

SUPERVISORS MEETING

December 7, 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, Jeff Bevirt and Kenneth Joseph and Deputy Town Clerk/Recorder Debbie Allsup and General Assistance Administrator/Recorder Sheri Heil.

A motion was made by Trustee Glenn Loyet to excuse the absence of Trustee Gary Hursey and seconded by Trustee Kenneth Joseph. Motion Carried.

Others present: Douglas Scott, Gary Fohne

APPROVAL OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Glenn Loyet to approve the minutes of the previous Supervisor's Meeting as presented and seconded by Trustee Jeff Bevirt. Motion Carried.

SENIOR REPORT

Trustee Glenn Loyet reported the last Senior Committee meeting was on Wednesday, November 30th, 2011 and the last Senior Committee dinner was on Thursday, December 1st, 2011. Loyet stated that the dinner went well, but the numbers for the dinner were down. He estimated that 125 (one hundred twenty five) people attended.

There will not be a meeting in December. The next Senior Committee meeting is on Wednesday, January 25th, 2012.

Trustee Gary Hursey arrived at 7:02 p.m.

YOUTH REPORT

Trustee Kenny Joseph reported that there will be no Youth Committee meeting in December. The group will meet at the Township to go Christmas Caroling on Thursday, December 22nd, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. Joseph stated the group will provide baskets for some of the shut-ins while they are out. Afterwards, they will come back to the Township for cookies and hot chocolate.

PLANNING REPORT

No report.

AFTER PROM REPORT

Trustee Jeff Bevirt reported that the O'Fallon Prom is scheduled for April 28th, 2012.

TRUSTEES REPORT

No report.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Township Clerk David Witter reported that the Township website provider has come up with a new report with more detail. This report shows worldwide hits. Witter stated that he would like to pull up this report once a month and go over it a little bit at the first meeting of the month. Witter said that on this last report, the website got 152 (one hundred fifty two) visits from 7 (seven) countries. These were, Columbia, Canada, Spain, Latvia, 2 (two) from Russia and 6 (six) from Ukraine and the remainder from the USA. A brief discussion followed.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Gary Ahle stated that he received a telephone call today and met with Lebanon Township Supervisor Kathleen Reimann regarding the Quarterly Meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 16th, 2012 which is co-sponsored by Caseyville, O'Fallon and Lebanon Townships. Ahle said that he tried without success to get in contact with Caseyville Township Supervisor Bruce Canty about having the meeting at his office. Ahle went on to say that about the only places to hold the meeting are Caseyville Township Hall or, in the back room of Ron's Lounge in Lebanon. Mention was made that the meeting is not held at O'Fallon Township Hall because there is no alcohol permitted on the premises. A discussion followed.

Ahle summed up by saying that there is time to get things worked out. He left a message for Supervisor Canty to contact him and discuss where to meet. Ahle thought he might possibly be able to get Illinois Senator Kyle McCarter to speak. Ahle hopes to have more information along with costs at the next meeting. More discussion followed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Tax Levy Ordinance No. 11-05 (Town Fund and General Assistance Fund) was presented to the Board. Supervisor Gary Ahle stated that Deputy Town Clerk/Recorder Debbie Allsup has provided the Board with a spreadsheet of the Town Levy from 2001 to present. Ahle started off by saying that the Township has dropped the Levy for many years and are now at the point where it cannot be dropped anymore with the price of everything going up. Employees did not receive a raise this year, utilities costs increased and everything is costing more. Last year, the Board took the Levy down to a minimal 0.35% increase and Ahle stated they are now pretty close to running short. Ahle referred to the spreadsheet stating that Allsup marked in a nominal raise of .50% which Ahle was not sure would be enough. Allsup commented that she changed the number to 1.0% to be on the safe side. Ahle stated that he is hoping the Board will be able to look the numbers over and be able to come to a decision. Trustee Glenn Loyet stated that he had no problem with the increase. Allsup made reference to the spreadsheet, stating that over the last 3 (three) years, the Township shows a deficit which has gradually eaten away at any carry over from previous years. A brief discussion followed with regards to the tax bills and the "multiplier" table used to figure taxes which the Township has nothing to do with. Ahle said the increase would be a very minimal change and it can be looked at again next year and see how our finances are running.

Allsup informed the Board that the Levy would be much larger if it had been increased 4.5% back in 2001 and every year thereafter. The Township has actually saved the taxpayers money by lowering any increase each and every year since 2001. More discussion followed.

A motion was made by Trustee Glenn Loyet to approve the Tax Levy Ordinance No. 11-05 (Town Fund and General Assistance Fund) and seconded by Trustee Kenneth Joseph. Roll Call: Loyet – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion carried.

Approval of the 2012 Township Holiday Schedule was presented to the Board. Supervisor explained the difference between the Township schedule and the County schedule is, the County gets off on Election Day and they have a Floating Holiday. Other than that, it is the same amount of days off. A motion was made by Trustee Glenn Loyet to approve 2012 Township Holiday Schedule and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Loyet – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SUPERVISORS BILLS

Town Fund	\$ 19,122.60
General Assistance Fund	\$ 1,511.81

Trustee Kenneth Joseph made a motion to authorize the bills of the Supervisor be paid accordingly and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Loyet – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

David M. Witter
Town Clerk