

Supervisor Baltz had Trustee Wheeler register his aye vote for the appointment of Kristin Ethridge as Collector making the Roll Call vote: Ryan – aye; Walden – aye; Theobald – aye; Wheeler – aye; Baltz – aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

New Business Item A: Supervisor Baltz introduced Rita Facchina; Executive Director of CASA of Will County, Inc. Ms. Facchina gave a presentation about CASA's services and requested the Board's consideration of a donation.

Supervisor Baltz requested a motion to deviate from the agenda and move to Old Business. Motion made by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to deviate from the agenda and move to Old Business. Motion carried.

Old Business Item B: Supervisor Baltz introduced Rich Duran representing the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery Support Committee. Mr. Duran gave a presentation about the cemetery, the statue project and their purposes that the ALNC Support Committee is currently raising funds for and requested the Board's consideration of a donation. Trustee Walden added that there will be new parking around the statue that will allow for bus parking for school field trips. The Committee believes that visiting the statue and the cemetery will be a valuable learning experience for today's youth. Trustee Ryan questioned the fundraising progress. Mr. Duran noted they are about 25% of the way there to funding the statue. Supervisor Baltz asked what success has been had with other Township's for donations. Mr. Duran noted that Joliet Township has donated \$1,000.00. The donation from Joliet is what got them started with talking to Townships.

Supervisor Baltz noted that the Agenda will now be followed in order.

Supervisor Baltz opened the meeting for public comment.

After asking twice for citizen comments, Supervisor Baltz closed the meeting for public comment.

Motion made by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Theobald to accept the MINUTES of the January 16, 2012 Board meeting. Motion carried.

The TREASURER'S REPORT was acknowledged by Supervisor Baltz.

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Joseph D. Baltz reviewed the following correspondence with the Board:

- Thank you letter from Shorewood HUGS.
- Letter from Senior Services Center of Will County that the nutrition sites will open again on Wednesday's starting in March.
- Letter from the Circuit Clerk for the receipt of fine money totaling \$306.99 for the period December 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011.
- Notice of TOI Topics Day on Tuesday, May 8, 2012. Trustees should let the Administrator know if they want to attend.
- Workshop notice for the Disaster Recovery.
- Letter from the Illinois Department of Revenue noting the election qualifications of a Township Assessor or a Multi-Township Assessor.
- Letter from Senior Services Center of Will County noting they served 864 seniors in Troy.
- Letter and check for \$37.96 from USAgain for textile recycling.
- Community Action Newsletter from Will County Center for Community Concerns.
- Township Perspective Magazine for February, 2012.

CYBER NICHE REPORT: – No Report.

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES / COMMITTEES:

TRUSTEE LARRY RYAN – Trustee Ryan attended the Will County Land Use meeting on the revisions of the codes & ordinances.

TRUSTEE JOHN THEOBALD –No Report.

TRUSTEE CHERLY SEIL – Supervisor Baltz will meet with new Trustee Brett Wheeler to review the committees.

TRUSTEE DONALD WALDEN – Trustee Walden reported that there is still a few people from Troy Township receiving assistance through the Veterans Commission. Trustee Walden also attended another TOI Trustee's Division meeting and reminded everyone that TOI is really stressing the importance of all elected and appointed officials completing the Open Meetings Act Training.

TOWNSHIP COLLECTOR'S REPORT: No Report.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: No Report.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT: Highway Commissioner Ward reported that spring clean up is set from April 9, 2012 to April 14, 2012.

TOWNSHIP CLERK REPORT: Clerk McFarland received the OMA certificates from Trustee Theobald and Trustee Walden; further noting that he needs certificates from Trustee Wheeler, Highway Commissioner Ward and Collector Ethridge. After welcoming former Township Clerk George Muentnich to the meeting, Clerk McFarland also announced the creation of the "Transparency Portal" on the Township website. The portal was designed to be an on-line library of agendas, minutes, proposed and approved budgets, monthly expenses, etc. to improve the transparency of how the township operates. Any residents that have suggestions for the site or content they wish to see on there should contact him, Supervisor Baltz or Administrator Dylik.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Baltz received a letter from the Superintendent of Rockdale School District asking the township to not support a possible TIF District in the Village of Rockdale for which the Village adopted a resolution providing for a feasibility study of said TIF District in December of 2011. Highway Commissioner Ward commented that the Village of Rockdale did request a \$10,000 contribution from the Highway Department in support of the feasibility of study. Commissioner Ward noted that he will not be contributing any funds; that it is a very small part of the area which is in Troy Township and the road is really used and beat up by the quarry.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: **Mosquito Abatement** – A memo has been distributed summarizing Clarke Mosquito's response to some research questions posed by Trustee Ryan.

