

**State of Illinois  
County of Cook  
Township of Northfield  
Northfield Township Board of Trustees Meeting April 12, 2011**

The following board members were present:

Jill Brickman, Northfield Township Supervisor  
Brendan Appel, Northfield Township Trustee  
Carol Blustein, Northfield Township Trustee  
Karen McCormick, Northfield Township Trustee  
Mary Reynolds, Northfield Township Trustee

Also present:

Laura Fine, Northfield Township Clerk  
Patricia Damisch, Northfield Township Assessor  
Peter Amarantos, Northfield Township Road Commissioner  
Eric Patt, Northfield Township Attorney  
Lucinda Fuller, Northfield Township Staff  
Mary Lou Kratochwill, Northfield Township Staff  
Elizabeth Slavin, Northfield Township Staff  
Wanda Tarnowska, Northfield Township Staff  
Debbie Wierzbicki, Northfield Township Staff  
Michele Wilson, Northfield Township Staff  
Gayle Zalatoris, Northfield Township Staff  
Wally Kehr, Northfield Township Road District Foreman  
Robert Dunne, Northfield Township Resident  
Catherine Caporusso, Northfield Township Resident

Supervisor Brickman called the meeting to order at 6:20 PM.

**Approval of the Minutes of the March 8, 2011 Board Meeting**

Trustee McCormick moved to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2011 Board Meeting.  
Trustee Reynolds seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

**Approval of the Minutes of the March 8, 2011 Executive Session**

Trustee Reynolds moved to approve the March 8, 2011 Executive Session minutes.  
Trustee Blustein seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

**Recess Town Meeting**

**Open Sewer Meeting**

**Approval of the Sewer Bills**

Trustee Appel moved to approve the sewer bills.  
Trustee McCormick seconded the motion.

Trustee Appel asked Attorney Patt if the 27 liens recorded is a large amount of liens. Attorney Patt said it is consistent with this time of year.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Supervisor Brickman, Trustee Appel, Trustee Blustein, Trustee McCormick, Trustee Reynolds (5)

Nays: None (0)

Motion carried 5-0

### **Sewer Collections**

No discussion

### **Bid Opening for Sewer Truck**

Supervisor Brickman said there was 1 response for the bid opening for a sewer truck. It was from the Sewer Equipment Company of America.

Road District Foreman Wally Kehr opened the envelope and read the bid from the Sewer Equipment Company of America. It read as follows:

Gross price for the Demonstrator Eco Sewer Truck: \$177,195

Gross price Extended Warranty: \$2,214 (10 year warranty on the tank only)

Less gross trade in of 1 1989 International Sewer Truck as is : \$2,214

Delivered net price: \$177,195

Mr. Kehr explained the truck would have a 3 year warranty, the manufactured part of the sewer equipment on the chassis would have a 1 year warranty. He said the truck chassis is a 2009, and the equipment added to the truck was put on in 2010. He said this is a demonstrator that has not been sold to another party.

Trustee Reynolds said this is an expense that has been budgeted, and Mr. Kehr has done a good job researching the purchase. Trustee Appel added this purchase has been a lengthy process, taking place over the past year.

Trustee Appel moved to accept the bid from Sewer Equipment of America for a net purchase price of \$177,195.00 pending review.

Trustee Reynolds seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Supervisor Brickman, Trustee Appel, Trustee Blustein, Trustee McCormick, Trustee Reynolds (5)

Nays: None (0)

Motion carried 5-0

Supervisor Brickman said at Mr. Kehr's suggestion, J and R Landscaping, who has done the mowing at the lift station in the past, submitted a contract for biweekly maintenance. The proposal is \$80 a month. The supervisor added the board looked

into this last year, and J and R offered the best price. Mr. Kehr explained this is strictly for outside of the station, as the inside of the station is covered with asphalt and stone.

Trustee McCormick moved to accept the J and R Landscaping proposal.  
Trustee Blustein seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Supervisor Brickman, Trustee Appel, Trustee Blustein, Trustee McCormick,  
Trustee Reynolds (5)

Nays: None (0)

Motion carried 5-0

### **Old Business**

Mr. Kehr said an emergency sewer repair was performed on Huber Lane. The house service was leaking at the edge of the road. After dye testing was performed, Mr. Kehr found the water from the washout was going into the sanitary sewer line that runs into Lake Avenue. He said Layla Construction was able to come out the next day, and they were able to fix the problem without opening the road. This was a tremendous savings. The total bill was \$3,160. Trustee Reynolds asked if a portion of the bill would be paid by the homeowner. Supervisor Brickman said the sewer system will pay because of where the leak occurred.

Trustee Appel asked Ms. Fuller why, on the Sanitary Sewer Fund Balance Sheet, Construction Costs are listed under *Assets*. Ms. Fuller explained it is listed on both sides of the sheet, and there is actually no cost. This is the way it had been done in the past. Supervisor Brickman suggested reviewing the way it is reported to make it more accurate.

### **Reconvene Town Meeting**

#### **Approval of the Town Fund Bills**

Trustee McCormick moved to approve the Town Fund Bills.

Trustee Blustein seconded the motion.

Trustee Appel asked if there was another computer crash at the Township office. Supervisor Brickman said yes there was, and it shut down the entire system. There was no computer access in the office for a full day. The supervisor said Micronet was responsive and charged less than normal to repair the system.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Supervisor Brickman, Trustee Appel, Trustee Blustein, Trustee McCormick,  
Trustee Reynolds (5)

Nays: None (0)

Motion carried 5-0

#### **Approval of the Road and Bridge Bills**

Trustee Reynolds moved to approve the Road and Bridge Bills.

Trustee Appel seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Supervisor Brickman, Trustee Appel, Trustee Blustein, Trustee McCormick,  
Trustee Reynolds (5)

Nays: None (0)

Motion carried 5-0

**Matters to be Presented by the Public**

Assessor Damisch said her office will be open for appeals with the Board of Review beginning Monday and run until May 10. She said she is co-sponsoring 2 seminars on the appeals process with the Board of Review. The first one is Thursday, April 21 at 6:00 PM at the Northfield Community Center. The second one is Monday, May 2 at 7:00 PM at the Northbrook Village Hall. A commissioner from the Board of Review will be there to give the presentation.

Trustee McCormick thanked Assessor Damisch for the very informative quarterly report.

**Old Business**

No discussion

**New Business**

Clerk Fine said at the recent clerk's meeting voting information was discussed. She said a representative from the County Clerk's office reported for the 2012 election, they are looking to register people to vote on-line at the township office. Early voting dates may also be changed to start a week later and run until the Saturday before the election. It was reported that a third language may be added to the area ballot: Korean. Also, precinct boundaries will be redrawn this summer to go along with the new map.

Trustee Appel moved to adjourn.

Trustee Blustein seconded the motion.

The minutes were unanimously approved on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Laura Fine, Northfield Township Clerk