

Minutes of the Troy Township Board Meeting

Monday, March 19, 2012

7:00 pm

Meeting of the Troy Township Board of Trustees held at the Troy Township Community Center, 25448 Seil Road, Shorewood, Illinois.

Supervisor Joseph D. Baltz called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assessor Patricia Gabrielson.

Role call taken.

Present were:	Supervisor Joseph D. Baltz	Clerk Jim McFarland
	Highway Commissioner Thomas R. Ward	Assessor Patricia Gabrielson
	Trustee John Theobald	Trustee Larry Ryan
	Trustee Brett Wheeler	Collector Kristin Ethridge

Absent were: Trustee Donald Walden - EA

EA – Excused Absence

L – Late Arrival

Quorum is established.

Supervisor Baltz opened the meeting for public comment and asked that everyone in attendance sign in.

Resident Ed Murphy commented that in reviewing the township documents, specifically referring to the proposed draft budgets for FY 12-13, and in reviewing the expense sheets, he is very much concerned with issues called public relations. Many of the community members have complained that elected officials were not elected to make donations to charitable causes and not empowered to collect taxes for the purpose of making charitable donations. An example he gave was \$500 being donated to a private foundation for a statue of Abraham Lincoln in the cemetery. He noted that he personally supports the initiative but that he does not believe it is an appropriate item for a local government. Paying that much money and paying for items like a baseball league are not appropriate; it would be appropriate if they were programs being run by the township directly. Mr. Murphy requested these items be looked at very carefully and noted that he is troubled by the donations that have been made in the past.

Supervisor Baltz commented that if you take time to look at the new proposed budget that will be posted to the website on Tuesday, March 20th; the events that are going to be supported are the shredding event, the Shorewood Expo and the Shorewood parade. Supervisor Baltz further commented that the Board has listened and has already taken action; further noting that the board has only given donations to not-for-profit organizations and there is nothing wrong with doing so if the board approves it. Supervisor Baltz also noted that the Township will continue to support youth and senior programs. The township supports Senior Services Center of Will County who helps to support our senior program and the township's nutrition site as well as supporting the youth through Troy Baseball. Being one of the founding partners of Troy Baseball, the Township made a commitment many years ago to support the youth of Troy Township.

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

Motion made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Theobald to accept the **MINUTES** of the February 20, 2012 Board meeting. Motion carried.

The **TREASURER'S REPORT** was acknowledged by Supervisor Baltz and placed on file.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Thank you card from Assessor Gabrielson.
- City of Joliet Annexation Ordinance #16934 for property along Route 6 & Des Plaines River up to the new Hollywood Road.
- Letter from the Circuit Clerk for the receipt of fine money totaling \$473.79 for the period January 1, 2012 to January 31, 2012.
- Press Release regarding the new VA Clinic on the Silver Cross Hospital site.
- IMRF Fundamentals
- Report from Catholic Charities
- TOIRMA Newsletter
- Will County Center for Independent Living Newsletter
- The Timbers of Shorewood Newsletter
- Township Perspective Magazine for March, 2012.

CYBER NICHE REPORT: – No Report.

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES / COMMITTEES:

TRUSTEE LARRY RYAN – No Report.

TRUSTEE BRETT WHEELER – No Report.

TRUSTEE JOHN THEOBALD – No Report.

TRUSTEE DONALD WALDEN – No Report.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT: Highway Commissioner Ward reported that the plows have been taken off the trucks, they have been doing some ditching and Spring Clean Up is April 9th to April 14th. Highway Commissioner Ward thanked Administrator Dylik for all of her help on the new budget.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Assessor Gabrielson reported that they are working on 2012 Assessments with the new CAMA System.

TOWNSHIP COLLECTOR'S REPORT: No Report.

TOWNSHIP CLERK REPORT: Clerk McFarland thanked Administrator Dylik and the staff for their assistance conducting early voting. During early voting the township was able to assist 114 voters.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Administrator Dylik reported that Senior Services Center of Will County is back running as normal with meals being served on Wednesday's again. Administrator Dylik also informed the Board about Senior Services Center of Will County's March for Meals Pledge.

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

Dylik noted that the Township Communicator is complete and can be expected to be in the mail at the end of this week or early next week.

Dylik reminded the Board that the next shredding event will be on Saturday, April 21st from 9am to 11am. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! At the shredding event the township will also be partnering with the Shorewood Police who will be collecting expired or unneeded medications for proper disposal.

Dylik reported that all of the available appointments for the AARP Tax Prep Assistance in partnership with Senior Services Center of Will County have been filled. This year the township was able to assist 84 people.

Dylik reported that the township will be partnering with the Village of Shorewood to offer rain barrels to residents of the township. More information will be distributed as it becomes available. She also reported that the township will partner with the Village of Shorewood to bring the community garden back again for this 2012 gardening season. Registration for the prior year's participants opened on March 15th. Regular open registration begins on April 15th.

