

**Minutes of the Troy Township Board Meeting**

**Monday, May 21, 2012**

**Approximately 7:00pm**

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 Clerk Jim McFarland.

Role call taken.

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

Absent were: NONE  
EA – Excused Absence ; L – Late Arrival

Also in Attendance: Attorney Sean D. Brady Administrator Jennifer Dylak

Quorum is established.

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

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

Motion made by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to accept the **MINUTES** of the April 16, 2012 **Public Hearing**. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Walden to accept the **MINUTES** of the April 16, 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 Cheryl Seil.
- Thank you card from Patricia Gabrielson.
- Letter from State Senator Pat McGuire regarding attending the May or possibly June Board Meeting.
- Letter from State Representative Larry Walsh Jr., regarding attending the May or possibly June Board Meeting.
- Letter from the Circuit Clerk for the receipt of fine money totaling \$342.98 for the period April 1, 2012 to April 30, 2012.
- Letter from the Circuit Clerk for the receipt of fine money totaling \$75.63 for the period March 1, 2012 to March 31, 2012.
- Letter from Will County Clerk Nancy Schultz Voots regarding the early voting dates for the April 2013 Consolidated Election.
- The Timbers of Shorewood Newsletter
- Letter and information from the Village of Rockdale asking the Road and Bridge District and the Town Fund to participate in a Joint Review Board for a possible TIF District in Rockdale.

**CYBER NICHE REPORT:** – Jim Lynch reported that the Cyber Niche is still seeing activity and people are still showing interest.

**REPORTS OF TRUSTEES / COMMITTEES:**

**TRUSTEE LARRY RYAN** –Trustee Ryan asked that the payroll certifications for prevailing wage be attached to the actual invoice which is being paid. Trustee Ryan also asked if the Township had a Responsible Bidders Ordinance on file. Administrator Dylik commented that she would need to review past Township files to answer this and get back to him.

**TRUSTEE BRETT WHEELER** – Trustee Wheeler reported that the Health Insurance Committee met on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 to review four possible health insurance proposals presented by the Candos Agency. Wheeler further reported that Humana came in with the lowest proposal which included equitable coverage and availability of providers. He further noted that Humana’s proposal is about 38% lower than the Township’s current rates with Blue Cross Blue Shield. After reviewing references, the committee met again on May 21, 2012 and voted to recommend the change to Humana. Supervisor Baltz asked that the record reflect that there were substantial changes in the group’s demographics which is why there was a substantial decrease in cost.

**TRUSTEE JOHN THEOBALD** – Trustee Theobald commented that he attended TOI’s Topics Day in Springfield along with Trustee Walden, Commissioner Ward, Assessor Anderson and Collector Ethridge. While there, the group met with State Representative Tom Cross’ Chief of Staff and they were able to thank them for their assistance with the grant funding for the handicapped accessible doors and salt shed improvement projects.

**TRUSTEE DONALD WALDEN** – Trustee Walden reported that there is still one veteran from Troy Township receiving assistance. Walden also reported that he had a Trustee’s Division meeting in Bloomington in preparation for the November TOI Annual Educational Conference. Walden also reported that he believes Troy Township is running better than at least 90% of the other township’s in the State; complimenting the road district, the newsletter, the shredding event, etc. Supervisor Baltz thanked Trustee Walden for publically serving on the TOI Board for the Trustee’s Division. Supervisor Baltz noted how important Walden’s service is to Troy Township, Will County and the entire State.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Highway Commissioner Ward commented that staff has been very busy cleaning ditches, cutting branches and patching roads.

