

**Northfield Township Board Meeting  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Public Safety Building; 8350 Main Street  
June 14, 2011**

**BUDGET HEARING FOR 2011-2012 BUDGET**

Mozurkewich referred to the proposed budget and made a PowerPoint presentation concerning it.

Dockett noted that in addition to increased monthly fees, the cost for a sewer hookup increased. In answer to a question from Dockett, Mozurkewich said the decrease in the Police/Fire Department fund balance would have been greater without the \$20,000 contribution from the General Fund. Dockett asked when the Department is going to live within its budget. Mozurkewich said the Department is \$3,000 over their budget, and she is happy to hear any suggestions for cost savings from anyone.

A member of the public thanked the Police/Fire Department for their service and said it is well worth the \$20,000 contribution from the General Fund.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**1.**

**Discussion on Property Tax Parcel 02-21-100-007**

The Board discussed a request from the owners of this property, the Gores, that they not be required to pay late fees for taxes not paid when due because the tax bill was sent to the previous owners. The Board discussed reasons for and against granting the request, including the legality of doing so and lack of communication from the Treasurer's office after repeated calls from the Gores. The Board declined to take action.

**2.**

**Dog Park Resolution Amendment**

Mozurkewich referred to her memo of June 8<sup>th</sup> and explained that the State would like to see an amendment to the agreement between the Township and the school district which would require the Township to cover the costs of moving the dog park should the school district need to regain possession of the property before the end of the 20 year agreement.

- ▶ **Motion:** Mozurkewich moved, Magda supported, that the existing resolution of support for the dog park be amended with the language presented. **Motion carried 4—1 on a roll call vote, Dockett opposed. Resolution adopted.**

**3.**

**Agreement for Urban County**

Mozurkewich referred to the Cooperative Agreement for Community Development Block Grant & Home Investment Partnership Programs. She noted that the Township was eligible for the façade improvement funds it received

through participating in this partnership. She added there is no cost for this participation.

- ▶ **Motion:** Iaquinto moved, Magda supported, that the Urban County Cooperative Agreement be approved as presented. **Motion carried 5—0 on a voice vote.**

**4.**

**Planning Commission Resolution**

Iaquinto said this is a formality to comply with the new State law and the Planning Commission did not review this. Manning said the Township adopted this in 1997, and this is a reauthorization which must be done by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

- ▶ **Motion:** Mozurkewich moved, Iaquinto supported, that Northfield Township adopt the *Northfield Township Ordinance to Confirm the Establishment of a Planning Commission with Zoning Authority*. **Motion carried 5—0 on a roll call vote. Resolution adopted.**

**5.**

**Consider Civic Event Permit Application from Whitmore Lake 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee**

- ▶ **Motion:** Manning moved, Dockett Iaquinto supported, that the Civic Event Application for the Whitmore Lake 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee be approved as presented. **Motion carried 5—0 on a voice vote.**

**6.**

**Consider Permit for Fireworks Display**

- ▶ **Motion:** Iaquinto moved, Magda supported, that the permit for fireworks display submitted by Robert Cortis be approved as presented. **Motion carried 5—0 on a voice vote.**

**7.**

**Request for Help from Deputy Treasurer**

- ▶ **Motion:** Iaquinto moved, Magda supported, that the hiring of a part-time person in the Treasurer's office be approved, with a maximum 32 hours per week and a maximum pay rate of \$12/hour.

Mozurkewich said if someone consistently works 32 hours/week they become eligible for benefits. Iaquinto and Magda agreed to amend their motion.

- ▶ **Amended motion:** Iaquinto moved, Magda supported, that the hiring of a part-time person in the Treasurer's office be approved, with a maximum 30 hours per week and a maximum pay rate of \$12/hour. **Amended motion carried 5—0 on a voice vote.**

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**SECOND CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No comments.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Board members announced a variety of community events. Dockett objected to work on the 75 Barker Road parking lot proceeding without further involvement of the Board.

**CLOSED SESSION**

- ▶ **Motion:** Manning moved, Mozurkewich supported, that the Board go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(8)(e)&(h) to discuss pending litigation and written attorney-client privileged communications. **Motion carried 5—0 on a roll call vote.**

- ▶ **Motion:** Manning moved, Iaquinto supported, that the Board return to open session. **Motion carried 5—0 on a voice vote.**
- ▶ **Motion:** Mozurkewich moved, Iaquinto supported, to direct the Township attorneys to act on their recommendation of Stroebel, Koenig and Quality Roofing. **Motion carried 5—0 on a voice vote.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

- ▶ **Motion:** Iaquinto moved, Mozurkewich supported, that the meeting be adjourned. **Motion carried 5—0 on a voice vote.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 P.M.

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Submitted by Lisa Lemble.

Corrections to the originally issued minutes are indicated as follows:

Wording removed is ~~stricken through~~;  
Wording added is underlined.

Approved by the Township Board on June 28, 2011.

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Michele K. Manning, Clerk

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