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SOUTH ROCK ISLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

STATE OF ILLINOIS
County of Rock Island
Town of South Rock Island

The South Rock Island Township Board held a special meeting at the Office of the Town Clerk, located at 1019 27th Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois, on December 27, 2016, at 4:30 pm.

Officials Present:

Supervisor Grace Diaz Shirk Trustee Louis Alongi
Town Clerk Nick Camlin Trustee Kim Shuda
Trustee Frank Skafidas Trustee Mark Parr, Jr

Officials Absent:

None.

Others Present:

Assessor Nichole Finnie, staff Wendy MacDonald, Stacie Young, Nikki Carns, Pam Hammond, and Katie Miller, and residents Kaye Whitley, Patricia Vincent, Bill Sowards, and Edna Sowards.

Pursuant to state law (60 ILCS 1/80-10(b)), a special Township Board meeting was called by petition of Trustees and request of the Supervisor for the purposes of a) discussing "the demand by Supervisor Grace Shirk to move the Assessor's office", b) "approval of upgrade to the phone system", c) "approval of the additional cameras at the Township" (Record).

Discussion of Moving Assessor's Office:

The Supervisor reminded the Township Board to keep these discussions respectful and to let everyone speak and be heard.

Parr stated he wanted the meeting because of unfinished business. He said that TOIRMA told him moving the office was a Township Board decision.

Shuda was concerned because of the perceived discord from the move.

Alongi got involved to determine what can be done by whom. He stated that he believes the Supervisor can move any office but cannot tell the Assessor how to do the job. Alongi believes the Supervisor has the authority, unless someone can show him otherwise.

Skafidas stated that he was offended by the characterization in the petition as a "demand" to move offices. Skafidas said he has worked with Supervisor Shirk a lot and has never known her to made demands. Skafidas also stated that it was uncalled for to tape the door shut between the offices, mentioning that it could cause serious trouble with the fire marshall. He wants to know if employees have been told that it is wrong to do such a thing and that something should be put in the personnel file.

Assessor Finnie stated that the statute says the Township Board, which includes the Supervisor, is responsible for providing facilities, equipment, and supplies to do the job.

Supervisor Shirk stated that it is true what the statute says, but it does not mean they have to provide the office anywhere in specific. The Supervisor told the Township Board that she met with Alongi and the Assessor on December 23, 2016, to talk about the issues and how to make the move work.

The Supervisor stated she was also upset with the characterization that it was a demand, since she did bring it up at a prior meeting and informed the Township Board. Supervisor Shirk also sought an opinion from TOI and was told that she should have a vote, but that they could not say where that was in writing. She also sought an opinion from the an attorney, who told her the Supervisor has the sole authority. Supervisor Shirk stated it is nice to bring people along and work together, and that is what she tries to do, but in the end no vote is needed. The Supervisor distributed a letter to the Township Board authored by the Supervisor and the Assessor explaining to residents the move of Township and General Assistance offices to the front of the building and the Assessor's office to the rear (*Record*).

Shuda asked if the Assessor has enough space, and Assessor Finnie replied that there was a loss

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of floor space, but they will make it work. Shuda also apologized for using the word “demand”.

Parr asked about obtaining a pod or a storage shed. Supervisor Shirk replied that she has not gotten on yet because of the difficulty of where to put it. It is possible that she will put one at the far end of the parking lot to store decorations. The Supervisor stated that she will probably move forward with getting a shed soon, and has already received permission from the Township Board.

Supervisor Shirk asked for input on giving a donation to the volunteer movers.

Supervisor Shirk asked Town Clerk Camlin if had anything to add concerning the offices, and he stated that he believes the Supervisor has the authority to arrange however is best, just like the Sheriff with the Courthouse & Jail, and the County Board Chairman with the County Office Building. It would be laughable for them to come ask the County Board for a vote of approval, he stated.

The Supervisor recognized Pam Hammond from the floor. She mentioned that there are sheds at the RICAP building and they would be worth looking into. The Township Board agreed.

