

Minutes of the Troy Township Board Meeting

Monday, May 20, 2019

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 Bryan W. Kopman.

Roll call:

Supervisor Joseph D. Baltz – Present	Trustee Bryan W. Kopman – Present
Trustee Larry Ryan – Present	Trustee John Theobald – Present
Trustee Brett Wheeler – Present	

Quorum is established.

Also, in Attendance:

Clerk Kristin Cross	Assessor Kimberly Anderson
Collector Jerry Nudera	
Administrator Jennifer Dylík	

Highway Commissioner Thomas R. Ward was out sick.

Supervisor Baltz opened the meeting for guest and citizen comment. Supervisor Baltz welcomed Gloria Dollinger, Will County Board Member - District 10, to the meeting.

After asking two more times, Supervisor Baltz closed the meeting for citizen comments.

Donald D. Walden Veteran's Honor Roll certificates of appreciation were presented to the following Honor Roll Inductees:

- a) Dr. Harry B. Hill – Second Lieutenant, United States Army; Captain, United States Air Force Reserve Dental Corps (presented posthumously), presented by Supervisor Baltz
- b) Edward J. Holba – E4 Specialist, United States Army, presented by Clerk Cross
- c) Jose E. Olvera, Jr – SP4 Combat Engineer, United States Army, presented by Supervisor Baltz
- d) Robert E. Pedersen – E5 Storekeeper 2nd Class, United States Navy, presented by Collector Nudera
- e) Steven W. Yankey – E5 Sergeant, United States Air Force, presented by Supervisor Baltz

Motion made by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Kopman to accept the **MINUTES** of the April 15, 2019, **Public Hearing**. Roll call vote: Kopman-Aye; Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Theobald to accept the **MINUTES** of the April 15, 2019, **Regular Board Meeting**. Roll call vote: Kopman-Aye; Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

The **TREASURER'S REPORT** was placed on file by Supervisor Baltz. Motion made by Trustee Kopman; seconded by Trustee Ryan to accept the **Treasurer's Report** for the month ending **April 30, 2019**. Roll call vote: Kopman-Aye; Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Aye; Wheeler-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 email from resident on Canterbury for the quick response from the Highway Department and Supervisor Baltz.
- Three PTAB Notices were received from Ecolab, First Midwest Bank, and Busey Bank.
- Annual report from Will County Center for Community Concerns
- The Timbers of Shorewood Newsletter May 2019

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES / COMMITTEES:

TRUSTEE LARRY RYAN – No report but complimented on how nice the Donald D. Walden Veterans Honor Roll inductions were tonight.

TRUSTEE BRETT WHEELER – Trustee Wheeler commented that he will save his report for new business.

TRUSTEE JOHN THEOBALD – No report but noted that the Airforce was not established until 1947 which may be why inductee Dr. Harry B. Hill served in both the Army and then the Airforce.

TRUSTEE BRYAN W. KOPMAN – No report.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT: Administrator Dylik reported on behalf of Highway Commissioner Ward that crews are busy changing out rotted culverts, doing shouldering work, and trimming trees. The Highway Department understands there is standing water in some ditches. Unfortunately, this can not begin to be rectified until there is some dryer weather. Additionally, ditches can not be mowed until they dry out some. Work on Baltz Rd. will be pushed out until there is some better weather.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Assessor Anderson reported that she and her staff have assisted 508 taxpayers with their exemptions. There have been several people who have either visited or called regarding their property tax bills.

The deadline to submit reassessments to the County is next Thursday. The bulk of the reassessments have been done and there will be no problem having them finished by the deadline.

Reassessment notices will be mailed out by Will County the first week in August. The appeal deadline is September 9th. Instructions on how to file an assessment appeal are on the Troy Township website under the Assessor's tab. With this being a quadrennial, Assessor Anderson anticipates an increase in the appeals especially with the commercial and industrial properties.

EcoLab, First Midwest Bank, and Busey Bank, all lost at Board of Review and have filed with PTAB.

TOWNSHIP CLERK REPORT: Clerk Cross reported that HB3301 to eliminate the five township clerks was referred to Rule Committee on April 12th and seems to have died there. Clerk Cross stated that during her conversations with Representative Manley she was informed that this issue will come up again closer to the time of election of the township clerks. Clerk Cross also updated that HB348 (regarding the elimination of townships in McHenry County) has passed both the House and the Senate and now goes to the Governor for signature. The Governor can either veto the bill, sign the bill, or if he does nothing for a period of 60 days the bill automatically becomes law. This is a major bill that comes after townships and sets a precedent.

TOWNSHIP COLLECTOR'S REPORT: No report.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Baltz deferred to Administrator Dylík for his report.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator Dylík reported that on Wednesday, May 1st, she and Assessor Anderson attended the Metro Township Lobby Day. They were two out of about 12 to 13 Metro Township members who were in attendance. It was a busy day at the Capital talking about bills that impact township government. Meetings included Senate President John Cullerton, House Leader Fred Crespo, Senate Leader Bill Brady, House Leader Greg Harris with Representative Arroyo, and Senator Linda Holmes. The evening wrapped up with group dinner with the Metro Township attendees and the lobbyists. Dylík further reported:

Another successful shredding event was held on Saturday, May 4th. 310 cars come through ranking it 5th. Dylík gave special thanks to Officers Barlog and Koopman of the Shorewood Police Department for conducting the medication collection and to Bill Muir with Bio One who collected the sharps. Several individuals came out to help that day. Those who volunteered included:

Employees:

Annette Craven
Jennifer Dylík & Bob Dylík
Rhianna Korst
Michael Osborn
Janee Roedel & boyfriend Ray Henrichs

Elected Officials:

Assessor Anderson
Supervisor Baltz
Collector Nudera
Trustee Ryan

General Public:

Jim Bauer
Mike Bauer
Mike Palya

The next shredding event will be on Saturday, October 5th from 9am to 11am.

