

AGENDA 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, Oct. 6, 2007. President Howard called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**ROLL CALL**

Trustee Nelson Howard .....Present  
Trustee Otto Cesario .....Present  
Trustee Carol Blustein .....Absent  
Trustee John Zbesko .....Present  
Trustee William Zimmer.....Present

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Superintendent Robert Berry  
Attorney Norman Rosen

**I. MINUTES**

Minutes of the regular board meeting Sept. 8, 2007, were approved with minor corrections. Motion made by Trustee Zbesko and seconded by Trustee Zimmer. All ayes.

**II. REPORT FROM BOARD OFFICERS**

1. **President:** Trustee Howard deferred his report to be included in later discussion about employee insurance.
2. **Treasurer:** Trustee Zbesko read financial as well as September bills and payrolls. Total receipts were \$5,221, total disbursements were \$98,068 and total assets were \$380,840. Motion to approve financials made by Trustee Cesario and seconded by Trustee Howard. All ayes.
3. **Secretary:** No report.

**III. REPORT FROM LEGALCOUNSEL**

Counsel Rosen reminded the board that our November meeting should include adoption of a tentative budget for 2008 to be further examined by the board before discussion and final approval at the December meeting.

Superintendent Berry commented that a 7% tax extension (increase) has been received from the county. This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

#### **IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

##### **Action Items**

None.

##### **Informational Items**

1. Adulticiding performed in September: 9-5 Glenview, 9-6 Skokie north of Dempster, 9-13 Wilmette and Kenilworth, 9-17 Glencoe and Northfield, 9-18, Northbrook and areas of Glenview, Niles, Lincolnwood, 9-19 Evanston south of Dempster, 9-20 Evanston north of Dempster, 10-4 Morton Grove targeted areas
2. Purchase of a garage door electric opener estimated of cost of \$1,275 will be offered for consideration in the 2008 Budget. The need for its replacement is not urgent so its installation can be deferred until 2008.
3. Trustee Zbesko inquired about the status of mosquito control in Evanston's Perkins Woods and Jans Golf Course. Superintendent Berry reported that Perkins Woods' sealed drain problem has not yet been addressed by the Village of Evanston. NSMAD workers have given the area added attention. The spraying of Jans Golf Course has reduced the mosquito numbers while numerous breeding sources such as discarded drink cups were found along the course.
4. Superintendent Berry commented that because Skokie and Evanston have stand-alone health departments that report directly to the State and because of confidentiality laws limiting information on the health of individual citizens, NSMAD does not receive highly targeted information from the State concerning the occurrence of WNV. However, the County does release general information that helps the NSMAD target a general area where WNV has appeared.
5. Superintendent Berry was asked about the possibility of mosquito breeding in the Skokie Lagoons. He said that wave action inhibits mosquito egg laying.
6. Trustee Zbesko asked about the possibility of new mosquito breeds moving into our area. Mr. Berry said nothing new has been reported in this region but more information may be coming. The NSMAD is collecting whole-mosquito samples to be examined and classified by the Chicago area entomologist.

#### **V. THIRD QTR. BUDGET REPORT**

1. Expenditures for the third quarter 2007 were higher than 2006 because there were more employees (18 this year, 14 last year) and thus more chemical supplies used. Also, GPS phones were in use for the first time, resulting in more productivity from all field workers.
2. Although an ecologist was budgeted to be hired in 2007, a qualified candidate was not found before the busy summer quarter began. A candidate search will resume

during the winter months. Expenditures for Workmen's Comp. were slightly over budget because last year's wages were used to establish this year's Workmen's Comp. budget numbers.

3. A tentative 2008 budget will be ready the November meeting.

## **VI LAB REPORT**

- 1 So far year-to-date, 955 VecTests have been performed, 70 pools were found positive for WNV. RT-PCR tests resulted in 150 WNV positive pools.
2. All New Jersey Light Traps were withdrawn on September 28 with five Gravid traps also withdrawn. Due to unseasonably warm weather, seven Gravid traps will be kept operational until no WNV positive pools are found.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS: None**

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Superintendent Berry reported he had found an insurance company (Guardian) that will provide more employee dental/vision coverage at a lower premium than now being paid, reducing annual expenditures by \$1574. Trustee Zimmer moved to approve changing carriers for this coverage. Zbesko seconded. All ayes.
2. Superintendent Berry presented proposals for liability coverage from Mesirow Insurance(our present carrier) and Risk Management. In comparing the plans, the Mesirow coverage is \$600 less per year for slightly better coverage. Mr. Berry said that our experience with Mesirow has been good. Trustee Zbesko moved to renew liability coverage with Mesirow. Trustee Howard seconded. All ayes. Superintendent Berry is to continue investigating the most prudent pollution coverage levels.
3. All employee medical coverage is presently under review. Superintendent Berry reported that NSMAD's present insurance broker, Kayla Levy & Associates, had presented options for employee prescription coverage. The current RX card is no longer available. The board voted to accept the RX 10/20/35 plan (E2TP102) that will reduce NSMAD costs \$816.84 annually.
4. The NSMAD broker confirmed that the present employee medical insurance plan can be continued on a month-to-month basis while further investigation is under way to see if comparable coverage can be found for less money. Attorney Rosen asked Mr. Berry to confirm that the insurance cannot be cancelled by the carrier under this monthly arrangement.

Trustee Howard reported that he is investigating the possibility of insurance savings if NSMAD employees become part of a larger pool within one of the municipalities served by the NSMAD. Other potential premium reducing

alternatives are also being sought. The board agreed that Superintendent Berry should tell the broker to continue month-to-month coverage until further notice.

Trustees Zimmer motioned to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Cesario seconded. All ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

ATTESTED

President, Nelson Howard

SUBMITTED

Secretary, Bill Zimmer  
(pro tem)