

Minutes of the Troy Township Board Meeting

Monday, July 22, 2013

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 Highway Commissioner Thomas R. Ward.

Roll call:

Present were:	Supervisor Joseph D. Baltz	Clerk Kristin Ethridge
	Trustee Larry Ryan	Trustee John Theobald
	Trustee Donald Walden	Trustee Brett Wheeler
	Highway Commissioner Tom Ward	Collector Sharon Cemeno Hicks

Absent were:	Assessor Kim Anderson - EA	EA – Excused Absence; L – Late Arrival
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Also in Attendance: Administrator Jennifer Dylik

Quorum is established.

Supervisor Baltz opened the meeting for citizen comments and introduced the first guest speaker, Illinois State Senator Pat McGuire of the 43rd District.

Senator McGuire spoke to the Board and gave a brief recap of activities in Springfield including the topics of budget, jobs and pensions.

Supervisor Baltz introduced guest speaker Ken Kaupas, Deputy Chief with the Will County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Kaupas spoke to the Board about current activities at the Sheriff's office including budget and staffing needs.

Supervisor Baltz asked for any other citizen comments. No citizen comments. Supervisor Baltz closed the meeting for citizen comment.

Motion made by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Theobald to accept the **MINUTES** of the June 17, 2013, **Regular 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 letter from resident Michael Sheldon complimenting Scott Koca and the Assessor's office.
- Thank you note from Township senior Elsie Rossi.
- Local Officials Day at the State Fair is Saturday, August 10th.

- Received fine money from the Office of the Circuit Court Clerk total \$17.80 for the period of June 1, 2013, to June 30, 2013.
- Will County Board of Review Assessment Reduction (over 100,000) Notice for:
 - 2701 Black Road, Unit 3, Joliet - Harris Bank & Trust
 - 91 Airport Road, Joliet - Citgo Gas Station
 - 2700 McDonough, Joliet – Old Caterpillar Building
- Letter from Natalie Manley declining the invitation to the Troy Township Administrator's Group meeting.
- Congratulatory letter from State Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka to the entire Board congratulating all on the recent elections.
- Thank you letter from Senior Services Center of Will County to Lisa Imbody for her assistance in preparing for and executing the events for Senior Week.
- Clarke Mosquito June 2013 Report.
- Nomination forms from TOI for the Trustee's Division Award for Excellence in Public Service.
- Annual Report from the Will County Center for Community Concerns.
- Newsletter from the Timbers of Shorewood.
- Summer in Shorewood flyer from the Shorewood Chamber and Village of Shorewood.
- IMRF Fundamentals
- Township Perspective Magazine

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

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

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

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

CYBER NICHE REPORT: – Jim Lynch reported that the Cyber Niche continues to have interest and activity. Supervisor Baltz thanked Mr. Lynch for work and the work of the other volunteers.

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES / COMMITTEES:

TRUSTEE LARRY RYAN – No report.

TRUSTEE BRETT WHEELER – Trustee Wheeler reported that the Health Insurance Committee met on Wednesday, July 17, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. Steve Orlando from the Candos Agency was present at the meeting and reported to the Committee on upcoming change as a result of the Affordable Care Act. Mr. Orlando presented the Committee with figures from Humana showing an option for the Township to request an early renewal date of December 1, 2013, with an estimated premium increase between 3% - 13% or for the Township to not make any changes, keep the renewal date of July 1,

2014, and expect a premium increase between 5% - 15%. The Committee decided not to make a recommendation to the Board to change the renewal date of the health insurance plan and to leave the policy renewal date as-is for July 1, 2014. The Committee expects to meet again in January of 2014 to start reviewing the July 2014 renewal.

TRUSTEE JOHN THEOBALD – No report.

TRUSTEE DONALD WALDEN –Trustee Walden reported that the Veterans Assistance Commission had an audit performed; the results of which he will receive this evening. Trustee Walden noted that the Superintendent of the VAC has resigned and a new appointment is expected.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT: Highway Commissioner Ward reported that crews are very busy.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Clerk Ethridge read a report from Assessor Anderson: Assessment change notices will be mailed from the County on August 2, 2013. The publication date in the Joliet Herald News is August 7, 2013. The appeals deadline to the County Board of Review is September 9, 2013. Assessor Anderson encourages tax payers to visit the Troy Township Assessor's office to discuss any appeals before filing with the County. Evening hours for appeals will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays from August 15, 2013, to September 5, 2013.

TOWNSHIP COLLECTOR'S REPORT: No report.

TOWNSHIP CLERK REPORT: Supervisor Baltz noted that as of Tuesday, July 23, 2013, Clerk Ethridge will change here name to Kristin Dawn Cross. Clerk Ethridge reported that to date, the Town Fund has received \$488,739.56; approximately 50% of the 2012 extended levy of \$972,036.63. To date, the Road and Bridge Fund has received \$311,015.50; approximately 50% 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 community room remains very active and the schedule has been distributed.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Administrator Dylik reported that she and Highway Commissioner Ward worked together to complete two applications for the 2014 IDOT Local Rail-Highway Crossing Safety Program. Two crossings in the unincorporated areas of Troy Township have lights but no gates. Applications to have gates installed were submitted for the crossing on County Line Road and the crossing on Shepley Road.

Highway Commissioner Ward and Dylik will attend the FEMA Kickoff meeting on Wednesday, July 24, 2013. This meeting will be to review the expenses incurred by the Highway Department as a result of the April 2013 flooding disaster.

The Township will be participating in the Movie in the Park "Business on the Bridge" event at the Village of Shorewood on Thursday, July 25, 2013. Set up will begin at approximately 5:45 p.m. The Township booth will serve as the drop off point for the food drive. Please touch base with Dylik if you can volunteer to staff the booth.

It is time again to start working on the fall newsletter. Any articles that you wish to have included in this edition should be delivered to Dylik by Thursday August 1, 2013. The time frame for delivery in resident's mail boxes is between the last week of September and the first week of October.

Troy Township will once again be participating in the Crossroads Fest Parade on Sunday, August 4, 2013. Thanks to Highway Commissioner Ward and his staff for their hard work and for preparing the vehicles for the parade. All Elected Officials, Planning Commission members, staff and their family members are invited to participate. If you would like to be in the parade, please RSVP to Lisa Imbody, Office Clerk.

Amy K. Photography will be here before the Board Meeting on Monday, August 19, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. to take a new group photo of the Elected Officials and also to take new headshots of all Elected Officials. Please dress in professional business attire, preferably with a dark colored (black or dark blue) suit jacket.

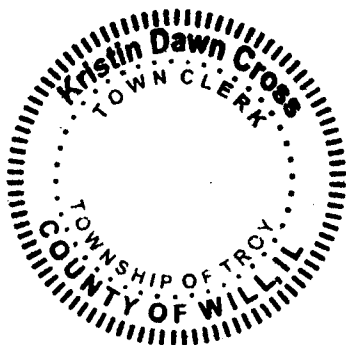
OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Baltz asked twice for any other new business. No new business.

Motion made by Trustee Theobald; seconded by Trustee Walden to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.



Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Dawn Cross
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Town Clerk