

Minutes of the Troy Township Board Meeting
Monday, May 20, 2013
7:06 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 Brett Wheeler.

Roll call:

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

Absent were: Collector Sharon Cemen Hicks - EA EA – Excused Absence; L – Late Arrival

Also in Attendance: Administrator Jennifer Dylk

Quorum is established.

Supervisor Baltz opened the meeting for citizen comments. After asking three times for any citizen comments, Supervisor Baltz closed the meeting for citizen comment.

Motion made by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Walden to accept the MINUTES of the April 15, 2013, Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Theobald to accept the MINUTES of the May 16, 2013, swearing in ceremony. Motion carried.

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

Supervisor Baltz deviated from the agenda and presented New Business Item b, Resolution 13-14R-08, a Resolution of the Township of Troy, Will County, Illinois, honoring Jim McFarland. Motion by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Walden to adopt Resolution 13-14R-08. Roll call vote. Wheeler-Aye; Walden-Aye; Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Thank you note from Madeline Mahoney to the Highway Commissioner complimenting him on his responsiveness.
- Thank you email from Ryland Homes complimenting Assessor Anderson and her staff.
- Invitation from the Village of Shorewood to the Inaugural Memorial Day Celebration.

- Congratulatory notes from State Representative Larry Walsh, Jr. and State Representative Tom Cross on the recent election.
- Memo from the Village of Shorewood regarding registering for NIXLE communications.
- From the Will County Circuit Clerk, fine money totaling \$142.38 for the month of March, 2013.
- From the Will County Circuit Clerk, fine money totaling \$201.40 for the month of April, 2013.
- Status report from Clarke Mosquito for the month of May 2013.
- Congratulatory letter from the Chairman of Pace on the recent election.
- 2012 Annual Report from the Joliet Area Community Hospice.
- Timbers of Shorewood Newsletter.

CYBER NICHE REPORT: – Jim Lynch reported that the Cyber Niche continues to have interest and the people who come seem to enjoy the service. The Cyber Niche volunteers are hosting a class on May 23rd titled “Is a Tablet Right for you?”.

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES / COMMITTEES:

TRUSTEE LARRY RYAN –No report.

TRUSTEE BRETT WHEELER – No report.

TRUSTEE JOHN THEOBALD – No report.

TRUSTEE DONALD WALDEN –Trustee Walden reported that there will be a Memorial Day celebration at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Trustee Walden also noted that he was sorry to not be able to attend the swearing in ceremony on May 16th. In the past, the swearing in ceremony has always occurred at the Board Meeting and unfortunately he already had a prior commitment on the May 16th date.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT: Highway Commissioner Ward reported that the Highway Department had a busy month with the April flooding. Highway Commissioner Ward distributed photos of the damage which occurred to Canal Road due the flooding and thanked Richard Kubinski Excavating for their work to assist in securing and repairing the damage caused by the flooding. The week prior to the flooding, proactive work had been completed which included jetting pipes and culverts. This turned out to be very beneficial when the rain started. Trustee Ryan commented that the water receded fairly quickly in his area and asked if applications had been submitted to FEMA. Highway Commissioner Ward confirmed that yes, applications for partial reimbursement have been submitted to FEMA through the Will County EMA. Highway Commissioner Ward commented that it might be beneficial for the federal government or the Army Corps of Engineers to review the current flow of the river and address issues within the river including current island locations. The islands re-direct the flow of water and compromise the shorelines and roads along the river. As seen during the recent flooding, the re-direction of the flow of water can do serious damage; such as the damage that occurred along Canal Road.

Supervisor Baltz deviated from the agenda and welcomed former Township Clerk Jim McFarland to the meeting. Current Township Clerk Kristin Ethridge presented Mr. McFarland with Resolution 13-14R-08; a resolution honoring Mr. McFarland for his service to the Township as Trustee from December 2006 to December 2011 and then as Clerk from January 2012 to May 2013. Mr. McFarland thanked the Township for the resolution and complimented the Township on how

open and transparent it is run. Mr. McFarland noted that he looks forward to continuing his relationship with the Township as he serves at Joliet City Councilman and will make sure the Township is kept aware of all issue coming their way.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Assessor Anderson reported that Rhonda Novak, Supervisor of Assessments, was in for her annual visit on May 8th. Field staff has been out measuring new construction and improvements to existing homes. The remainder of the staff has been working on 2013 reassessments which are due by June 5, 2013. Assessor Anderson thanked Administrator Dylík for her help with the budget and also for everything else she helps with. It is appreciated.

