

Minutes of the Troy Township Board Meeting

Monday, June 18, 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 Collector Kristin Ethridge.

Role call taken.

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

Absent were: Trustee John Theobald - EA
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.

Supervisor Baltz noted for the record that Item V on the agenda titled "Minutes of Public Hearing On April 16, 2012" should be removed from the agenda. This item was acted upon in the May 21, 2012 Board Meeting and was left on the agenda in error.

Motion made by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to accept the MINUTES of the May 21, 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 call was received and documented from a Ron Lee Court resident complimenting the Highway Department on their hard work.
- Thank you call was received and documented from Bob Demos of 1116 Magnolia complimenting the Highway Department on their hard work.
- Thank you letter from Troy Fire Protection District Training Division for the township letting them use our parking lot for training.
- Township Clerks of Illinois Application for Clerk of the Year Award.
- May 2012 Report from Clarke Mosquito.
- Invitation from Will County Environmental Network for a roundtable meeting concerning ground water quality in Will County.
- TOIRMA Newsletter.
- Will County Center for Community Concerns Newsletter.
- IMRF Money Matters Newsletter.

- IMRF Fundamentals.

CYBER NICHE REPORT: – No Report.

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES / COMMITTEES:

TRUSTEE LARRY RYAN –No Report.

TRUSTEE BRETT WHEELER – Trustee Wheeler reported that the Will County Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing regarding the application from DLG Investments, LLC. The Township Planning Commission previously held a hearing and the Board concurred with the Planning Commission to recommend approval.

TRUSTEE JOHN THEOBALD – No Report.

TRUSTEE DONALD WALDEN – Trustee Walden reported that there is still one veteran in Troy Township receiving assistance. The Exchange Club of Joliet is driving around and taking the names of individuals who are flying their American Flag 24/7 and are awarding those individual who are flying it correctly and to code. Trustee Walden noted that he is receiving the award from the Exchange Club on Tuesday, June 19, 2012. Supervisor Baltz congratulated Trustee Walden on his award.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT: Highway Commissioner Ward commented that he and his staff have been very busy with ditching, tree trimming and branch pick up. Commissioner Ward publically thanked his employees for donating their time and volunteering to staff the Township's Community Expo held on June 9, 2012.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Assessor Anderson stated that July 6, 2012 is the cut off for reassessments. She and her staff have finished the process and have downloaded the necessary information to the county. Now that this is complete an overall lowering of 6.41% (through a negative multiplier applied by the County) will be done to every residential parcel. Individual neighborhoods that were reassessed will receive reassessment notices. Those that were not, will be lowed via the negative multiplier of 6.41% by the county but will not receive individual notices. October 26, 2012 is the deadline for new construction and field staff has been out capturing that data. Assessment notices will be mailed out August 3, 2012 and will be published August 8th and August 9th. September 10, 2012 is the deadline to file an appeal.

TOWNSHIP COLLECTOR'S REPORT: Collector Ethridge distributed the distribution calendar for general real estate taxes and mobile home taxes. The Road and Bridge Fund, to date, has received \$258,512.38 or 43% of the Half Share of \$606,241.22 from the 2011 Extended Levy of \$1,125,869.49. The Town Fund, to date, has received \$406,946.61 or 43% of the 2011 Extended Levy of \$953,612.83. The Will County Treasurer is putting together a taxing portal for all taxing districts.

TOWNSHIP CLERK REPORT: Clerk McFarland reminded everyone to review their Township Perspectives for the Salary Summary. Trustee Walden and Supervisor Baltz cautioned that special attention needs to be paid to each township's population, zoning etc., not all information is apples to apples.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Baltz distributed the Community Center Calendar, noting also that he chaired the Public Relations, Services and Outreach Committee meeting held at 6:30pm prior to the Board Meeting. Supervisor Baltz thanked Clerk McFarland, Administrator Dylik and Office Clerk Lisa Imbody for their assistance in putting the expo together. The committee meeting was a brainstorming session in preparation for the 2013 expo.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Administrator Dylik thanked Clerk McFarland for all of his assistance with the expo. She also gave special thanks to Highway Commissioner Ward, his family and his staff. Without their assistance the event would not have gone as smoothly as it did. Attendance was estimated at approximately 177 people.

Dylik reported that on Tuesday, June 12th the Illinois Secretary of State's office used our community center for their Mobile Driver's Services Unit and for a Rules of the Road review course. Approximately 30 seniors participated in the review course and were then able to renew their license at the mobile services unit.

General Announcements:

- The Offices and Community Center will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th for Independence Day.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

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

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

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

Trustee Ryan asked Commissioner Ward why the ComEd bill was higher than it had been. Commissioner Ward explained that the bill was not paid while some errors were corrected with ComEd removing street lights from the bill that were not the township's responsibility. Therefore, the bill paid today is representative of three months of billing.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Baltz reported that the first part of the grant funds, which were received with the assistance of Representative Tom Cross, have been expended and the handicap accessible doors are operational. A small ribbon cutting ceremony will be held with Representative Cross and Mayor Chapman to promote the accessibility of the building.

Supervisor Baltz asked for any other old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk McFarland presented Resolution 12-13R-05 A Resolution of the Township of Troy, Will County, Illinois Adopting Procedures Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Administrator Dylik stated that the resolution is to update the FOIA Contacts for the Assessor's office at Scott Koca, Deputy Assessor and Julie Thomas, Office Clerk as the alternate. Motion made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Walden to adopt Resolution 12-13R-05. Roll Call Vote: Wheeler-Aye; Theobald-Absent; Ryan-Aye; Walden-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Absent. Motion carried.

Clerk McFarland presented Ordinance 12-13-06 An Ordinance of the Township of Troy, Will County, Illinois Ascertaining the Prevailing Rate of Wages for Laborers, Workmen and Mechanics Employed on Public Works of Said Township. Motion made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Ryan to adopt Ordinance 12-13-06. Roll Call Vote: Wheeler-Aye; Theobald-Absent; Ryan-Aye; Walden-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Absent. Motion carried.

Supervisor Baltz recapped that at the beginning of the fiscal year 2012-2013 the Board approved having an attorney from Mahoney, Silverman and Cross physically present at township board meetings with a review of its effectiveness and necessity at the end of the first quarter. Supervisor Baltz asked for board comments.

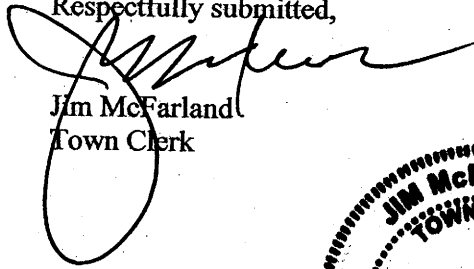
Discussion was held and noted that Mahoney, Silverman and Cross will continue to represent the township and be the township's attorney but will be consulted on an as needed basis even if not in attendance at every meeting. Trustee Wheeler reminded that the question is not whether to continue legal services or not but whether to have counsel present at every meeting. Motion made by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to only have legal counsel physically present at township board meetings on an on-call "as-needed" basis. Motion carried.

Supervisor Baltz asked twice for any other news business.

Supervisor Baltz opened the meeting for announcements from the Board. Clerk McFarland invited everyone to a June 23, 2012 event at the Forest Preserve District.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Ryan. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim McFarland
Town Clerk

