

SUPERVISORS MEETING

January 5, 2011
O'Fallon Township
801 E. State St.
O'Fallon, IL 62269

CALL TO ORDER at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Supervisor Gary Ahle, Town Clerk David M. Witter, Trustees: Glenn Loyet, Jim Hursey, Kenneth Joseph, and Gary Hursey and Recorder Sheri Heil.

Others present: Gary Fohne and Douglas Scott

APPROVAL OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Glenn Loyet to approve the minutes as presented and seconded by Trustee Jim Hursey. Motion Carried.

SENIOR REPORT

No Report. Seniors next meeting is on January 26th.

YOUTH REPORT

Trustee Kenneth Joseph stated that the Youth Committee went caroling on December 22nd, 2010. The turn-out wasn't what they anticipated, but still everything went well. Next meeting is scheduled for January 24th.

PLANNING REPORT

No Report.

AFTER PROM REPORT

Trustee Jim Hursey stated that a meeting would probably take place within the next couple of weeks. He had spoken with Jodi from OTHS last month and she told Jim she would speak with him in the middle of January after the holidays. Supervisor Gary Ahle asked Jim if he would be able to handle the project if he is running for a City Alderman position. Jim said he would have no problem.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Jim Hursey stated he is running for City Alderman in Ward 6 and may have to resign his seat as Trustee with the township. He will know more between now and April. Supervisor Gary Ahle questioned whether there is any rule about any one person being both a City Alderman and Township Trustee. Trustee Glenn Loyet made reference to the issue of Mr. Kassly, Fairview Heights City Clerk who was also serving on a Town Board and recently had to resign one position. He then stated to his understanding, a person can only be on one board.

Trustee Glenn Loyet spoke about a TOI meeting he attended and how some are trying to eliminate townships, which are the most efficient form of government. A brief discussion followed. He also stated how being on the TOI Board has been a learning experience for him. Trustee Gary Hursey stated he probably would not be able to attend the next meeting. He will call the office either way when he knows for sure.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

No Report. Town Clerk Dave Witter stated he will be acting as rotary representative while attending a meeting in Red Bud when they go over the rotary wheels applications.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Gary Ahle stated that a letter was received from the newly appointed County Assessor, Jennifer Gomric Minton conveying her pleasure and privilege to serve the County. A card was received from Christian HomeCare Services thanking the township for the cash donation to their organization from the proceeds provided by the monthly rummage sales. The next rummage is Saturday January 8th. A discussion followed about needing donations for the monthly rummage sale.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A hall rental application was submitted by Laura Hamilton to use our facility on January 9th, 16th and 23rd for the purpose of Bible studies. Supervisor Gary Ahle proposed that the fees be waived for two of the three meetings due to a miscommunication with the attending monitor at two of the group's previous meetings. A motion was made by Trustee Gary Hursey to approve the hall rental application with the two fees being waived and seconded by Trustee Kenneth Joseph. Roll Call: Loyet – aye; J. Hursey – aye; Ahle – aye; K. Joseph – aye; G. Hursey - aye. Motion carried.

A hall rental application was submitted by Norm Keller and/or Kenny Joseph for Enterprise Grange to use our facility on December 3, 2011 for the purpose of a Christmas meeting. Supervisor Gary Ahle requested to waive the fees since it is a civic organization. A motion was made by Trustee Gary Hursey to approve the hall rental with the fees being waived and seconded by Trustee Jim Hursey. Roll Call: Loyet – aye; J. Hursey – aye; Ahle – aye; K. Joseph – aye; G. Hursey - aye. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF SUPERVISORS BILLS

Town Fund	\$ 17,675.21
General Assistance Fund	1,681.68

Trustee Glenn Loyet made a motion to authorize the bills of the Supervisor and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Loyet – aye; J. Hursey – aye; G. Ahle – aye; K. Joseph – aye; G. Hursey - aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Douglas Scott addressed the board regarding having traffic lights installed at the intersection of Vincennes Trail and Scott-Troy Rd. Mr. Scott is hoping the township will assist or aid support in getting some type of traffic control signal at this highly traveled intersection in order to prevent any serious automobile accidents. Trustee Glenn Loyet stated that this issue has to be handled by the city and county, and even though he agrees with Mr. Scott, the township does not have a say in the matter. Mr. Scott stated he has been in contact with County Board member John West, and it has been recommended that people contact Mr. West in order to address the situation. Mr. Scott would like the board to send a letter of support not only to John West, but to County Board Chairman Mark Kern and County Engineer Daryl Cates as well. A discussion followed. Supervisor Gary Ahle suggested the topic and the decision on the board writing a letter of support be put on the agenda for the meeting on January 19th when Highway Commissioner Bill Peach will be present. Supervisor Ahle invited Mr. Scott to attend the next meeting so Highway Commissioner Peach would then be able to give his input and recommendations directly to Mr. Scott.

Mr. Scott wanted to make the township aware that he has been contacted by Scott Wuerz of the Belleville News Democrat to interview him about the Gateway Connector. A discussion followed about how this construction would affect 350 families and their properties within the area of this project. Mr. Scott said the state will not say what their intentions are, but they have established a corridor on properties and when this project goes forward, they will only pay the people the price for their house and property when the corridor was established approximately 7 years ago. The price for the project back then was estimated at \$500,000,000 which has probably doubled since then. The corridor which is about 40 miles goes from Troy, around Belleville, down to Columbia and to the Jefferson Barracks Bridge. The reporter will be coming to Mr. Scott's home on Friday, January 7th to interview him and take pictures of his home and property. A brief discussion followed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Kenny Joseph to adjourn the meeting of the Supervisor and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

David M. Witter
Town Clerk