TOWNSHIP COLLECTOR'S REPORT: No report.

TOWNSHIP CLERK REPORT: Clerk Ethridge distributed the general real estate tax disbursement schedule obtained from Will County Treasurer Steve Weber. To date, the Town Fund has received \$32,934.14; approximately 3% of the 2012 extended levy of \$972,036.63. To date, the Road and Bridge Fund has received \$21,267.51; approximately 3% of the half share of \$616,604.84 of the 2012 extended levy of \$1,147,364.20.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Baltz reported that the Celebrating Seniors magazine published by Senior Services Center of Will County in honor of Senior Week 2013 included some of our Troy Seniors and their quotes of "words to live by". Supervisor Baltz read a few of the quotes aloud. Supervisor Baltz also announced the TOI will be holding a Boot Camp for newly elected officials in Lisle on July 18th. Lastly, Supervisor Baltz announced that Senior Services Center of Will County will be serving meals again on Wednesdays starting June 5th. The Wednesday meal program had previously been cut due to lack of funding from the State. The community room continues to be busy and the calendar has been distributed.

Supervisor Baltz presented "Big 5 – Short/Long Term Goals 2013-2017" and noted that these Big 5 Goals were discussed in length over the past few months with Administrator Dylík, Highway Commissioner Ward and Assessor Anderson. It is a combination of goals to hopefully be accomplished over the next term and can be broken down into five categories: facilities, staffing, relationships, finances and new services. Supervisor Baltz reviewed each category and asked the Board for their comments and feedback. Supervisor Baltz noted that these are ideas and suggestions and "what if" scenarios that are being examined. He further noted that this is a working document that will be added to and modified as needed but provides some written focus as to the Township's goals.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Administrator Dylík commented on the Celebrating Seniors resource guide and noted that the Troy Township Senior Center Director, Lisa Imbody, was invited by Senior Services to participate in the collaboration of the guide's content. Dylík complimented Imbody for being chosen and noted the references to the Township's nutrition program in the resource guide.

Administrator Dylík reported that the shredding event held on April 20th was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who volunteered. 263 cars came through to participate in either the shredding, medication disposal or both. To date, our highest number of cars had been in October of 2012 at 217.

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incentives and rebates available to them to help make their homes more energy efficient. The program is through the Energy Impact Illinois program.

Dylik informed the Board that Thursday, June 6th is the Township's first night exhibiting at the Village of Shorewood's Music and Movies in the Park. Volunteers are needed to set up, staff, and take down our Township booth. Please let Dylik know if you can volunteer. Help is needed from 5:30 p.m. until approximately 9:00 – 9:30 p.m. Other dates for this event are July 25th and August 22nd.

Dylik announced that the Illinois Secretary of State will host a Super Senior Event in the Community Center on Tuesday, June 11th from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The Super Senior Event will consist of a Rules of the Road review course as well as the Mobile Drivers' Services Unit.

The Troy Township Highway Department, Supervisor's Office, Assessor's Office and Community Center will be closed on Monday, May 27th for the Memorial Day Holiday.

Dylik commented that she, Trustee Walden and Clerk Ethridge all attended the Township Officials of Illinois Topics Day on May 7, 2013, in Springfield, IL. The day was very productive and included one-on-one meetings with State Representative Tom Cross and Representative Larry Walsh, Jr. and also included a phone conference with State Senator Pat McGuire.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Baltz asked twice for any old business. No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Trustee Theobald; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to close the bidding and open all bids received for the bid "Troy Road District sale of personal property with a sale value of \$2,500 or less (60ILCS 1/30-50) for the personal property described as follows: 1996 4900 International Dump Truck with central hydraulic system, including 12 ft. box and plow. 55,000 miles. Equipment is being sold as is." Motion carried.

