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CYBER NICHE REPORT: – No Report.

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES / COMMITTEES:

TRUSTEE LARRY RYAN – Trustee Ryan expressed his concern over a Town Fund Bill donating \$1,000 towards a statue of Abraham Lincoln at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Trustee Ryan wanted to be clear that by no means is he meaning to degrade those that have previously served or their families, but he thinks it is quite expensive. He asked that the item be tabled until the February meeting when Trustee Walden can give a presentation as to why the donation is needed and he could provide other information about the statue. Supervisor Baltz commented that the Public Relations committee did review and approve the donation and that the money was in the budget. Trustee Ryan said that he would feel better if the money was going to service men/women or their families for that are currently serving as opposed to just a statue. Supervisor Baltz noted that the request was made by Trustee Walden, it was reviewed by the committee and the money is in the budget. Supervisor Baltz also commented that all board members are welcome to make suggestions if they believe there is an organization worth making a donation to. Clerk McFarland asked how much the Township donated to the Veterans' Memorial at the Shorewood Towne Center. Supervisor Baltz said he believes it was somewhere between \$500 and \$1000.00. **Motion made** by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Seil to **table the payment of \$1,000 to the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Statue** on the Town Fund Bills until it can be further reviewed and discussed at the February 2012 meeting. Motion carried.

TRUSTEE JOHN THEOBALD –No Report.

TRUSTEE CHERYL SEIL – Trustee Seil announced that she has sold her home in Troy Township and expects to be closing soon. Therefore, she will be submitting her letter of resignation once she has further details on a specific closing date. Supervisor Baltz announced the Trustee Seil will be honored during the retirement party for George Muentnich and Dan Ward.

TRUSTEE DONALD WALDEN – No Report.

TOWNSHIP COLLECTOR'S REPORT: No Report.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Assessor Gabrielson reported that she does not have the final abstract yet.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT: Highway Commissioner Ward reported that the previous Highway Commissioner had a nice agenda put together for the transition. The Highway Department has been busy updating files, replacing signs and trimming trees. Highway Commissioner Ward complimented the staff that former Commissioner Ward had put together.

TOWNSHIP CLERK REPORT: Clerk McFarland thanked former Clerk Muentnich for making it a smooth transition and helping him get up to speed. In the Clerk's office, there is a lot to be learned and Clerk McFarland commented that he has been spending time in the office and reading the TOI Laws & Duties Handbook. He further thanked Administrator Dylk for her help in the transition as well. Clerk McFarland also reminded that Trustee Theobald, Commissioner Ward and Collector Wheeler must complete the Illinois Attorney General's Open Meeting Act Training within 90 days of taking office. The remainder of the Board has to complete the training within one year from January 1, 2011. Trustee Ryan asked if a seated official took the training before January 1, 2012 was it true that they needed to re-take the training? Clerk McFarland will look into this.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Dylik reported on mosquito abatement – Supervisor Baltz asked that she prepare a memo to the board detailing the research that has been done by the township with regards to the impact of the City of Joliet making cuts to their mosquito abatement program. The memo has been distributed to the Board for their information.

Senior Program – Dylik reminded that the township was notified by Senior Services that they needed to close their nutrition sites on Wednesday as a savings measure. The township has been working with Senior Services to come up with an alternative for providing a nutritious meal to our seniors who gather here on Wednesday. Senior Services is exploring options for us to possibly have food delivered on Tuesdays for preparation on Wednesday. Additionally, Senior Services are hopeful that the Wednesday closure will not last past the end of January.

Shorewood Chamber Community Business Expo – The Township will once again be participating in the Shorewood Chamber’s Community Business Expo scheduled from 10am to 2pm on Saturday, February 11th. The booth will be staffed by township employee Lisa Imbody and Dylik. All other township staff and elected officials are invited and welcome to attend to help staff the booth.

