

CUBA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
28000 W. Cuba Road
Barrington, IL 60010
November 9th, 2017, 6:00 pm

I. Call to order:

Supervisor Kainz called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Kainz led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll call

Grant Born, Trustee; Jill Talbot, Trustee; Christopher Parisi, Trustee, Paul Dietzen, Trustee absent-excused; Michael Kainz, Supervisor.

Also present: Nicole Knapik, Cuba Township Clerk; TJ Podgorski, Highway Commissioner; Rebecca Tonigan, Assessor; Keri-Lyn Krafthefer, Township Attorney; Barbara Murphy, resident; Faye Sinnot, BACOG

IV. Public Comment:

Sinnott reported on recent Water resources meeting and that they feel there needs to be more information given to well water residents in understanding the conservation of well water usage since it all draws from the same aquifer as Village residents. She also brought up the importance of limited salt usage during the snow season. Murphy had a number of questions regarding the Cuba website information pages. She also requested clarification on Cuba Cares funds and Cuba Township funding and those items were clarified for her.

V. Discussion and potential action on approval of minutes:

A. October 12th, 2017 – Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Born made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Talbot to approve the minutes of the October 12th, 2017 Board Meeting. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

VI. Discussion and potential action on the following topics:

A. Payment of bills

Trustee Talbot made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Born to approve the bills of 10/10/17-11/6/17 in the amount of \$279,907.21 check nos. 42913--43065

Roll call: Born – yes; Talbot – yes; Parisi – yes; Dietzen – absent-excused; Kainz – yes. Motion carried.

B. Estimate of 2018 Levy for GT and RD

Krafthefer gave a brief explanation of the Levy regulations for the Board. Knapik explained to the Board that even if they were to approve a 4.99% increase, the increase Cuba would likely receive would be no more than 1.5%. Tonigan explained that many years ago before property values dropped, the Township would have likely received the amount it had levied. But since Cuba had not asked for an increase in many years, it had basically reached its tax cap. With new properties and Equalized Assessed Values starting to increase, Cuba might at some point be able to catch up but it is not likely this year. Knapik explained that this estimate is not binding and that stating a 4.99% increase is only for estimate purposes. The binding Ordinance will be approved at the December meeting.

Trustee Talbot made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Born to approve the General Town and Road District 2018 Levy Estimate as a 4.99% increase.

Roll call: Born – yes; Talbot – yes; Parisi – yes; Dietzen – absent-excused; Kainz – yes. Motion carried.

C. Appointment of Grant Born to be a designated alternate to the BACOG Executive board.

Knapik explained that BACOG required board approval to assign a designated alternate when Kainz cannot attend an executive meeting.

Trustee Talbot made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Parisi to assign Born as a BACOG designated alternate. The appointment was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

VII. Items for Consideration and Adoption

There were no items for consideration and adoption

VIII. Reports

A. Assessor's report

Tonigan reported that the Lake County Assessor s Association will also be named in the lawsuit against Lake County and that it should be filed on Tuesday of next week. Tonigan hopes that the matter is completed by the Quad year in 2019 which is when the entire Township gets assessed.

B. Clerk's report

There was no Clerk's report

C. Highway Commissioner's report

Podgorski reported that he is trying to finish up the last of patching. He reported that a large drainage project will begin next week in the Chicago Highlands neighborhood to replace a failing 12" system that has been causing road flooding. Podgorski reported that a letter was sent to all North Barrington residents informing them of the Snow Plowing decision made by North Barrington. The letter was received by residents today and that he had already received a number of calls voicing concern. Podgorski reported that this year he will be using a new product for liquid de-icing and thermal pre-wetting called Thermal.R, which is an organic compound and safer than calcium chloride. The costs are slightly more expensive per gallon but he feels that using it in conjunction with rock salt, he would be able to reduce the previous application rates.

D. Supervisor's / BACOG report

Kainz reported that the Food Pantry is holding its final and largest food drive of the year which is organized by BASA. Kainz went on to thank Podgorski and the Road crews efforts in creating a drivable path to access the food pantry directly. This task included the cleanup and removal of a lot of buckthorn and adding in new trees. Kainz reported on BACOG news stating that the well water testing event was a success with more residents than in previous years testing for the first time. He also reported that the Plum Farms suit had been filed.

F. Township Attorney's report

There was no attorney report

IX. Old Business: Discussion and potential action of the follow topics:

Born inquired on the Electronics recycling program and it was agreed that the program should end on December 31st. While it is a well utilized program, it has become too costly and time consuming for the Roads Department to maintain.

X. New Business

A. Overview of Local Government Travel Expense Control Act

It was determined that this Ordinance was passed in 2016 and does not need to be reviewed annually.

B. Pace Dial-A-Ride program and contract renewal

Kainz reported that there was a meeting with BACOA to review the contract renewal. The 2018 portion of the contract that Cuba is responsible for will be lower at an estimated 12k compared to 13.5K in 2017. The Board feels that the Townships are picking up too much of the burden when this service goes beyond the scope of General Assistance. This item will be added to the agenda in the December meeting.

XI. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session

XII. Action on Executive Session items

There was no action

XIII. Adjournment

Trustee Talbot made a motion which was seconded by Trustee Born to adjourn. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned 6:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole E. Knapik
Township Clerk