



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 3, 2014
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, Highway Commissioner Mark Downs, Town Clerk David Witter, Trustees Jeff Bevirt and Doug Scott; Township Attorney Cory Easton, Deputy Town Clerk/Recorder Debbie Allsup and Recorder Sheri Heil

Others present: Gary Fohne and George Fero

Trustee Gary Hursey arrived at 7:02 P.M.

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Scott to excuse Trustee Kenny Joseph from the meeting and seconded by Trustee Jeff Bevirt. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Trustee Jeff Bevirt to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2014 meeting as written and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Ahle opened with a continuation from September 3rd and November 5th meetings of discussion regarding the "Trolley Trail" by the Ridge Prairie Trailhead Initiative (RPTI) represented by George Fero. Ahle turned the floor over to the board for questions or comments:

Trustee Jeff Bevirt read over the Corporate Resolution provided by Mr. Fero and pointed out that O'Fallon Township has been identified as the a second grant funding sponsor. Bevirt thought it had been made clear that the Township is not in a position to provide any funding towards this project. Bevirt asked Ahle what he found out from IGD (Intergovernmental Grants Department) about applying for more than one grant. Ahle said he spoke with Diana Little and since the grants are from two separate entities, one will not affect the other.

Trustee Doug Scott said he has nothing against RPTI or their efforts to collect private or state funds to proceed with this project. He just does not think it is a good idea for the Township to get involved with it. George Fero said the Township has the option to put a stop to this at anytime. RPTI just wants permission to prepare the paperwork and application in order to seek the funding.

Township Attorney Cory Easton said from a liability standpoint, which is later down the road, the trail will come out on a Township Road District road (North Rieder). If something were to happen, the Township could be liable and open to a lawsuit. He just does not see a Township being involved with bicycle trails. Easton continued to say that he understands that RPTI is just asking for a chance to seek funds through the



Township and nothing more at this point. From the Township standpoint, there is just no upside to this project.

Trustee Gary Hursey agreed Trustee Jeff Bevirt about the Township identified as a second grant funding sponsor. Fero said that is the RPTI corporate resolution and can be changed as needed. Hursey said the people he has spoken with are not enthusiastic about a \$2 million bicycle trail either. Hursey asked Fero where they will seek funding and who has been directing them. Besides the normal grant processes, Fero said they are looking into other routes of funding. Normal grant funds are available annually through RFP (request for proposal) and submitted annually for transportation alternative funds which is what the group is looking into. Fero said they don't want to go through all the processes if the Township is not even willing to look at it. Hursey said he is not against the bicycle trail either, but he has not seen much positive response from the community at a cost of \$2 million. Hursey added that the Township is not able to assist with the trail even if they are able to put it in. Fero said this is no other east/west route from Lebanon to O'Fallon other than this one without going 10 miles out of the way.

Supervisor Ahle asked Attorney Cory Easton if the Resolution (#14-04) that the Township has drawn up puts them in any legal jeopardy to give RPTI the 'go ahead' in the first phase. Easton said the Township should be fine with the Resolution drawn up. It just gives the group the opportunity to move forward and nothing else. Ahle just wants to ensure that the Township is not liable in anyway.

Trustee Doug Scott asked Fero how much grant money the City of Lebanon has. Fero said they have been approved for approximately \$1.1 million dedicated specifically for this type of project. If they don't use it, it just goes away.

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to approve Resolution No. 14-04 as presented and seconded by Trustee Jeff Bevirt. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried

Mr. Fero excused himself from meeting at 7:15 P.M.

APPROVAL OF SUPERVISORS BILLS

Town Fund	\$	27,760.09
General Assistance Fund	\$	2,794.11

Trustee Doug Scott made a motion to authorize the Supervisor's bills to be paid accordingly and seconded by Trustee Jeff Bevirt. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Highway Commissioner Mark Downs reported on the Road District "RaDAR" for the following weeks of November 1, 2014 through November 30, 2014:

(See attachment A)

Christ Brothers Asphalt has completed all the paving projects for the road district last week. The project consisted of Bowler Road from its intersection with N. Lincoln Avenue/O'Fallon Troy Road (south) to the intersection with Haury Road (north). They will also paving the Township parking lot from where it stops, over to the Annex #1 road district building. There were some changes during the project which increased the



price. Some portions of Bowler Rd. didn't have an adequate base, so Downs is trying to get the extra cost from MFT funds when the invoice comes in January. Downs said his goal is to put away \$200,000 every year for overlays. This will consist of "roughing up" the surface and applying more asphalt. This will give a better base.

Downs said he is "roughing up" a 2/10 mile section on Simmons Rd. Downs believes the road is too slick. He hopes this will prevent cars from sliding off the road in that area. Downs wants to try this first before having a guard-rail installed.

