

Minutes of the Troy Township Board Meeting
Monday, November 18, 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 Tom Ward.

Supervisor Baltz called for a moment of silence in memory of those who lost their lives in the recent tornados.

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

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

Supervisor Baltz opened the meeting for citizen comments.

Township resident, Mr. Barry Damon complimented Highway Commissioner Ward on the work that the Highway Department does. Mr. Damon expressed concerns about the semi-truck traffic coming down Frontage Road by the Camelot Subdivision. Mr. Damon asked that the Township intervene with the Village of Shorewood to work on a solution for the traffic.

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

Motion made by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Walden to accept the **MINUTES** of the October 21, 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:

- Letter from the Will County Clerk regarding Statements of Economic Interest.
- From the Office of the Circuit Court Clerk, fine money for the Road and Bridge Fund totaling \$645.89 for the period of October 1, 2013, to October 31, 2013.
- Second Annual Chili Cook-Off at Troy Fire Protection District on November 2, 2013.
- Pace Suburban Bus 2014 Annual Budget Summary

- Will County Center for Community Concerns Newsletter
- Timbers of Shorewood Newsletter
- Will-Grundy Center for Independent Living Newsletter

CYBER NICHE REPORT: – Jim Lynch reported that the Cyber Niche continues to work with residents and had approximately five individuals come in for assistance over the past month. Students continue to be very appreciative of the program.

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES / COMMITTEES:

TRUSTEE LARRY RYAN – Trustee Ryan reported that he attended the Annual TOI Conference in Springfield and attended a few very informative programs. One program discussed the levy and a township in Lake County that filed their levy for approximately \$1,000,000 but were limited by \$270,000 due the reduced EAV. Additionally that township has deficit spending of approximately \$60,000. In total that township was approximately \$330,000 in the hole for the year. This particular township was fortunate to have a seven figure reserve to cover the loss.

TRUSTEE BRETT WHEELER – Trustee Wheeler reported that he and Trustee Walden attended the Glenwood Manor Homeowners Association meeting where ComED discussed the electrical outage issues occurring in that subdivision.

TRUSTEE JOHN THEOBALD – Trustee Theobald reported that he attended the Annual TOI Conference in Springfield. He attended the Trustee’s division meeting where Trustee Walden was elected to another two year term on the TOI Trustee Division Board.

TRUSTEE DONALD WALDEN – Trustee Walden reported that he attended the Annual TOI Conference in Springfield which was very informative. Trustee Walden collected information for those who were unable to attend. Trustee Walden reported that at the end of the 2013-2017 term, Trustees will no longer be eligible to participate in IMRF, across the board.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT: Highway Commissioner Ward congratulated Trustee Walden and thanked him for the information. Crews are in full-blown leaf season and a few crew members were out on Sunday to clean up after the storms. The Troy Highway Department entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Will County Highway Department. The agreement is in place so that either entity could assist the other in the case of an emergency, shortage of workers or shortage of equipment/material. Additionally, the Highway Department entered into a Stipulated Agreement with the Illinois Commerce Commission for the Commission to do work on the rail road tracks on County Line Road. There is no cost to the Township for these improvements.

Trustee Walden complimented the Highway Department on the great job they are doing with the leaf pick service. He has received several compliments from residents on the service. Trustee Theobald complimented the Highway Department on the work they did patching the bridge over Interstate 80 by the Troy Baseball fields.

ASSESSOR’S REPORT: Assessor Anderson congratulated Trustee Walden on his election. Assessor Anderson reported that all residential hearings have been completed. Commercial hearings started today and will end on the 13th of December. The Township has received 67 commercial appeals. Of the 67 appeals received, 39 have been settled, one has withdrawn and eight offers are still pending. Staff is preparing evidence for the 19 to 20 hearing which will need to be attended. Decisions will not be received until after the Board of Review closes in January. Assessor Anderson

and Administrator Jennifer Dyluk attended the Estates of Hidden Creek Homeowners Association meeting. A small number of people attended but they were very appreciative of the information. Assessor Anderson complimented Dyluk on the program she presented.

Supervisor Baltz distributed a summary of the Will County Board of Review appeals received since the October report. In total, 24,790,778 in reductions have been requested. These figures only emphasize the importance of the role of the Assessor and she and her staff staying on top of every appeal.

TOWNSHIP COLLECTOR'S REPORT: Excused absence.

TOWNSHIP CLERK REPORT: Clerk Cross reported that she attended the Annual TOI Educational Conference in Springfield. While there, she attended a very informative seminar on the Open Meetings Act, Freedom of Information Act, and contracts and would highly recommend the program. While at the conference Clerk Cross also attended her first Township Clerks of Illinois meeting. Clerk Cross congratulated Trustee Walden on his election.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Baltz reported that Administrator Dyluk is out ill. A written report was provided and Supervisor Baltz read it aloud:

Under New Business you will be presented with a new FOIA Resolution No. 13-14R-16. The only change in this resolution from the current resolution is the designated FOIA Officer for the Assessor's office. We are asking that Janee Roedel be appointment to replace Scott Koca as the designated FOIA Officer for the Assessor's office.

On October 23, 2013, Assessor Anderson and I attended the Estate of Hidden Creek Homeowner Homeowners Association meeting as their guest speakers. I talked with them about Township Government including our history and services and Assessor Anderson discussed the property assessment process with them. The attendees were very grateful and appreciative of the information they received.

In follow up to our passing of the 2013 levies for both the Town Fund and the Road and Bridge Fund, I'd like to follow up with you on our year to date revenue receipts for the 2012 levies. With only one remaining scheduled payment due on December 19th (after the tax sale) the Town Fund has received only \$939,010.35 which is \$33,026.28 short of the extended levy of \$972,036.63. The Road and Bridge Fund has received only \$596,291.69 which is \$20,313.15 short of the extended half share of \$616,604.84. These figures magnify the fact that the trend of receiving fewer dollars in actual revenue than what was extended in the levy is continuing and increasing. To date, for the 2012 levy, the tax dollars received by the Town Fund for real estate taxes, mobile home taxes and rail road taxes have been reduced by \$11,669.12. For the Road and Bridge fund the reduction totals \$6,906.30. These reductions are made up of Back Tax Adjustments, SPTAB Refund Adjustments, Misc. Adjustments, and Court Ordered Refund Adjustments.

The township assessor's office, supervisor's office, Community Center and Highway Department will be closed on Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Motion made by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Theobald to go into closed session.

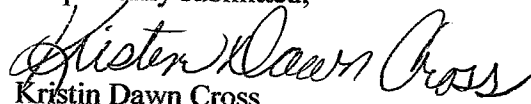
Supervisor Baltz noted that no action was taken in closed session.

Supervisor Baltz opened the meeting for general announcements.

Supervisor Baltz reminded everyone to check their email for the employee Christmas lunch invitation and the senior's Christmas lunch invitation.

Motion made by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Theobald to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristin Dawn Cross
Town Clerk