**ASSESSOR’S REPORT:** Assessor Anderson noted that field staff is nearing completion of verifying the home improvements. There are 64 residential partial assessments that will be brought to full in 2012; this will add approximately \$2,500,000 in assessed value. There are only 4 commercial partial assessments that will be brought to full in 2012; this will add approximately \$1,400,000 in assessed value. The mix of properties in the township is about 95% residential vs. 5% commercial. Staff continues to update the CAMA system. Tax bills have been mailed and the majority of the bills have gone down. There are some issues with seniors who have lost their assessment freeze because the assessments have gone down and are currently below what they were frozen at therefore seniors are seeing an increase in their tax bill because the tax rates have gone up. The 2012 assessments are almost complete and all residential partials will be seeing a reduction. Based on the sales ratio study and using a three year average by the State of Illinois, our township needed to be lowered 8.41% which is approximately \$92,000,000 in assessed value. The appeal process will start in August so the assessed value could go down more based on the outcome of the appeal. Assessor Anderson thanked Commissioner Ward for his assistance while the township van was broken down.

**TOWNSHIP COLLECTOR’S REPORT:** Collector Ethridge thanked the Candos Agency for the proposal on the health care insurance and thanked Administrator Dylik for her research on the Humana references.

**TOWNSHIP CLERK REPORT:** Clerk McFarland asked for a time line and information from the Supervisor’s office about mosquito spraying and asked if we can put information on our website about it.

**TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:** Administrator Dylík reported that on Wednesday May 30, 2012 at 1:00pm there will be a short Senior Memorial Board Presentation where former Senior Director's Jackie Countryman and Shirley Colaric will present our seniors with a memorial board plaque honoring the names of those seniors who have passed away.

On Saturday June 9, 2012 the township will be hosting a Community Expo and Open House from 9am until noon. The Expo will include vendors/exhibitors, dj, bounce house, touch a truck with the Highway Department and Troy Fire Protection District, the pace car from Chicagoland Speedway plus much more is in the works. Dylík requested the attendance of the elected officials if their schedule allows. It will be a great opportunity to meet the residents of the township.

Dylík gave some general announcements:

- Community Room – Calendar Distributed.
- The Offices and Community Center will be closed on Monday, May 28, 2012 for the Memorial Day Holiday.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:** Supervisor Baltz noted that the township is running great and that we are staying within budget.

Trustee Ryan asked Administrator Dylík to give an example of when the General Assistance Catastrophic Insurance would be needed. Dylík explained that by Illinois State Statute, the township must make medical coverage available to GA clients. This coverage can be through free clinics. However, if a GA client has an emergency situation, is in an accident, etc. and is taken to a hospital that does not offer free care, the township is responsible for those costs. Dylík noted that these examples were available during the budget review process and that she would forward them to Trustee Ryan for his review.

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

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

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

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Supervisor Baltz opened the meeting again for public comment. Resident Barry Damon from Camelot Woods asked to give an update on the utility issue in that community. Mr. Damon noted that the residents are still fighting Camelot Utilities and that an administrative law judge has ordered a new hearing. Supervisor Baltz thanked Mr. Damon for keeping the board informed and asked him to let Administrator Dylík know if they need anything from the township.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Wheeler motioned; seconded by Trustee Ryan to change the township's health insurance from Blue Cross Blue Shield to Humana effective July 1, 2012. Motion carried.

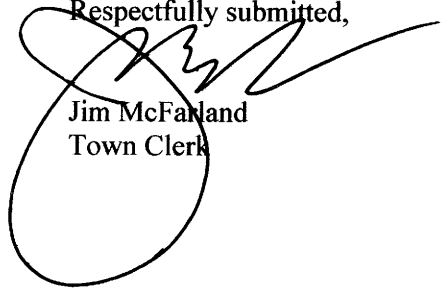
Supervisor Baltz asked for any other new business. After asking twice Supervisor Baltz asked for a motion to go into closed session to approve the minutes from the last closed session.

Motion made by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Theobald to go into closed session to approve the minutes from the last closed session. Motion carried at 7:36pm.

Motion made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Walden to come back into regular session. Motion carried at 7:38pm.

A **motion to adjourn** was made by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Theobald. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim McFarland  
Town Clerk

