

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 7, 2009. President Zimmer called the meeting to order at 9:01a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Superintendent Robert Berry  
Office Manager Jennifer Zimmer  
Attorney Norman Rosen

**I. MINUTES**

Minutes of the regular board meeting October 3, 2009, were approved with minor corrections. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Zbesko and seconded by Trustee Blustein. All ayes.

**II. REPORT FROM BOARD OFFICERS**

President: None

Vice President: None

Treasurer: Trustee Zbesko read October financials as well as October bills and payrolls. Total receipts were \$11,417, total disbursements were \$73,249 and total end-of-month operating funds showed a deficit of (\$61,832). Total assets of \$876,135 (All numbers rounded to nearest dollar.) Motion to approve financials was made by Trustee Zimmer and seconded by Trustee Howard. All ayes.

Secretary: **None**

Asst. Treasurer **None**

**III. REPORT FROM LEGALCOUNSEL:**

Attorney Rosen had no actions to report but reminded the board that the board must approve budget for the coming year at the next board meeting (December 5). A public

announcement of the budget discussion will be made prior to the meeting to alert members of the public who may want to attend. The public discussion of the budget will begin at 9:00 a.m. Saturday December 5. The regular board meeting will commence immediately following the public budget discussion.

In responding to question about the feasibility of a small stipend for board trustees, Attorney Rosen said no reference to a stipend is in the charter and he doubted that it would be legal. There was no further discussion.

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

##### **Action Items:**

Superintendent Berry presented the office painting bids. There was discussion about one bidder who proposed that they preferred to show insurance coverage after the bid was accepted. The board found that request unacceptable. Trustees reviewed the job specifications established by Superintendent Berry. The bid specs call for the highest grade of paint to be used. Mr. Berry said he had consulted a friend in another city who is a professional painter and that information helped the Superintendent develop the district's spec standards. Superintendent Berry will approve all materials before they are used. The bid from MDM Painting & Decorating of Antioch was accepted.

##### **Information Items**

Superintendent Berry reported that district took delivery of the 2009 Ford 150 truck previously approved for purchase. Communications Director Dave Zazra has been nominated to board of IMVCA. He will officially join the IMVCA board after a vote is taken in a few weeks. The old ceiling tile has been replaced. The office carpet project will begin soon after painting project is finished. Bids coming in for this future project now.

#### **V. LAB REPORT**

There was no lab report, however there was some discussion about the past season's abatement activities and procedures.

#### **VI. OLD BUSINESS:**

President Zimmer brought up the subject of the signing of 2010 contract for the district's auditor. After a brief discussion, Trustee Zbesko moved that the board continue with the present auditor. Trustee Blustein seconded. All ayes.

#### **VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

Superintendent Berry is expecting a 3% overall increase in funding from the County for 2010. He said he expects 2009 to come in \$150,000 under budget. However, the district has still not received the second half of 2009 payments. He also anticipates that because many homeowners have now received higher tax assessments, there will be more protests which will slow down payments further. Attorney Rosen explained how foreclosures and bad real estate economy are also slowing down tax payments.

Understanding the public's unhappiness with higher taxes, Trustee Zbesko urged the district to find ways to make the public aware of the success of the districts mosquito abatement efforts, delivering a high return on a small investment.

At 9:22 Trustee Blustein moved to go into executive session to discuss employee compensation. Trustee Howard seconded. All ayes.

At 9:40 President Zimmer brought the general meeting back into session.

Trustee Zbesko made the motion to give all employees a two-percent raise for the 2010 calendar year. Trustee Zimmer seconded. All ayes.

Attorney Rosen asked the board to confirm plans to hold a public meeting at 9:00 a.m. on December 5 and a regular meeting thereafter. The board confirmed it. The agenda prepared for next meeting will include a final vote on the budget.

Trustee Cesario opened discussion on the subject of "two term limits" for board members. The concept would allow each board member to gain the experience of holding a different position on the board after two terms in their present role. Such an arrangement is not mandated by any bylaws but is followed in some districts. Two terms ago, the board did shift some roles but presently, after discussing the personal time available for each trustee, the board agreed that continuing with the present board makeup works best for everyone involved.

Trustee Zbesko moved to adjourn, Trustee Howard seconded, all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:47.

ATTESTED  
President, William Zimmer

SUBMITTED  
Secretary, Nelson Howard