



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 5, 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, Deputy Town Clerk/Recorder Debbie Allsup, Trustees: Gary Hursey, Jeff Bevirt, Kenneth Joseph, and Doug Scott; Recorder Sheri Heil

Others present: Gary Fohne, Ryan Sanders, Scott Sanders, Phil Klohr, Harrison Klohr and Jordan Klohr

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Trustee Jeff Bevirt to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Ahle informed the board that all improvements on the restrooms have been completed by Kruep Construction. A dent was noticed on one of the restroom stall doors, and is going to be replaced within the week. Ahle said he is very pleased with the improvements done.

Ahle said the building use agreements for the Food Pantry and Senior Citizens Club have been updated and given to each group. Basically, the agreements are the same except, per TOIRMA (Township Officials of Illinois Risk Management Association), both groups provide a 'Certificate of Insurance' on file with the Township and TOIRMA. The seniors have done this in the past, but when Ahle spoke with John Clatanoff, President of the Pantry, he was unsure if the Pantry had the specified coverage. Ahle gave Clatanoff the contact person at TOIRMA to speak with. Ahle said until that is corrected, they cannot get the lease agreement signed. Trustee Gary Hursey asked if they knew the cost of this insurance. Ahle wasn't sure but didn't think it was too expensive. Ahle added if something was to happen at the Pantry and they don't have liability insurance, it would probably fall on the Township. Ahle said this is required by TOIRMA and is out of his hands. He wanted the board to be informed about this.

Mentioned at a previous meeting, the Land Dedication for Memorial Hospital – East is on March 9, 2014 at 1:30 P.M. Anybody interested in attending must RSVP by March 1, 2014.

APPROVAL OF SUPERVISORS BILLS

Town Fund	\$	22,139.53
General Assistance Fund	\$	2,060.45

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



HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Highway Commissioner Mark Downs opened by welcoming the Boy Scouts from O'Fallon Troop 94 who were in attendance.

Per Downs' "RaDAR", the Road District had done the following during the weeks of February 17, 2014 through March 2, 2014:

(See attachment A)

Downs informed the board that he has been contacted by St. Clair County Engineer Jim Fields and asked for jurisdictional transfer of 1.5 miles of South Reider Road. They are ready to go through with the interchange to Interstate 64. Basically, they told Downs if he did not agree to transfer, they will take it which just delays the inevitable. Downs told the board he was not going to fight the transfer, but would like something in return. The engineering costs that were spent by the previous Highway Commissioner add up to approximately \$930,000 dollars. Downs asked Fields if there will be any way to be reimbursed some way so the taxpayers know the money spent by the Road District was not in vain. Fields is going to bring it up before his board members and get back with Downs. Fields did inform Downs the cost for the railroad bridge alone will be \$11 million dollars. Downs feels that the Township cannot afford to do the necessary repairs for the road and railroad bridge. He said the County is pushing hard to get this project moving and see it through to the finish. All that is needed now is the signature from the Shiloh-Valley Township Highway Commissioner and the County Board Chairman. After that, O'Fallon Township Road District will no longer be responsible for the road. Trustee Gary Hursey added they had estimated a cost of \$20 million dollars for the project which the Township was never going to be able to afford anyway. He figures it is probably good the County is taking it now and doing the repairs. Downs said this has been in the works for quite awhile now. Trustee Doug Scott asked if the County can use the engineering paid for by O'Fallon Township. Fields will bring this subject up before his board members also and get back to Downs. A discussion followed. Downs said the County already has their own engineering group and seriously doubts they use any of the Township's paperwork. Downs said at least the Township is not putting anymore money into this project.

Downs said in the agreement he signed, he has 25% maintenance on traffic signal lights. Not the powering of them, just the maintenance once all is completed. Trustee Bevirt figures that would be at US Highway 50 on the north side which is still Township. Downs said Fields could not tell him that it would be at Highway 50. Its part of the contract everybody's agreeing to and it will be at the interchange somewhere. Downs asked for lighting at Highway 50 and Reider Road since Clanahan's Trailer Park is no longer there, the lighting is gone and the intersection is very dark.

Trustee Hursey mentioned that Gonzalez Companies website still shows Illinois locations at Belleville and Wood River. Hursey believes they are probably licensed in IL since they are working on the Sport's Park. Downs again stated that he asked Jim Fields if they will be able to use any of the engineering done by Gonzalez Companies for O'Fallon Township. Fields said he will bring it up at his next board meeting. Deputy Clerk Debbie Allsup asked Downs if all parties involved were aware of the County's plans to move ahead with this project. Downs said Fields spoke to the previous Highway Commissioner along with Gonzalez Companies and told them of the County's plans to gain funding and moving ahead with the project. The County was not sure why the previous Highway Commissioner was spending all this money when he knew of the County's plans.

