1, 2016. The Employment Counselors are available two days a week at this time and will meet with and assist anyone in the Township that is seeking employment. Resume counseling, job resource materials and computers are available in the Center.

A long term goal of the Township is to empower people to become gainfully employed in order to be able to help themselves and their family.

Review of the Annual Reports: Supervisor Michael Sweeney reviewed the Annual Financial Reports. He began by informing the public that the Township has frozen property taxes for the second year in a row. The Township Board has been good stewards of the tax dollars provided to it and have cut costs and increased services by forming public/private partnerships.

Supervisor Sweeney mentioned that three of the Funds that the Township has (Town, General Assistance and Road District) are property tax based. The Sewer fund is a service based fund that is paid for by the 324 addresses totaling approximately 25,000 linear feet of sewer that make up the service. Supervisor Sweeney then summarized the Cash Balances and annual activity for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for the following Funds:

- a) Town
- b) Road and Bridge
- c) General Assistance
- d) Sewer

Supervisor Sweeney solicited questions from the audience on any of the Annual Reports that were presented. No questions were offered from the attendees.

Township Real Estate Assets – Purchase and Sales: Supervisor Sweeney provided an overview of the three Township-owned properties and described a recent scenario whereby the Township had inquired about the purchase of School District 59 administrative building that was in the process of being relocated. Supervisor Sweeney stated that the different building would provide an opportunity for the Township to possibly consolidate its buildings into one building that would provide efficiencies for the Township and return two of the buildings (Township Administrative and Youth Services) to the taxable roles.

The Supervisor advised the residents that when the time comes to make any decisions regarding the sale or purchase of Township property there would be a call for a Special Town Meeting whereby they would have a chance to vote and that the information that he is bringing forward this evening is for education purposes.

Resolution 2016-01 Set Time and Date of 2017 Annual Town Meeting: A motion to adopt Resolution 2016-01 setting the date and time of the 2017 Annual Town Meeting for Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 7:00 pm was made by Laurie Wagner. The motion was seconded by Mary Anne Smith. There was no discussion on the Motion. **Motion Approved.**

There being no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn was made by Wayne Haas and seconded by Robin Wilson. There was no discussion on the Motion. **Motion Approved.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

George K. Busse
Town Clerk