

## **Minutes-Board of Trustees**

Norwood Park Township  
7833 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL  
County of Cook, State of Illinois  
Friday, September 27, 2024

Supervisor Nasca called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

### **Roll Call**

Present: Supervisor Anthony Nasca  
Clerk Eve Pokorny  
Trustee Andrew Cichon  
Trustee Steve Wyda  
Trustee Paul Alongi  
Trustee Dennis Sefanowicz, Jr.

Also in attendance were Assessor Dennis Karns, Deputy Clerk Fiona Tanny and Township Attorney John Spina.

### **Approval of Minutes from August 23, 2024 Town Board Meeting**

As the first order of business Supervisor Nasca entertained a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the August 23, 2024 Town Meeting, and accept them as presented. Trustee Cichon moved. Trustee Stefanowicz seconded the motion. Supervisor Nasca called for a voice vote. Motion unanimously carried.

### **Resignation and Replacement of Township Officials**

Supervisor Nasca stated that on September 20, 2024, Highway Commissioner Larry Rogawski submitted his written resignation. Clerk Pokorny confirmed that she did, in fact, receive his resignation letter.

Supervisor Nasca solicited a motion from the Board to accept the resignation of Larry Rogawski as Highway Commissioner. Trustee Steve Wyda moved, seconded by Trustee Andrew Cichon, to accept the resignation of Highway Commissioner Rogawski. A vote was called on the motion. Supervisor Nasca, Trustees Cichon, Wyda and Stefanowicz voted aye. Trustee Paul Alongi abstained. The motion carried four (4) votes in favor and zero against, thus creating a vacancy in the office of Township Highway Commissioner at 6:35 p.m. on September 27, 2024. The entire Board then expressed their sincere gratitude to Larry Rogawski for his years of service to Norwood Park Township and their collective regret to accept his resignation.

Supervisor Nasca stated that on September 24, 2024, Trustee Paul Alongi submitted his written resignation as Town Trustee, effective September 27, 2024, at 6:40 p.m., to the Township Clerk. Clerk Pokorny confirmed that she did, in fact, receive his resignation letter.

Trustee Andrew Cichon moved, seconded by Trustee Dennis Stefanowicz to accept the resignation of Trustee Alongi. A vote was called on the motion. Supervisor Nasca, Trustees Cichon, Wyda and Stefanowicz voted aye. The motion carried four (4) votes in favor and zero against, thus creating a vacancy in the office of Township Trustee.

Trustee Andy Cichon made a motion, duly seconded by Trustee Dennis Stefanowicz, to appoint Paul Alongi as Highway Commissioner to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Larry Rogawski. A vote was called on the motion. Supervisor Nasca, Trustees Wyda, Cichon and Stefanowicz, voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion was unanimously passed four (4)) votes in favor and zero against.

At this time Paul Alongi was sworn in as Highway Commissioner and signed and delivered his Oath of Office to the Township Clerk. A Warrant of Appointment was then executed pursuant to which Paul Alongi was appointed Highway Commissioner to hold said office for the remainder of the unexpired term of Larry Rogawski.

Supervisor Nasca then made a motion, seconded by Trustee Andrew Cichon, to appoint Frank DiPiero to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Trustee Alongi. A vote was called on the motion. Supervisor Nasca, Trustee Wyda, Trustee Cichon and Trustee Stefanowicz, voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion unanimously passed four (4) in favor and zero against.

At this time Frank DiPiero was sworn in as Trustee and signed and delivered his Oath of Office to the Township Clerk. A Warrant of Appointment was then executed pursuant to which Frank DiPiero was appointed Trustee to hold said office for the remainder of the unexpired term of Paul Alongi.

#### **Approval of Expenditures for Town Fund, Road & Bridge and General Assistance**

Trustee Stefanowicz moved, seconded by Trustee Cichon, to authorize the expenditures for the Town Fund, Road & Bridge (August and September) and General Assistance. Supervisor Nasca called for a voice vote. Motion unanimously carried.

#### **Public Comment:**

None

#### **Supervisor's Report:**

Supervisor Nasca reported the following:

There is one ongoing GA case and none pending.

The Annual Treasurer's Report is finished and filed with the county.

The Township received an email from Fire Chief Dave Blondell regarding funding for this year's flu shots.

The Township received a call from the Cook County Sheriff's office regarding a flashing traffic light that is only flashing in one direction in the unincorporated area on Bryn Mawr and Vine. The Township is looking into getting that repaired.

The Township received a grant request from The Center of Concern based in Des Plaines. The grant funding would be used to support their clients who are vulnerable residents in Norwood Park Township. Their support services include housing solutions and counseling for older adults and people living with disabilities. The Supervisor will investigate the grant request further.

The Director of The Eisenhower Library, Stacy Wittmann, contacted The Township regarding current efforts to collaborate with government units for resources and funding for mental health services that would benefit township residents. The Supervisor will be attending their next committee meeting on October 21.

The insurance claim for the damaged electric sign has been approved.

The second presentation from dietician and nutrition expert Lydia Nader was held at the Township on September 24. The seminar was well received by the 20 in attendance.

The following workshops and seminars are coming up:

10/9 "Assessment Appeals Part Two: Guidance Finding Comparable Properties" hosted by Assessor Karns

11/26 Cook County Sheriff presents "Holiday Safety/Online & Cyber Security"

12/11 Cook County Sheriff's self-defense class

#### **Committee Reports:**

Trustee Wyda (Senior Citizens & Disability Committee) reported there were 0 taxi-cab books sold in August.



Trustee Cichon (Youth Committee, Law & Ordinance) reported on the previous Youth Committee Meeting held at 6:30 p.m. on September 27, 2024. The committee unanimously voted to recommend to The Board that a Norwood Park Chess Camp chess be funded in an amount not to exceed \$350.

Trustee Stefanowicz (Finances) stated all is in order regarding finances.

Trustee Stefanowicz used this time to let the record reflect that the Board is very thankful to Mr. Rogawski for his many years of dedicated service to the Township as both a Trustee and as Highway Commissioner. The Board wishes him well for the future

#### **New Business:**

Trustee Stefanowicz moved, seconded by Trustee Di Piero, to grant the Norwood Park Fire Department an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for 2024 flu shots that will be given to residents. Supervisor Nasca called for a voice vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Trustee Stefanowicz moved, seconded by Trustee Cichon, to approve the Resolution Setting Compensation of Elected Officials for the Term Beginning May 2025. Supervisor Nasca called for a voice vote. Motion unanimously carried.

#### **Old Business:**

Trustee Stefanowicz moved, seconded by Trustee Cichon, to approve funding for an amount not to exceed \$350 for the Norwood Park Township Chess Camp. Supervisor Nasca called for a voice vote. Motion unanimously carried.

#### **Assessor's Report:**

Assessor Karns reported that the Board of Review decisions will be coming in the next few weeks. He also said the Township will be busy in the spring due to upcoming property value reassessments. The assessor stated he is predicting big increases like previous reassessments.

#### **Scheduled Meetings:**

Friday, October 25, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Norwood Park Township Board Meeting

#### **Trustee Round Table Discussions:**

The Board discussed the Generation Gratitude 5K taking place on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. A mention was also made to Board Members that if any of them are interested in attending the upcoming Columbus Day Parade, they should contact Highway Commissioner Alongi.

#### **Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn by Trustee Cichon which was seconded by Trustee Wyda. Supervisor Nasca called for a voice vote. Motion unanimously carried.



Clerk