Shorewood Chamber Community Business Expo – The Township recently participated in the Shorewood Chamber's 2012 Community Business Expo. The booth was staffed by Lisa Imbody and Administrator Dylik. Special thanks to Supervisor Baltz and Trustees Theobald and Ryan for helping staff the booth and for their help loading and unloading our supplies.

Shorewood Glen Senior Expo – As a reminder, 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 Administrator Dylik. As always, all township staff and elected officials are invited to join us.

Newsletter – Thank you to everyone who helped put together articles for the upcoming newsletter. We are still on track for mailing starting the week of March 19th.

Early Voting – Early voting begins at the Township starting Monday, February 27th and continues through Friday, March 16th. Voting is available from 8:30am until 3:30pm.

Shredding Event & Medication Disposal – Our next shredding event will be on Saturday, April 21st from 9am to 11am. At the shredding we will also be partnering with the Shorewood Police who will be collecting medications for proper disposal.

AARP Tax Prep – The Township has once again partnered with Senior Services Center of Will County and AARP to offer free tax preparation services for seniors. To date the township has helped 20 people, have another 31 appointments scheduled and still have a few openings to fill up at the end of March and early April. This year we have the opportunity to help up to 84 people.

Will County Center for Community Concerns – Thanks to our GA Assistance Case Worker, Lisa Imbody and her efforts, starting in February, once per month, Troy Township will be an outreach site for Will County Center for Community Concerns. WCCCC will be on site and able to assist residents with LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program), water bill assistance, prescription assistance and other assistance programs. Other townships that are currently outreach sites are New Lenox Township, Frankfort Township, DuPage Township, Lockport Township, Monee Township, Plainfield Township and Wheatland Township.

Secretary of State's Super Senior Event – Thanks again to our GA Assistance Case Worker, Lisa Imbody, the township will be offering the Secretary of States Super Senior Event on June 12th. Super Senior Event is a combination of ROR (Rules of the Road) class and the Mobile Unit. There is no cost to the township to be the site of this event.

- o From 9:30am to 11:00am is the ROR Class. Topics covered are: how to drive safely, how to prepare for a written & driving test, and the instructor will answer rules of the road questions.
- o From 10am to 2:00pm the Mobile Unit provides the same services offered at the Driver Services Facilities: such as ID cards, driver's licenses and renewal stickers, issues corrected and duplicate licenses. The fees paid are the standard fees paid at a Driver Services Facility.

General Announcements:

- Community Room – Calendar Distributed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

Motion made by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to accept the **ASSESSOR'S BILLS** as presented. Motion carried.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Baltz presented an Agreement between Highway Commissioner Tom Ward and Supervisor Baltz to have three months of the Highway Commissioner's Salary and Benefits paid by the Road and Bridge Fund for the months of January 2012, February 2012 and March 2012. **Motion made by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Theobald to approve the agreement.** Trustee Ryan asked for discussion on the agreement commenting

that he surveyed surrounding townships and that some pay only salary, no benefits. Ryan is opposed to the agreement and thinks the road district funds should stay in the road district and that this close to the end of the fiscal year no changes should be made. Trustee Ryan does not believe that once the payroll was processed through the town fund that the road and bridge fund can reimburse the town fund. Supervisor Baltz committed to getting a legal opinion on the agreement if it passes. Motion made by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Theobald to approve the agreement to pay three months of the salary and benefits of the highway commissioner from the road and bridge fund for January 2012, February 2012 and March 2012. Roll Call Vote: Walden – Aye; Theobald – Aye; Ryan – Nay; Wheeler – Aye; Baltz – Aye. 4 Ayes, 1 Nay, 0 Absent. Agreement approved subject to legal review.

Trustee Walden motioned for a donation of \$1,000.00 to be made to the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery Support Committee Statue Project. Supervisor Baltz asked for a second motion. After asking twice for a second to the motion, the motion dies for lack of a second.

Trustee Wheeler motioned; seconded by Trustee Theobald to make a \$500.00 donation to the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery Support Committee Statue Project. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Baltz asked for any other new business. After asking twice he asked for a motion to go into Closed Session to review a legal matter.

CLOSED SESSION:

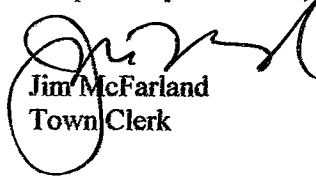
Motion made by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Theobald to go into **CLOSED SESSION** to review a legal matter. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to come back into **REGULAR SESSION**. Motion carried.

Supervisor Baltz informed that there was no action to be taken form the closed session.

A **motion to adjourn** was made by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Theobald. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Jim McFarland
Town Clerk