Highway Commissioner Downs said he brings the information to the board as he receives it. He said he did sign the papers today for the transfer of South Reider Road. This reduces the Road District mileage by 1.5 miles of road, which in turn affects the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT). Trustee Hursey asked if the County will have

to follow certain rules with regard to ingress/egress to properties. Downs said that all falls in the County's lap and they will have to follow the necessary guidelines with the property owners. Hursey's concern is nobody gets land-locked with the County taking over the road. Downs said agreements have already been made with the property owners and the County. It's like the proposed bike trail on College Road; they cannot land-lock anybody. More discussion followed. Downs said he had Deputy Clerk Allsup draw up an agreement to make sure the Township got something in return for this loss of road. Downs said he and Fields looked at every possibility and there really isn't anything to give in return. Downs said he specifically asked for the portion of road at Trustee Kenny Joseph's house on O'Fallon Troy Road to Hageman Road. Again, this comes down to Fields meeting with his superiors. Hursey asked if the City of O'Fallon has been contacted. Downs thinks the City is waiting for everything to be completed and then annex it.

Lastly, Downs asked the board to reconsider having just one board meeting a month. The start of two meetings a month began back when the previous Highway Commissioner requested it and then, he only attended one meeting a month. Legal counsel only attends one meeting. Everything can most likely be handled in one meeting. Trustee Hursey said he thinks the Trustees should still meet twice a month. A discussion followed. Trustee Bevirt said he is fine if Highway Commissioner Downs wants to only attend one meeting a month. Deputy Clerk Allsup asked Downs if he was talking for just the Highway Commissioner or for everybody. Downs said he thinks all Township business can be handled in just one meeting. The meetings now are no longer than 20-30 minutes and setting up for two a month is double the work. Trustee Joseph suggested putting it on the agenda for the next meeting in order to vote on it. Supervisor Ahle said he wants to ask the Township Attorney about it, but agrees with Downs that one meeting a month would be sufficient.

APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S BILLS

Permanent Road Fund	\$	229.61
Road & Bridge Fund	\$	14,163.56

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; Joseph – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

No report.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Kenny Joseph wanted to comment on how well the Road District maintains the intersection at Seven Hills and Weil Roads. Even though it is a County Road, the Township Road District comes through and pushes the snow off in all directions at the intersection during the winter months and cuts all the weeds down around the corners during the summer months.

Trustee Jeff Bevirt informed the board that the Boy Scouts from O'Fallon Troop 94 are currently working on their Citizenship in the Community merit badge. Part of the requirements is to attend a public meeting so Bevirt invited the troop to a Township meeting to fulfill the requirement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SENIOR REPORT

Trustee Doug Scott reported the next Committee dinner will be on March 13th at 5:30 P.M.



YOUTH REPORT

Trustee Kenny Joseph reported the last Committee meeting on February 24th was poorly attended. The Youth Committee Swim Party will be held at the O'Fallon YMCA on Sunday March 23rd from 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. There is no Committee meeting in March.

Trustee Jeff Bevirt asked if anyone knows of a High School student, please inform them about the Youth Committee that meets every third Monday of the month at 7:30 P.M.

PLANNING REPORT

No report.

AFTER PROM REPORT

Trustee Jeff Bevirt reported so far, \$2,445 in cash donations and \$375 in gift donations have been received. Bevirt has a meeting scheduled with Jodie Seipp from O'Fallon Township High School on Wednesday March 11th. All the entertainment is lined up. Bevirt is planning on speaking with the Band Boosters to get some parents to volunteer.

Trustee Kenny Joseph asked Bevirt to explain to the young guests in attendance what the After Prom consists of. Bevirt explained to the group how the After Prom Party is largely sponsored by the O'Fallon Township and provides a safe environment for the students to come to and enjoy themselves from 1:00 A.M. to 5:00 A.M. usually at St. Clair Bowl. Donations go towards entertainment, prizes and food. For this program to succeed, it depends largely on donations and volunteers from the Community.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Supervisor Ahle said letters were mailed out to the residents along the south side of East State Street regarding the plans to obtain an intergovernmental grant and have a sanitary sewer system put in. This would eliminate the need for septic systems for properties located between the O'Fallon Township and Smiley Street. Ahle said they have only received one telephone call stating they were satisfied with their septic system and would not be in favor of the sanitary sewer system. Highway Commissioner Downs said he has spoken with the family since receiving the call and they are now in favor of the sanitary sewer system if the grant goes through.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Ahle wanted to inform the board of an opportunity to once again advertise in the O'Fallon City Map and Information brochure. Back in 2011, the Township paid almost \$900 for a 3 ½" x 3 ½" advertisement. This time, the Township will pay the same price but get a half-page advertisement. Ahle said Highway Commissioner Downs has agreed to pay for half the expense. Trustee Hursey said it is good advertisement for the Township plus it helps promote the O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce as well as all businesses in O'Fallon. Ahle said he is aware the board cannot vote on this since it was not agenda but the deadline for advertisement is near. The board approved Supervisor Ahle to give the green light for the advertisement, have the topic put on next agenda and the board will vote on it. A discussion followed.

Ahle informed the board beginning January 1, 2014 the standard mileage reimbursement changes from 55.5¢ to 56¢ (according to the Internal Revenue Service). Trustee Doug Scott made a motion to change the standard mileage reimbursement from 55.5¢ to 56¢ and seconded by Trustee Jeff Bevirt. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Debbie A. Allsup
Deputy Town Clerk