

Minutes of the Troy Township Board Meeting

Monday, October 19, 2015

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.

Roll call:

Present were:	Supervisor Joseph D. Baltz	Clerk Kristin Dawn Cross
	Trustee Larry Ryan	Trustee John Theobald (arrives at 7:03pm)
	Trustee Donald Walden	Trustee Brett Wheeler
	Highway Commissioner Tom Ward	Assessor Kimberly Anderson

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

Also in Attendance: Administrator Jennifer Dyluk

Quorum is established.

Supervisor Baltz opened the meeting for citizen comment.

Several residents from the Fields of Shorewood subdivision were in attendance. Resident Anna Leon stated that the group was at the meeting to voice their anger over the assessed values on their homes, conflicting values amongst homes in that same area, their tax rate, the actual amount of their tax bills and also to ask for assistance in lowering their taxes because their builder/developer Ryland Homes informed them that taxes would be about 2.4% of their sales price and in actuality taxes are closer to 3.4%. A discussion was had regarding said topics along with discussing the inadequate funding of the owner's escrow accounts because of the misstatement by Ryland Homes.

Assessor Anderson provided a general explanation about how an assessment is calculated and that the tax bill is a result of the assessment less any exemptions multiplied by the tax rate; which the tax rate is a result of each taxing district's levy. Assessor Anderson offered to again meet with residents to go over any individual home assessments and encouraged the residents to contact each taxing body on their tax bill to voice their anger over the amount of taxes being collected. Assessor Anderson and Supervisor Baltz encouraged the residents to attend each taxing body's monthly meeting and also encouraged them to meet with the Village of Shorewood to inform them of the business practices of Ryland Homes.

Supervisor Baltz offered the use of the Community Room if the residents were interested in having a meeting to have the assessment process explained to them. Assessor Anderson will work with Will County to try and schedule an informational session for the Fields of Shorewood subdivision.

After the 45 minute discussion, Supervisor Baltz asked for any additional comments then closed the meeting for citizen comment.

Motion made by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to accept the **MINUTES** of the September 21, 2015, **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:

- Compliment for the Highway Department from Steve Deckelman
- Summary of the 100,000 requested reductions in valuation notices received; totaling 33 notices and over 45,957,529 in value.
- Title XX funds totaling \$1,531.22 were received from the City of Joliet.
- Fine money received from the Office of the Circuit Court Clerk totaling \$932.23 for the period of September 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015.
- Public hearing notice from the Will County Board, scheduled for October 14, 2015, regarding the expansion of the Laraway Recycling and Disposal Facility of Waste Management.
- Notice from the Illinois Department of Transportation for the Region One public meeting on October 14, 2015.
- Pre-hearing notice from the Illinois Commerce Commission served to all municipalities served by Ameren Illinois Company.
- Clarke Mosquito September report.
- Pace 2016 Budget
- IMRF Fundamentals
- Illinois Municipal Review

GADGET GURUS REPORT: –Administrator Dylik reported that the Gadget Gurus had 8 participates at the last open session. The Gadget Gurus are concerned about handling an increased volume while some volunteers leave town for the winter. The Gadget Gurus and are also interested in recruiting volunteers who have knowledge of mobile phones, tablets, etc. A recruitment flyer has been released and will be posted around town, emailed and posted to the Township's Facebook page.

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 attended the recent TOI Trustee Division meeting and the Division is working on events for the TOI Annual Conference.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT: Highway Commissioner Ward reported that crews are preparing for leaf vacuuming season.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Assessor Anderson reported that she and her staff are actively working on appeals. With this year being a quadrennial assessment year the number of appeals received was expected to go up over last year and they did. 92 residential appeals have been received compared to 47 last year; 73 commercial/industrial appeals have been received compared to 56 last year. With over 20,000 notices going out – 165 total appeals filed is not too bad. Hearings have begun and will continue into mid-December.

The County has a few large retailers appealing this year. Last year it was Walgreens, this year it's Home Depot and Menards. Assessor Anderson will host a meeting at the Troy Township Community Center on Thursday, October 22nd with a local appraiser, attorneys representing local school districts, and all of the assessors who are affected by the Home Depot appeals.

On October 27th Assessor Anderson will speak at the Glenwood Manor homeowner's association meeting.

TOWNSHIP COLLECTOR'S REPORT: None

TOWNSHIP CLERK REPORT: No report.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Baltz reported that the Community Center remains very active and the calendar of events is available on the Troy Township website under the calendar of events tab.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator Dylík reported:

- The October 3rd shredding event was successful. Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the event. 269 cars come though ranking this event 3rd in attendance since we started tracking it in April of 2011. Our shredding dates for 2016 are May 7th and October 1st.
- The Troy Township seniors will again be collecting canned goods to help support the Restoration Christian Church Food Pantry Harvest Time food and warm clothing drive. Items such as canned goods, non-perishable items, coats, jackets, sweaters and such can be dropped off here at the Troy Township Community Center.
- The Supervisor's office, Assessor's Office, Highway Department and Community Center will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th for Veteran's Day.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Administrator Dylík reported that the Board needed to formally vote to accept the resignation of Collector Sharon Cemenó Hicks because it was not listed as an agenda item at the previous meeting. In order to take action on an item, said item, must be listed on the published agenda. Motion by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Walden to accept Collector Hicks resignation effective September 21, 2015. Roll call vote. Ryan-aye; Theobald-aye; Walden-aye; Wheeler-aye; Baltz-aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion carried.
- B. Supervisor Baltz recommended that Bryan Kopman be appointment to fulfil the remaining term of Collector Sharon Cemenó Hicks. Motion by Trustee Theobald; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to appoint Bryan Kopman as Collector to fulfil the unexpired term of Sharon Cemenó Hicks. Roll call vote. Ryan-aye; Theobald-aye; Walden-aye; Wheeler-aye; Baltz-aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion carried.
- C. Clerk Kristin Dawn Cross administered the oath of office to Collector Bryan Kopman.

No other new business presented.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion made by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to accept the **TOWN FUND & ASSESSOR'S BILLS** for **October 19, 2015** as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Theobald to accept the **GENERAL ASSISTANCE BILLS** for **October 19, 2015** as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Ryan to accept the **ROAD AND BRIDGE BILLS** for **October 19, 2015** as presented. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

No items for closed session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Supervisor Baltz announced that he, Administrator Dylik, Clerk Cross, Trustee Walden and Trustee Ryan will all attend the TOI Annual Educational Conference in November.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Trustee Theobald; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristin Dawn Cross
Clerk