Clerk Ethridge opened and read the bids aloud:

- Bid from Roger Bradley for \$500.00
- Bid from Zita K. Blatti for \$600.00

Clerk Ethridge noted that the bid was advertised in the Farmer's Weekly Review on March 21, 2013. Highway Commissioner Ward recommends to accept the highest bid and that the bid seemed within a range of true value. Highway Commissioner Ward distributed a picture of the truck being sold.

Motion made by Trustee Theobald; seconded by Trustee Ryan to accept the highest bid of \$600.00 from Zita K. Blatti for the 1996 4900 International Dump Truck as advertised for bid on March 21, 2013. Motion carried.

Supervisor Baltz asked twice for any other new business.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

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

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

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

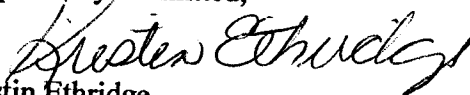
Supervisor Baltz presented the invoice from the Joliet Regional Chamber of Commerce for Membership Dues to be included with the above Town Fund bills. Trustee Walden discussed the benefits of the Chamber, the number of Township residents and businesses that are part of Joliet and the relationships that are maintained through the Chamber. Motion by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to include the Joliet Regional Chamber of Commerce Membership Dues invoice. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to go into **closed session** to do the required six month review of closed sessions minutes from the closed sessions held November 2012 and December 2012. Motion carried.

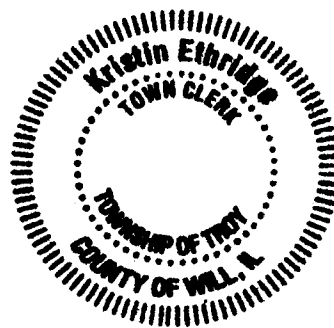
Motion made by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Theobald to come back into regular session. Motion carried. Supervisor Baltz noted that no action was taken in closed session.

A **motion to adjourn** was made by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Walden. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristin Ethridge
Town Clerk



Minutes of the Troy Township Board

Closed Session

Monday, May 20, 2013

Approximately 7:56 p.m.

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

Present were:

Supervisor Joseph Baltz
Trustee John Theobald
Trustee Brett Wheeler
Administrator Jennifer Dylak

Trustee Larry Ryan
Trustee Donald Walden
Clerk Kristin Ethridge
Highway Commissioner Thomas Ward

Supervisor Baltz called the closed session to order.

The purpose of this closed session is to complete the required six month review of closed session minutes to determine if they must remain closed. Up for review are closed session minutes from:

Monday, November 19, 2012

Monday, December 17, 2012

Dylak reported that both sets of minutes are regarding John E. Rulec v. Troy Township Highway Department, Illinois Worker's Compensation Case Number 12 WC 38882, an Application for Adjustment of Claim.

Dylak spoke with TOIRMA on Monday, May 13, 2013, and was informed that both the attorney for TOIRMA and the attorney for the claimant John Rulec attend the hearing with the Worker's Compensation Arbitrator on May 2, 2013. Although both attorneys were in agreement to dismiss the claim, the Arbitrator would not grant the dismissal and requested a Motion to Dismiss be filed. That Motion to Dismiss is being filed by TOIRMA's attorney and the new hearing date with the arbitrator is set for July 1, 2013.

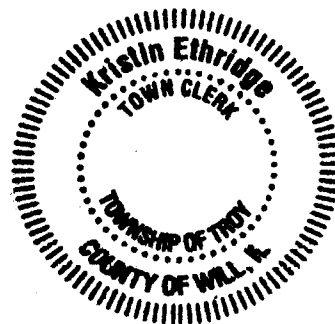
Motion by Trustee Theobald; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to keep the minutes from both sessions closed and review in six months or when an update on the case is available. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Walden to adjourn the closed session and return to regular session. Motion carried.

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Opened by the Troy Township Board 12-16-13