Downs told the board he had a small asphalt pad put down between the garage and salt dome for the liquid de-icer. Next week, they will hopefully get the tank set and some material. Downs does have a supplier out of Indiana now for what is going to be beet juice. He ordered 4,600 gallons of liquid for his 5,000 gallon tank and readied the truck with the spreader. The only downfall Downs has heard about this application is that it has an odor.

Hursey asked about rock salt used in Missouri that has a blue tint. Downs said it was probably treated with liquid salt which helps it work better in lower temperatures.

APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S BILLS

Permanent Road Fund	\$	23,228.67
Road & Bridge Fund	\$	16,361.57

Trustee Jeff Bevirt made a motion to authorize the Highway Commissioner's bills to be paid accordingly as presented and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

No report.

TRUSTEES REPORT

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SENIOR REPORT

Trustee Doug Scott said the next dinner will be on Thursday December 4th at 5:30 P.M.

YOUTH REPORT

Approval of the Appointment of Dana Jenkins to the O'Fallon Township Youth Committee.

Trustee Jeff Bevirt made a motion to approve the appointment of Dana Jenkins to the O'Fallon Township Youth Committee and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

Approval of the Appointment of Mary Kate Porath to the O'Fallon Township Youth Committee.

Trustee Jeff Bevirt made a motion to approve the appointment of Mary Kate Porath to the O'Fallon Township Youth Committee and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

Approval of the Appointment of Casey Carter to the O'Fallon Township Youth Committee.

Trustee Jeff Bevirt made a motion to approve the appointment of Casey Carter to the O'Fallon Township Youth Committee and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

Bevirt reported the last Youth Committee meeting was well attended with approximately 12-14 in attendance. The committee has decided to do the Christmas Caroling this year on Monday, December 22nd.

Supervisor Ahle said he spoke with some people regarding the very poor turn-out for the Halloween Party and it all came down to lack of communication. School district 90 no longer accepts fliers to hand out to the students. Instead, it is posted on the school's "virtual backpack". Something else has to be done before the next Youth Committee function.

PLANNING REPORT

Trustee Gary Hursey still needs someone to fill the vacancy on the Planning Committee.

AFTER PROM REPORT

Trustee Jeff Bevirt said the After Prom will be on Sunday April 26, 2015 beginning at 12:00 A.M. Bevirt has been in contact with St. Clair Bowl where the event is held. He is working on getting the entertainment together. Trustee Gary Hursey went out after Thanksgiving to shop for prizes. He got some laptops, televisions and Beats headphones.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Supervisor Ahle said he received an update on the Sanitary Sewer Extension Project grant application. The engineers will draft a letter for the Township to send to the residents living in the proposed project area. The residents will have to provide 2014 income verification and mail in a return envelope provided. A list of all names and address of persons, a map of the proposed project area will also have to be provided and done by the engineers. Ahle explained previously how the census block grouped the homes on the south side of East State St. with homes going south towards the High School instead of the homes being grouped with Carson and Behrens Sts.

Highway Commissioner Mark Downs said he is willing to pay the engineering fees to further enable grant approval for a sanitary sewer system. It will benefit both the Township and the Road District. Board members agreed to proceed.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation/Approval of Township Tax Levy Ordinance No. 14-05

Supervisor Ahle said it has been increased to offset rising costs. He said not increasing it in past years has put them in the hole. Everything from salaries, postage, electricity, etc. has increased and the levy needs to reflect these increases too. A discussion followed.

Trustee Doug Scott made a motion to approve the Township Tax Levy Ordinance No. 14-05 as presented and seconded by Trustee Jeff Bevirt. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

Presentation/Approval of Road District Tax Levy Ordinance No. 14-06

Trustee Gary Hursey asked Road Commissioner Mark Downs about his plans to budget \$200,000 per year for paving. Hursey asked if that figure is shown in the levy. Downs responded part of it will. He has figured how many miles of road he can pave for that amount of money, unless the costs increase dramatically. He also has to make sure there is money for other things that may require attention too. Hursey said he is pleased to see the Road District Levy has decreased. A discussion followed.

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to approve the Road District Tax Levy Ordinance No. 14-06 as presented and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

Approval of a Hall Rental request submitted by Denyse Anderson (Representative of Skyline Church) for the purpose of children’s activities monitored by adults on Sunday, January 4, 2015 from 4:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

Trustee Jeff Bevirt made a motion to approve the hall rental request submitted by Denyse Anderson for the purpose of children’s activities as presented and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC INPUT (COMMENTS)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Gary Hursey to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Trustees and seconded by Trustee Jeff Bevirt. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

David M. Witter
Town Clerk