General Announcements:

- Community Room – Calendar Distributed.
- Office will be closed on Friday, April 6th for Good Friday.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Baltz asked that if any Board Member or citizens have questions about the budget to please direct their questions to him or Administrator Dylik. Supervisor Baltz addressed some comments he heard from people asking why everyone is leaving the township. Supervisor Baltz noted that over the last five months the township has lost four people, but these four people represent 106 years of service. These people retired; not resigned. Young talent was recruited as replacements to hopefully spend another 30 years at the township just like their predecessors did. For example George Muentinich Trustee for 13 years, Clerk for 17 years; Dan Ward Trustee for 8 years, Highway Commissioner for 18 years; Cheryl Seil Trustee for 5 years 10 months; Jerry Seil Trustee for 3 years 3 months, Collector 5 years 7 months; Patricia Gabrielson 36 years starting at the township in the 1960's. With that type of experience, the Township is very fortunate to keep people like that. It is important to take care of the employees who make the Township as great as it is.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Baltz reminded that at the February Board Meeting CASA of Will County made a presentation about their services and asked for a donation request. Supervisor Baltz asked for a motion from the Board to make a donation to CASA. No motion was made, there will be no donation.

Supervisor Baltz commented that the legal opinion from Attorney David Silverman regarding his legal review of the Highway Commissioner's Salary Agreement which was passed February 20, 2012 was distributed. Supervisor Baltz asked for any questions on the legal review. No questions were asked.

After asking twice for any other old business, Supervisor Baltz moved to New Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk McFarland presented the **agenda for the Annual Town Meeting** to be held at 7:00pm on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at the Troy Township Community Center. Motion made by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to approve having **legal counsel of Mahoney, Cross and Silverman at all regular township board meetings** for the fiscal year 2012-2013 with a review of the necessity of having counsel after the first quarter of the fiscal year. Motion carried.

Supervisor Baltz presented the **Highway Commissioner's Salary Agreement for Fiscal Year 2012-2013** to have three months of the Highway Commissioner's Salary totaling \$16,250.00 to be paid by the Road and Bridge Fund. Motion made by Trustee Theobald; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to approve the 2012-2013 Highway Commissioner's Salary Agreement. Role Call Vote: Wheeler – Aye; Theobald – Aye; Ryan – Nay; Baltz – Aye, Walden – Absent. 3 Ayes, 1 Nay, 1 Absent. Motion Carried.

Clerk McFarland presented the **resignation letter from Assessor Patricia Gabrielson** announcing her retirement effective March 31, 2012. Motion made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Theobald to accept the resignation of Assessor Gabrielson effective March 31, 2012. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Baltz complimented Assessor Gabrielson on her dedication to the township and for all of her hard work and effort she put into making the township what it is today.

Clerk McFarland presented a recommendation from Assessor Gabrielson to **appoint Kim Anderson to fulfill the unexpired term of Gabrielson**. Anderson has worked for the Assessor's office for 5 years and has achieved her CIAO designation. Clerk McFarland acknowledged that he has all of the required certifications on file confirming Anderson has met the necessary requirements to assume the position. Motion made by Trustee Theobald; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to appoint Kim Anderson as Assessor effective April 1, 2012 to fulfill the unexpired term of Patricia Gabrielson. Role Call Vote: Theobald – Aye; Wheeler – Aye; Ryan – Aye; Baltz – Aye; Walden – Absent. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion Carried.

Clerk McFarland completed the swearing in of Kim Anderson as Assessor effective April 1, 2012.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

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

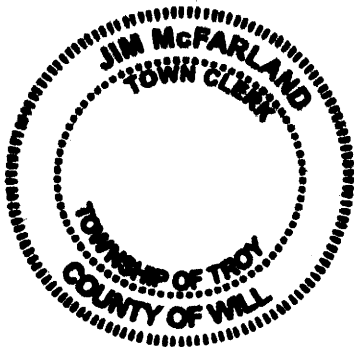
Motion made by Trustee Theobald; seconded by Trustee Ryan to accept the **GENERAL ASSISTANCE BILLS** as presented. Motion carried.

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

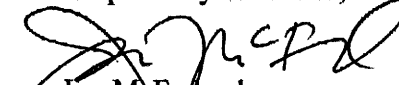
Trustee Ryan asked if he had to sign the top of the bill sheet for Road and Bridge which has the payment to the Town Fund from the Road and Bridge Fund for the Highway Commissioners Salary Reimbursement for the 2011-2012 FY which Trustee Ryan voted against such payment at the prior board meeting. Attorney Silverman advised that the signature at the top of the page does not indicate approval; that was recorded in his vote.

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

A **motion to adjourn** was made by Trustee Theobald; seconded by Trustee Wheeler. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:37pm.



Respectfully submitted,


Jim McFarland
Town Clerk