Shorewood Glen Senior Expo – The Township will also be participating in Shorewood Glen’s Senior Expo on March 24, 2012 from 10am to 1pm. The booth will be staffed by Lisa Imbody and Dylik. As always, all township staff and elected officials are invited to join us.

Newsletter – Dylik reminder that if you have an article or idea for an article topic, it should be submitted to her by January 31st. The target mailing date is the week of Monday, March 19th.

Dylik made some general announcements:

- Office and Community Center will be closed on
 - Monday, February 13, 2012 in Observance of Lincoln’s Birthday
 - Monday, February 20, 2012 for President’s Day

Trustee Ryan asked Dylik if she worked with Clarke to get answers to his questions about the effectiveness of the spraying and our township efforts if Joliet does not do any mosquito abatement. Dylik reported that she has spoken with Clarke and expressed those concerns. Clarke has yet to report as they are waiting to see what Joliet in fact does.

TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS REPORT: Supervisor Baltz reported that Kenneth J. Kogut & Associates, Energy Consultants, were able to secure the Township a decrease of 18% and the Road District a decrease of 18.1% over our current rates for electricity, locking in those rates from May of 2013 to May of 2014.

Supervisor Baltz complimented Clerk McFarland on his hard efforts and time spent at the township offices getting up to speed as Clerk.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion made by Trustee Seil; seconded by Trustee Ryan to accept the **TOWN FUND BILLS** as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Seil; seconded by Trustee Ryan to accept the **ASSESSOR’S BILLS** as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Seil; seconded by Trustee Ryan to accept the **GENERAL ASSISTANCE BILLS** as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Seil; seconded by Trustee Ryan to accept the **ROAD AND BRIDGE BILLS** as presented. Motion carried.

Trustee Ryan asked if it was legal for the General Assistance Fund to pay a portion of the interest payment to Chase. Supervisor Baltz reminded Trustee Ryan that General Assistance can pay for rent, utilities, supplies, etc. Supervisor Baltz also reminded Trustee Ryan that both the Levy and Budget were prepared with this line item expense in them, both of which have already been approved by the Board.

OLD BUSINESS: Supervisor Baltz asked for any old business.

After asking again for any old business, he moved to new business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Baltz announced that the next **Board Workshop will be on Monday, February 20, 2012.** The agenda will be as follows:

5:45pm to 6:00pm – The Role of the Township Administrator

6:00pm to 6:45pm – FY 2012-2013 Budget Workshop

Supervisor Baltz reminded that this is a very important workshop for the Board and is the appropriate time to ask questions and provide input on the next fiscal year's spending.

Supervisor Baltz presented **Resolution 11-12R-10 A Resolution Honoring Daniel R. Ward.** Motion made by Trustee Ryan; seconded Trustee Seil to adopt Resolution 11-12R-10. Trustee Ryan – Aye; Trustee Seil – Aye; Supervisor Baltz – Aye. Nays – None. Trustee Theobald Absent. Trustee Walden Absent. 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absents. Resolution Passed.

Supervisor Baltz presented **Resolution 11-12R-11 A Resolution Honoring George E. Muentnich.** Motion made by Trustee Seil; seconded Trustee Ryan to adopt Resolution 11-12R-11. Trustee Ryan – Aye; Trustee Seil – Aye; Supervisor Baltz – Aye. Nays – None. Trustee Theobald Absent. Trustee Walden Absent. 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absents. Resolution Passed.

Supervisor Baltz presented Resolution 11-12R-12 Chase Bank Loan Interest Rate Modification. Resolution to reduce the interest rate from 4.311% to 2.99% on the current Debt Certificate Account Number 450471620001. Supervisor Baltz commented that he has been working with Chase Bank since September and he feels rates are bottoming out. The rate reduction will save the Township over \$8,000 per year and approximately \$83,246.00 over the 10 year term. The attorney fees are \$1,000 and the document fees from Chase were reduced from \$2,500.00 to \$1,500.00. Trustee Ryan asked how the original financing was able to be financed over a period in excess of 10 years. Supervisor Baltz noted that the Law Firm of Chapman & Cutler advised the Township at that time and guided the Township through the process to ensure the financing was legal. **Motion made** by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Seil to adopt **Resolution 11-12R-12 Chase Bank Loan Interest Rate Modification.** Trustee Ryan – Aye; Trustee Seil – Aye; Supervisor Baltz – Aye. Nays – None. Trustee Theobald Absent. Trustee Walden Absent. 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absents. Resolution Passed.

