

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, November 3, 2007. Trustee Cesario motioned that Trustee Zimmer, acting president, for the November 2007 meeting, and Trustee Zbesko seconded. All ayes. Acting President Zimmer called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Superintendent Robert Berry
Attorney Norman Rosen
Office Manager Jennifer Zimmer

I. MINUTES

Minutes of the regular board meeting October 6, 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: Absent
2. Treasurer: Trustee Zbesko read financial as well as April bills and payrolls. Total receipts were \$9,835.83, total disbursements were \$74,941.12, and total assets were \$321,466.76. Motion to approve financials made by Trustee Cesario and seconded by Trustee Zimmer. All ayes.
3. Secretary: No report.

III. REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL

Attorney Rosen stated the December 2007 meeting will go forward with the 2008 budget. After today's meeting, the tentative budget will be published. The December 2007 meeting will include an open meeting portion to allow for public comment. After that portion of the meeting, the 2008 budget will be adopted. In addition, officers for 2008 will be elected at the December meeting.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Action Items

Copier

The copier, which is ten years old, needs replacement. Superintendent Berry will seek proposals from three vendors. Dave Zazra, communications manager, will present the proposals to the board.

Cell Phones

Ten salvage cell phones have been taken out of service. They will be replaced in 2008 with cell phones that include a GPS function. Superintendent Berry proposed donating the phones to the Village of Morton Grove for the Women's Crisis Center. Trustee Zimmer motioned the phones be donated to the Women's Crisis Center and Trustee Cesario seconded. All ayes.

Informational Items

Budget

A preliminary draft of the budget was presented. There is a 10% increase in funding over last year's budget. This figure does not represent an increase in the tax rate. Rather it is an increase in property valuations in the district.

Discussion ensued about amount in the budget allocated for insecticide. In 2007, the allocation was \$95,000; in 2008 amount has been increased to \$180,000. Trustee Zbesko questioned the increase. Superintendent Berry explained the increase with these points:

- The district has become more efficient in larvaciding with the GPS system.
- The public has become much more aware of the West Nile threat. They are contacting the district in greater number about back yard catch basins.
- The Glen has added fourteen acres to the district.

- Larvaciding is cost effective. With adulticiding, there is the added expense of gasoline and truck maintenance.
- Unused pellets have a shelf live of two to three years.
- The district has achieved the optimum period for larvaciding. In 2007, due to the availability of retirees, larvaciding was started in April and continued beyond the constraints posed when college interns depart.

Trustee Zbesko suggested the district place \$40,000, now allocated in insecticide, into contingencies. A motion to accept the tentative budget, incorporating Trustee Zbesko’s suggestion, was made by Trustee Zimmer and seconded by Trustee Blustein second. All ayes.

Website

Superintendent Berry reported on website usage. There were 1,921 hits, a 700 increase over 2006. In the month of August, there was a 26% increase in usage. Over the winter months Mike Okon, webmaster, is charged with developing an interactive street map, so the public may view exactly which sections of the district will be sprayed on any given date.

V. LAB REPORT

There were 1007 VecTests performed in 2007. Of those, 70 VecTests pooled positive for WNV. The Natural History Survey reported 151 RT-PCR pools positive for WNV. Most of these pools were collected in August.

In spite of the cooling weather, the district is still in the lab business; the sewers are warmer and mosquitoes are still active. Inspectors are still going to the catch basins for collection. Using an aspirator, mosquitoes are collected and sent to the Natural History Survey to determine if they are feeding on pollen or blood.

The traps were pulled October 14, 2007.

VI. OLD BUSINESS: None

VII. NEW BUSINESS: None

Trustees Zimmer motioned to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Zbesko seconded. All ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

ATTESTED
Acting President, William Zimmer

SUBMITTED
Secretary, Carol Blustein