

MINUTES
DATE: November 6, 2007

TOWN OF THE CITY OF CHAMPAIGN BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Schweighart at 7:03 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Deborah Feinen Karen Foster Gina Jackson Michael La Due Vic McIntosh Ken Pirok Tom Bruno Marci Dodds Chairman Schweighart

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Abernathy, Township Supervisor
Fred Stavins, Township Attorney

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Linda Lauer, 2411 Carrelton Dr., noted the continuing problem with increasing property taxes. Going through the appeal process is becoming more difficult. Ms. Lauer noted she was told here assessment would be raised because she was questioning her assessment. The homes are being assessed as a neighborhood group and not by comparables. Ms. Lauer noted she was speaking for several citizens, and they would like to see a cap on property tax rates or a possible moratorium.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Board Member Jackson, seconded by Board Member La Due, moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 2, 2007. A voice vote was taken on the motion to approve the minutes; all voted yes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SUMMARY OF CHECKS WRITTEN - ALL FUNDS, SEPTEMBER 2007: Board Member

Jackson, seconded by Board Member La Due, moved to approve and place on file the summary of checks written. September 2007 showed the total for the Town Fund was \$7,642.52; General Assistance was \$8,175.12; IMRF was \$1,909.53; and the Social Security Fund was \$1,777.32. Total expenditures for the month of September 2007 were \$19,504.49. A voice vote was taken on the motion to approve expenditures; all voted yes. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S LEVY REPORT: Board Member Jackson, seconded by Board Member Dodds, moved to accept and place on file the Supervisor's Levy Report. Township Supervisor Abernathy noted the report covers the process and the responsibility to have an estimated levy by the end of December. Board Member Dodds questioned the estimated levy as 11.98% and the tax increase levy as 111.98%.

Township Supervisor Abernathy noted the 11.98% as the overall increase from last year is a typo and should be 111.98%. Board Member Bruno noted an estimated levy of 11.98% is 111.98% increase over last year. A voice vote was taken; all voted yes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #2007-03 - A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE AMOUNTS OF MONEY NECESSARY TO BE RAISED BY THE TAX LEVY: Town Board Attorney Stavins noted this is the estimated tax levy, not the tax levy itself. Board Member Pirok noted this is the Township Property Tax Levy, not the City of Champaign's Property Tax Levy. Linda Lauer, 2411 Carrelton Dr., noted problems she is having with the Board of Review; refusal by them to review her appeal, and being told to file a tax appeal through the State. Ms. Lauer also noted her taxes go up an average of 15- 17 percent each year, she's living on a fixed income, she's straining to keep her home, and she feels as if she may be forced to move out of Champaign. Mayor Schweighart noted there is a new person on the Board of Review and maybe things will get better. Mayor Schweighart will get a letter out to the Assessor's Office letting them know the volume of letters and complaints being received. Board Member Jackson, seconded by Board Member La Due, moved to approve the Resolution. A voice vote was taken on the motion to approve the Resolution; all voted yes. Motion carried. Board Member Jackson suggested Brian Christie, Township Assessor, be present at the next meeting. Mayor Schweighart noted the next Regular Township Meeting will be December 4, 2007, at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Brian Christie will be invited to answer questions regarding property assessments.

APPROVAL OF 2008 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS: Board Member Jackson, seconded by Board Member La Due, moved to approve the 2008 Calendar of Meetings and place it on file. Board Member Bruno requested the first regular meeting be held on January 8, 2008 instead of January 1, 2008. Township Supervisor Abernathy noted that January 8, 2008 is the date for the first meeting. A voice vote was taken on the motion; all voted yes. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

TOWN BOARD AND TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR'S COMMENT: Township Supervisor Abernathy invited the Town Board to the Heartland Alliance Action Forum on Thursday, November 8, 2007.

NEXT MEETING: Chairman Schweighart noted the next meeting would be the Regular Meeting of December 4, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT: Board Member Jackson, seconded by Board Member Dodds, moved to adjourn. A voice vote was taken on the motion to adjourn; all voted yes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Glenda F. Robertson
Deputy Town Clerk