Supervisor Baltz presented an Agreement between Highway Commissioner Ward and Supervisor Baltz to pay the Highway Commissioner's Salary & Benefits from the Road and Bridge Fund for the months of January 2012, February 2012 and March of 2012.

Trustee Ryan commented that the agreement does not sit well with him. He noted that many times during budget review he was instructed to let the person have their budget and let them work within their budget. If the person goes over their budget or are constantly transferring large amounts then worry about that problem. Trustee Ryan asked, as close as we are to the end of the year, why don't we just let this budget ride out?

Supervisor Baltz gave Trustee Ryan a spreadsheet that compared the cost to the Town Fund between Highway Commissioner Tom Ward and former Highway Commissioner Dan Ward. Supervisor Baltz noted that the FY 2011-2012 budget accounted for Dan Ward's compensation and benefit package through March of 2012. With the change to Tom, there are additional costs that were not budgeted and there will not be enough in the budget to cover it. Per Illinois Statue, up to six months of the Highway Commissioner's salary can be paid from the Road and Bridge Fund. By doing this agreement for three months, it keeps both budgets in line.

Trustee Ryan commented that the total cost to the Road & Bridge Fund would be an expense of about \$16,000 over the next three months.

Supervisor Baltz noted that this was discussed between the Highway Commissioner and the Supervisor and both are in agreement with the arrangement for the benefit of both funds, keeping things in balance.

Trustee Ryan noted that he is not questioning what is allowed per Illinois Statue but noted that he lives in an unincorporated area of the township and that he enjoys and reaps the benefits of the Road District as do his immediate neighbors. It is a pleasure to have these services and would consider it borderline spoiled. Trustee Ryan commented the he personally and the people who live down the block would rather see the \$16,000 spent on a storm drainage project in Rooney or Timberline; Murphy Acres or Camelot.

Supervisor Baltz noted that there are only about 70 days left in this budget. Commissioner Tom Ward has inherited this budget and after reviewing each line item there will be money left over in the road and bridge budget. The Town Fund has stayed very close to the collar. There is no way that Commissioner Ward could spend the money left over in the Road Fund in the next 70 days and both the Supervisor and the Highway Commissioner have reviewed, discussed and agreed to this plan.

Trustee Ryan reiterated that there are only 70 days left in this budget and it should just be left to run out.

Supervisor Baltz noted again that he is trying to eliminate over spending in the Town budget in salaries and benefits by working within what is allowed by State Statue.

Trustee Ryan re-stated that he believes the budget should be run out as-is and that he will not raise questions if the Town Fund is over budget on medical expenses because it is clear as to why this will happen. He again noted that he would like to see the Road and Bridge funds spent on the roads. Trustee Ryan further expressed concern that agreeing to this arrangement now is setting precedent for the future.


Motion made by Trustee Seil; seconded by Supervisor Baltz **to approve the agreement between Supervisor Baltz and Highway Commissioner Ward.** Trustee Ryan – Nay; Trustee Seil – Aye; Supervisor Baltz – Aye. Trustee Theobald Absent. Trustee Walden Absent. 2 Ayes, 1 Nay, 2 Absents. Motion is not approved.

Supervisor Baltz expressed his disappointment of Trustee Ryan's decision.

Supervisor Baltz asked for any other new business. After asking twice he asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Seil; seconded by Trustee Ryan. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Jim McFarland
Town Clerk