Dylík reported that the auditors performed their field work at the Township on Thursday, May 16th. Preliminary feedback was very positive. The auditors will attend either the June or July board meeting to present the audit to the board.

The Township is currently accepting proposals for the exterior lighting upgrades and the telephone system upgrades. Dylík hopes to have the proposals analyzed and a recommendation made to the Board at the June meeting. After these two proposals are secured, Dylík will begin work on the RFP for security system upgrades.

Dylík distributed a sample of the redesigned newsletter then noted that the Township offices, community center, and highway department will be closed on Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Baltz asked twice for any other old business. No other old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) As Chairman of the Health Insurance Committee, Trustee Wheeler reported that the Humana Health Insurance plan is up for renewal effective July 1, 2019. Humana initially presented the Township with

an 11.78% increase. The Township requested insurance broker Steve Orlando with the Candos Agency shop other plans. Two other similar high deductible plans were found and were summarized in a memo distributed by Administrator Dylak as:

- United Health Care BH-03, 100% coverage after a \$6,500 deductible – Group Rate \$6,267.94
- BCBS PPO Plan S507OPT, 80% coverage after a \$4,750 deductible – Group Rate \$6,789.42

While both plans are lower in monthly premium, the Township would need to increase its HRA reimbursement levels to keep coverage somewhat equitable to the current Humana plan. Additionally, both plans include prescription costs as part of satisfying the deductible so HRA utilization would absolutely increase rendering both options likely more costly. However, Mr. Orlando was able to use these plans to request rate relief from Humana which Humana then offered a renewal at a 10.7% increase. Humana also stated that these were the lowest rates they filed with the Illinois Department of Insurance therefore the lowest possible rate that could be offered to the Township.

Trustee Wheeler motioned; seconded by Ryan to approve Humana Health Insurance renewal with a term of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 with a 10.7% increase in premium. Roll call vote: Kopman-Aye; Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

- b) Trustee Wheeler reported that two years ago the Township added supplemental life insurance coverage with Humana in order to receive significant rate relief from Humana on the health insurance rates; the rate relief being so significant it rendered the supplemental plan basically free to the Township. Humana is no longer offering any rate relief on the health insurance for having the additional line of coverage and has increased the rate on the supplemental life insurance by 3%. Trustee Wheeler is recommending to continue the Humana life insurance only until December 31, 2019 in order to coordinate the Humana life insurance ending at the same time that employees will have access to open enrollment of IMRF/NCPERS voluntary additional life insurance coverage so they are not without a supplemental option if they believe it to be important.

Motion made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Theobald to approve the Humana Supplemental Life Insurance Renewal with a term of July 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 with a 3% Rate Increase. Roll call vote: Kopman-Aye; Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

- c) Supervisor Baltz noted that the agenda should be corrected to read June 30, 2021 not June 20, 2021 in reference to the expiration date of the Delta Dental policy referred to in New Business Item c.

Trustee Wheeler reported the Delta Dental has offered the Township a renewal of its existing plan for a two-year term with a 0% rate increase. Trustee Wheeler motioned; seconded by Trustee Ryan to approve the Delta Dental Insurance renewal with a term of July 1, 2019 to June 20, 2021 with a 0% increase in premium. Roll call vote: Kopman-Aye; Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

- d) Trustee Wheeler reported that EyeMed Insurance has offered the Township a renewal of its existing plan for a four-year term with a 0% rate increase. Trustee Wheeler motioned; seconded by Trustee Kopman to approve the EyeMed Insurance Renewal for a term of August 1, 2019 to July 31, 2023 with a 0% increase in premium. Roll call vote: Kopman-Aye; Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Trustee Wheeler commented that a decision was made to not hold a Health Insurance Committee meeting because the other plan options were not good plans to consider given their deductible and percentage of coverage. Trustee Wheeler reminded that with regards to the supplemental life insurance, when originally secured, it was always stated that the plan was temporary and only in place to secure rate reduction on the health coverage.

Supervisor Baltz asked twice for any new business. No new business was presented.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion made by Trustee Theobald; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to accept the **TOWN FUND & ASSESSOR'S BILLS** for **May 20, 2019**, as presented totaling **\$35,908.56**. Roll call vote: Kopman-Aye; Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Kopman to accept the **GENERAL ASSISTANCE BILLS** for **May 20, 2019**, as presented totaling **\$145.57**. Roll call vote: Kopman-Aye; Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Theobald to accept the **ROAD AND BRIDGE BILLS** for **May 20, 2019**, as presented totaling **\$46,415.40**. Roll call vote: Kopman-Aye; Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

No items for closed session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The following announcements were made:

- a) Troy Township Offices, Community Center, and Highway Department Closed Monday, May 27, 2019 for Memorial Day.
- b) Next Board Meeting – Monday, June 17, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Baltz asked for any other announcements.

No other announcements were made.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Trustee Theobald; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:56 p.m. Roll call vote: Kopman-Aye; Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Cross by Jennifer Sybil
Kristin Cross, Clerk *Deputy Clerk*

