

PROCEEDINGS FOR THE REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
NORTH SHORE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

At the convened monthly meeting for the North Shore Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees held at the district office, 117 Northfield Road, Northfield, Illinois, Saturday, September 12, 2009, President Zimmer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Trustee Otto CesarioPresent
Trustee John ZbeskoPresent
Trustee William Zimmer.....Present

Trustee Carol Blustein.....Absent
Trustee Nelson HowardAbsent

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Attorney Norman Rosen
Superintendent Robert Berry
Office Manager Jennifer Zimmer

I. MINUTES

Minutes of the regular board meeting August 1, 2009, were approved with minor corrections. Motion made to approve by Trustee Zbesko and seconded by Trustee Cesario. All ayes.

II. REPORT FROM BOARD OFFICERS

1. President: None
2. Vice President: None
3. Treasurer: Trustee Zbesko read the end-of-August financial summary as well as summaries of August bills and payroll. Total receipts were \$12,994; total disbursements were \$155,945 for a negative income for August of (\$144,591). Total assets as of August 31, 2009 were \$1,011,547 (all numbers rounded to nearest dollar). Motion to approve financials made by Trustee Zimmer and seconded by Trustee Cesario. All ayes.

4. Secretary: None

III. REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL

Attorney Rosen informed the board that he had advised the district a few years ago to ask JP Morgan Chase Bank to collateralize District accounts that had balances in excess of the FDIC insured amounts. Last month, Chase sent the district a letter asking the District to permit the bank to be released from collateralizing one of our accounts that is slightly under the FDIC insured amount. Superintendent Berry did not respond under the direction of Attorney Rosen. A week later, Chase bank called to ask why the district did not respond. The Superintendent said he was directed by legal counsel not to release the bank from collateralization of that account. He also gave the representative from Chase bank Attorney Rosen's name and contact information. Attorney Rosen reported that Chase bank has not contacted him.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Action Items: Superintendent Berry requested authorization to sell Truck 48, a 1986 Chevrolet. The truck's replacement is on order from the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Program. Trustee Zbesko moved to declare Truck 48 surplus and authorized the sale of the vehicle. Trustee Zimmer seconded. All ayes.

Information Items:

Superintendent Berry informed the board that larviciding in standing water areas continues throughout the district after significant rain occurred the last week of August. Four members of the summer staff remain in employ until October 1.

An abundance of floodwater mosquito larva has been found throughout the district following the August rain. In addition to larvaciding there have been cooperative efforts with municipalities to have property owners drain large areas of standing water.

V. LAB REPORT

To date, 900 RAMP tests have been conducted. A total of 48 positive pools have been discovered as of the week ending September 4, 2009. This total is lower than previous years. Most of the positive tests have occurred in the last three weeks. Targeted areas of Morton Grove, Glenview and Wilmette were treated with adult control spraying August 25. Since August 25th, cool temperatures and significant rain suppressed gravid trap numbers. Light trap numbers are in the single digits. As long as the traps continue to catch mosquitoes they will stay out. Superintendent Berry added that the data that has been collected by the district is consistent with the other districts in the state.

Trustee Zbesko inquired about the district's larvicide costs for the season and if they would be significantly less than last year due to the overall cooler and dryer weather.

Superintendent Berry explained that less adult control activities were needed this season but about the same amount of larvacide was used. The number of catch basins in the district is consistent and there was standing water from abundant rain in May, as there was in 2008. The Superintendent also explained that over the winter the district would be looking into other larvacide options from Clarke. Since larviciding operations are now more efficient there might be a cost benefit to moving back to a 30 day ingot instead of continuing to use a 150 day ingot.

Superintendent Berry also explained to the board that national sources on mosquito control say that mosquitoes might be developing a resistance to the chemicals being used in control. The district would be able to use handheld GPS to track different kinds of larvacide in similar locations in the district and to compile our own data on possible resistance. Lab Director Marlon Henry will continue to monitor national sources on mosquito control on this subject.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Cesario reported that the district holiday party at Via Veneto, December 18, will have a modified menu from last year. The party will begin at 5pm and dinner will begin at 6:30pm. Invitations will be sent out by the Office Manager as the season approaches.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

President Zimmer called the board into executive session at 9:15 a.m. to discuss a personnel matter.

President Zimmer called the board out of executive session at 9:35 a.m.

Superintendent Berry was asked to explain information pertaining to the district's health insurance options for the upcoming year. The renewal date on the Blue Cross policy is November 1. The renewal on dental and vision insurance is November 1. The information was prepared by the district's insurance representative, Kayla Levy, who was unable to attend the meeting.

Superintendent Berry presented an overview of district's current plan. Overall, the health insurance will be increasing by 3%. The increase is decided by state-wide experience levels. When broken down by categories, the largest increases were in the categories of "Employee and Spouse" and "Employee and Child." The Employee and Child increase was due to the premium remaining the same whether there were one or ten children covered. Trustee Zimmer noted the out of pocket costs for the employees affected. Attorney Rosen asked if someone could elect to drop coverage for a child or spouse and pay for it on their own. Superintendent Berry answered that that was possible but Blue Cross will not issue a separate policy for a child until the child is at least one year old.

The district's insurance agent, Kayla Levy, told Superintendent Berry to inform the board that she would be able to answer any questions that the Trustee's had by phone. Trustee

Zbesko said that he would support asking Ms. Levy to attend the next meeting of the Board if there were any questions that were left unanswered.

President Zimmer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Zbesko seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

ATTESTED

President, William Zimmer

SUBMITTED

Office Manager, Jennifer Zimmer