

Minutes of the Troy Township Board Meeting

Monday, August 20, 2012

7:00 p.m.

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 Trustee Larry Ryan.

Role call taken.

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

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

Also in Attendance: Administrator Jennifer Dylik

Quorum is established.

Supervisor Baltz opened the meeting for citizen comments.

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

Supervisor Baltz introduced Gina Wysocki who then gave a presentation about the Will County Poor Farm, its history, restoration and the mural built in dedication of the Poor Farm.

Supervisor Baltz deviated from the agenda to present New Business Item A: Resolution 12-13R-07 A Resolution Honoring Gina Wysocki. Motion made by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Theobald to approve Resolution 12-13R-07. Roll Call Vote: Theobald-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Walden-Aye; Ryan-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Resolution 12-13R-07 has passed.

Motion made by Trustee Theobald; seconded by Trustee Walden to accept the **MINUTES** of the July 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:

- Postcard from Steve Orlando
- Friends of the Community 25th Anniversary Open House at Will County Center for Community Concerns on September 19, 2012
- Thank you letter from Senator Pat McGuire
- Thank you letter from the Channahon Park District to the Highway Department thanking them for participating in a recent touch-a-truck event
- Will County Board of Review notices for:
 - Comunidad Christiana Church at 1002 129th Infantry Drive
 - Jewel Food Store at 199 Brookforest Ave., Shorewood

- Force America at 500 Brookforest, Shorewood
- July Season Perspective from Clarke Mosquito
- Workforce Services Division of Will County Job Fair on August 29, 2012
- Will County Economic Update for 2nd Quarter 2012
- Forest Preserve District of Will County 2011 Progress Report

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

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

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

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

CYBER NICHE REPORT: – Jim Lynch reported the Cyber Niche is still going, and is open the first and third Friday of each month, as well as for individual sessions scheduled during the week. The response continues to be positive and people genuinely appreciate that the programs are available to them.

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES / COMMITTEES:

TRUSTEE LARRY RYAN –No report.

TRUSTEE BRETT WHEELER – No report.

TRUSTEE JOHN THEOBALD – Trustee Theobald reported that a date will be set in the very near future for a Salary Committee meeting.

TRUSTEE DONALD WALDEN – Trustee Walden reported that there is still one veteran in Troy Township receiving assistance. The individual has been on assistance for awhile now, so allotted funds will be running out soon.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT: Highway Commissioner Ward reported that the process of tar and chip is slowly going to be phased out in Troy Township. Commissioner Ward is working with the County to complete the Motor Fuel Tax work that will happen on Baskin Drive.

Commissioner Ward asked to recognize The Chicago White Water Association for their clean up efforts along Canal road. They contacted the Highway Department to pick up the collected trash, which totaled six large bags of garbage. Motion made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Theobald to thank and recognize the efforts made by the Chicago White Water Association. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Assessor Anderson reported that the revised assessment notices were mailed out on August 3, 2012, and published in the Joliet Herald News on August 8, 2012, and August 9, 2012. To date, the Assessor's office has worked with numerous taxpayers both on the phone and in person; having accepted 82 pieces of evidence for review so far. She and her staff are reviewing evidence to see if the EAV should be lowered further. The deadline to file formal appeals with the Board of Review is September 10, 2012. Evening hours have started for appeals on Thursdays from 6 – 8 p.m. and will continue through September 6th. Board of Review hearings are expected to begin in late September. Scott Koca and Assessor Anderson both attended the annual Board of Review meeting on August 1, 2012.

TOWNSHIP COLLECTOR'S REPORT: The Road and Bridge Fund, to date, has received seven disbursements of real estate taxes for a total distribution of \$317,071.78 or 53% of the Half Share of \$606,241.22, from the 2011 Extended Levy of \$1,125,869.49. The Town Fund has also received seven disbursements of real estate taxes for a total distribution to date of \$498,072.21 representing 53% of the 2011 Extended Levy of \$953,612.83.

TOWNSHIP CLERK REPORT: Clerk McFarland announced that once the 2012 Audit is approved it will be posted to the website.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Administrator Dylík thanked everyone who helped with the newsletter and submitted articles. The newsletter is currently at the printer, who is finishing up the design/layout portion of the process. It is still expected to be in residents' mailboxes at the end of September or first week of October. Dylík made the following announcements:

- The next shredding event will be on October 13th from 9 – 11 a.m. The Shorewood Police will partner with the Township again to do a medication disposal/collection.
- The offices of the Supervisor & Assessor as well as the Community Center and Highway Department will be closed on September 3, 2012, for the Labor Day Holiday.
- A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2012, at approximately 9:45 a.m, for the new handicapped accessible doors.
- On Tuesday, October 2, 2012, Senior Services Center of Will County will hold a flu shot clinic at the Township.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Baltz further commented on Dylík's report adding that there will be a moment of silence at the September 11, 2012, ribbon cutting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Baltz asked for any old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Baltz presented Resolution 12-13R-08, a Resolution Establishing the General Assistance Flat Grant Monthly Payment Levels for Troy Township for Adult, Family and Child Only Cases. Administrator Dylík commented that there is no change in the dollar amount being paid and that through training, General Assistance Case Worker Lisa Imbody has learned that it is best practice to formalize these payment levels in the form of a resolution. Motion made by Trustee Theobald; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to approve Resolution 12-13R-08. Roll Call Vote. Walden-Aye; Ryan-Aye, Theobald-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Resolution 12-13R-08 has passed.

Supervisor Baltz presented the Audit Report prepared by David A. Marchio, CPA, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2012. Motion made by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Ryan to accept the 2012 Audit as presented. Roll Call Vote. Walden-Aye; Ryan-Aye, Theobald-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. The motion to accept the Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2012 has passed.

Supervisor Baltz asked twice for any other news business.

Supervisor Baltz opened the meeting for announcements. No announcements were made.

Supervisor Baltz requested a motion to go into closed session to approve the minutes from the last closed session and to review any closed session minutes on file to determine if those minutes need to remain closed as is required every six months. Motion made by Trustee Theobald; seconded by Trustee Ryan to go into closed session. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Walden to come back into regular session. Motion carried.

A **motion to adjourn** was made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Theobald. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim McFarland
Town Clerk