Approval of Phone Upgrades:

The Supervisor received three bids for new phones, processor, cabinets, and voicemail. The low bid was for \$2,286. Supervisor Shirk stated that they would have the capability to record conversations and keep them. Parr asked about service, and Supervisor Shirk replied that the low bid provides two years of service. Skafidas moved, and Shuda seconded, to accept the low bid of \$2,286 for phone upgrades. Roll call vote. Five votes in favor: Parr, Shuda, Skafidas, Alongi, and Shirk. No votes in opposition. Motion carried. The Supervisor informed the Township Board that the low bid was Hughes.

Approval of Additional Cameras:

The Supervisor has received one bid and is waiting on another for adding more security cameras to the Township Hall. Overall the project would include additional cameras to the existing system and a new processor. Parr asked about maintenance, and the Supervisor replied that there was no information on maintenance, but will find out more information. Supervisor Shirk stated that the current bid is for \$1,457.03, and stated that she was looking for authorization to spend up to \$2,000 depending on the other bid. Along moved, and Parr seconded, to authorize the Supervisor to spend up to \$2,000 for the security camera system. Roll call vote. Five votes in favor: Shuda, Skafidas, Alongi, Parr, and Shirk. No votes in opposition. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Supervisor Shirk announced that since Alongi was coming to the end of his term and not seeking re-election, he would be filling in for the Supervisor while she is on vacation in January.

Parr asked about the water bill discussed at the last Township Board meeting, and the Supervisor replied that the inspection revealed no leak, and that it was probably caused by a running toilet.

Adjournment:

At 5:02 pm Parr moved, and Skafidas seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. Motion carried.

AFOREMENTIONED MINUTES OF THE MEETING APPROVED BY THE SOUTH ROCK ISLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD ON JANUARY 30, 2017, AND CERTIFIED BY THE TOWN CLERK:

{Seal}

Nick Camlin, Town Clerk

Date

Office of the Town Clerk
SOUTH ROCK ISLAND TOWNSHIP, ILLINOIS

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

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The special Township Board meeting has been set for **Tuesday, December 27, 2016, at 4:30 pm**, at the Township Hall, 1019 27th Avenue, Rock Island, IL.

--Nick Camlin, Town Clerk, December 23, 2016

Special South Rock Island Township Board Meeting
December 27, 2016, 4:30 pm

AGENDA

- I. Call to order & roll call
- II. Discussion of moving Assessor’s office
- III. Approval of phone upgrades
- IV. Approval of additional cameras
- V. Public comment
- VI. Adjournment

TO: Nick Camlin, Clerk

DATE: December 21, 2016

FROM: Trustees Kim Shuda, Louie Alongi and Mark Parr

RE: Moving of Assessor's Office

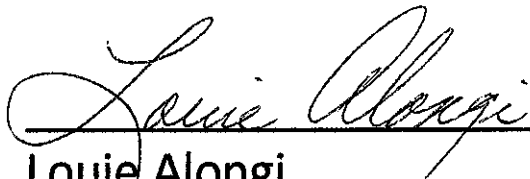
We are requesting a special board meeting to be called on Tuesday, December 27th at 4:30 p.m. at South Rock Island Township.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the demand by Supervisor Grace Shirk to move the Assessor's office.

Thank you,



Kim Shuda



Louie Alongi



Mark Parr

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From: Nick Camlin (ncamlin@gmail.com)
To: Nick Camlin
Subject: Fwd: Agenda

Date: Thu, 22 Dec 2016 13:53:39 -0600

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From: **senora40** <senora40@aol.com>
Date: Thu, Dec 22, 2016 at 1:12 PM
Subject: Agenda
To: Nick Camlin <ncamlin@gmail.com>, gshirk@sritownship.net

Please include the following on the Agenda.

Approval of the upgrade to the phone system.

Approval of the additional cameras at the Township.

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12/27/2016

Dear Residents of the South Rock Island Township,

We have exciting news! Due to the growth of the programs here at the Township we decided it is time to re-arrange the offices to better serve you. The General Assistance and Township offices will move to the front of the building and the Assessor's Office will move to the back offices.

Programs will continue as usual but please forgive us for any disruptions during the move. The move will take place during the week of December 27 through December 30th.

We look forward to serving you with the same efficiency and dedication as we have in the past.

Sincerely,

Supervisor Grace Diaz Shirk

Assessor Nichole Finnie