

Minutes of the Troy Township Board Meeting

Monday, August 19, 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 Collector Sharon Cemeno Hicks.

Roll call:

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

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

Also in Attendance: Administrator Jennifer Dyluk

Quorum is established.

Supervisor Baltz noted for clarity that a roll call vote will only be conducted for ordinances and in any other situations required by law. All other votes will be a voice vote where the Supervisor will ask “all those in favor say aye” and then “opposed”. All votes will be accepted as unanimous unless a Trustee specifically asks to be a no vote or to abstain when the Supervisor asks “opposed” for the vote.

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

Motion made by Trustee Theobald; seconded by Trustee Walden to accept the MINUTES of the July 22, 2013, Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

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

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Will County Board of Review Assessment Reduction (over 100,000) Notice for:
 - Out lot north of Home Depot on Black Road.
- Received fine money from the Office of the Circuit Court Clerk totaling \$44.49 for the period of July 1, 2013, to July 31, 2013.
- Clarke Mosquito July 2013 Report.
- Report from Lifeline Screening on the testing services they conducted at the Community Center.
- Flyer on State Representative Natalie Manley's "Understanding your Property Taxes" forum.
- Flyer on State Representative Larry Walsh, Jr. and Senator Pat McGuire's program regarding changes to the Disabilities Parking Program.
- UCP Connections Newsletter

CYBER NICHE REPORT: – Jim Lynch reported that the Cyber Niche had no activity for the last session.

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 he will be attending a TOI meeting in Bloomington in September. Further, Trustee Walden reported that the Superintendent of the VAC has resigned. The Interim Superintendent is very helpful and will work well with the Township's General Assistance staff. Trustee Walden further reported that the TOI Trustee's Division will be publishing a new Trustee Handbook in the near future.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT: Highway Commissioner Ward reported that crews are very busy. Highway Commissioner Ward and Administrator Dylik met with the FEMA Representative regarding the disaster declaration from the April flooding. The FEMA Representative was very impressed with how organized and how well the Township had documented its costs. Highway Commissioner Ward also thanked Lisa Imbody for her assistance in preparing for the 2013 Crossroads Festival Parade.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Assessor Anderson reported that the 2013 reassessment notices went out on August 2, 2013. The reassessments were published in the Joliet Herald News on August 7, 2013. The Assessor's office will be open for extended hours from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays thru September 5th for anyone who has assessment questions. The last day to file for an appeal with the Board of Review is Monday, September 9, 2013. Anyone who is unhappy with their assessment is encouraged to visit the Assessor's office. As of today, the Assessor's staff has assisted 65 clients compared to 75 at this same time last year. Assessor Anderson further reported that she attended the

tax forum hosted by State Representative Natalie Manley and Will County Supervisor of Assessments Rhonda Novak. The forum was attended by about 40 people and was very informative.

TOWNSHIP COLLECTOR'S REPORT: No report.

TOWNSHIP CLERK REPORT: Clerk Cross reported that to date, the Town Fund has received \$500,912.42; approximately 52% of the 2012 extended levy of \$972,036.63. To date, the Road and Bridge Fund has received \$318,712.92; approximately 52% of the half share of \$616,604.84 of the 2012 extended levy of \$1,147,364.20. The second installment of the 2012 taxes due in 2013 is due on September 3, 2013. The tentative date for the tax sale is December 4, 2013, to December 6, 2013. Clerk Cross commented that she is in agreement with the Supervisor's earlier comments regarding roll call votes and voice votes.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Baltz reported that the community room remains very active and the schedule has been distributed; noting that the room had recently been rented for a baby shower. Supervisor Baltz reported that the levies will be presented to the Board at the September meeting. A Finance Committee meeting will then be scheduled to review the levies.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Administrator Dylík reported that Thursday, August 22nd will be the last Business on the Bridge "Music in the Park" event. Volunteers are needed from approximately 5:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The fall newsletter is at the printer and in the layout and design phase. The newsletter is still on track to be delivered to resident's mailboxes the last week in September and/or the first week in October. Dylík thanked everyone that submitted articles for the publication.

Dylík announced that the Township Offices, Community Center and Highway Department will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2013, for the Labor Day Holiday.

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.

Supervisor Baltz stated that the Board will go into Closed Session for the purpose of reviewing any closed session minutes to determine if there is still a need for the minutes to remain closed.

Motion by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Walden to go into Closed Session at approximately 7:19 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Theobald; seconded by Trustee Ryan to come back into Regular Session at approximately 7:21 p.m.

Supervisor Baltz noted that no action will be taken as a result of the Closed Session.

Motion made by Trustee Theobald; seconded by Trustee Walden to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Dawn Cross
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Town Clerk

