



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 1, 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, Town Clerk David Witter, Trustees: Gary Hursey, Jeff Bevirt, Kenneth Joseph, and Doug Scott; Township Attorney Cory Easton, Deputy Town Clerk/Recorder Debbie Allsup and Recorder Sheri Heil

Others present: Gary Fohne

Supervisor Gary Ahle informed the board that Gary Fohne from the Road District will be sitting in for Highway Commissioner Mark Downs who was not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Trustee Jeff Bevirt to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2014 meeting as written and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott. Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The last day to register voters will be on October 7, 2014 and will resume after the General Election on November 4, 2014.

Correspondence was given to the trustees regarding the early voting at the Township and electronic absentee application requests

Permanent early voting sites: St. Clair County Clerk's Office, Caseyville Township and O'Fallon Township. Voters can go to any of these locations and vote for their district/ward between October 20th and November 4th. Ahle said they hope with this extra voting time, there won't be long waits at the voting polls.

Pick-up date of the election supplies will be on Wednesday, October 29, 2014

Correspondence (thank you) received from County Board Chairman Mark Kern regarding the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Ahle said they use the township hall for scheduled appointments in the area. They will be using the Township Hall in 2015 also.



APPROVAL OF SUPERVISORS BILLS

Town Fund	\$	29,373.98
General Assistance Fund	\$	3,334.20

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

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Road District employee Gary Fohne reported on the Road District “RaDAR” for the following weeks of September 1, 2014 through September 26, 2014:

(See attachment A)

Trustee Kenny Joseph asked about payments made to Gonzalez Companies. Fohne said this is in regards to a pavement assessment planning that Downs is having Gonzalez Companies work on as a guide to keep track of the Township roads and which ones need to be worked on. Deputy Clerk Debbie Allsup said the paving assessment planning was done in two (2) installments as well as the actual resurfacing that was done in 2014. Allsup said these two (2) payments complete both projects.

Trustee Jeff Bevirt asked what truck repairs were done at Woody’s Municipal Supply Co. Fohne said a new salt spreader was put on. Bevirt inquired about the status on the possibility of getting liquid applications for the roads. Fohne said Downs is still looking into costs for equipment and the liquid application.

APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER’S BILLS

Permanent Road Fund	\$	21,851.63
Road & Bridge Fund	\$	17,039.77

Trustee Kenny Joseph 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

Clerk David Witter reported on the township website with 727 visits. 80.3% were new visitors and 19.7% were returning visitors. 645 from United States, 39 from Brazil, 8 from Canada, 5 from Italy, 3 each from Spain and Serbia, 2 each from Argentina, Chile, Greece and India. Supervisor Ahle asked if the report shows how long these people are staying on the Township website. Witter said for this month, the average duration session is 1:09 minutes and 2.08 pages.

Witter reminded the board of the TOI Annual Conference on November 9th – 11th in Springfield, IL. If anybody is interested, contact the office staff.



TRUSTEES REPORT

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SENIOR REPORT

Trustee Doug Scott said the last dinner was on September 23rd. A total of 86 served plus the board. The next dinner will be on November 13th at 5:30 P.M. with the German Waterloo Band performing. There will also be a dinner in the month of December too. Scott added that after much discussion, the committee agreed to serve corn beef and cabbage at the March 19th, 2015 dinner. A discussion followed.

YOUTH REPORT

Trustee Kenny Joseph reported the group sponsored Youth Committee/Seniors Baseball game on Friday September 19th at Busch Stadium. The event was well attended and the Cardinals won.

The last meeting held on Monday September 15th was one of the better meetings for attendance according to Joseph. Discussion centered mostly around the Halloween Party on October 27th.

Trustee Jeff Bevirt said the Committee co-sponsored the 'Movie in the Park' with O'Fallon Parks & Recreation last Friday evening and was attended by nine (9) members who helped out. The Committee sponsored the "Bounce House" and provided free popcorn. Bevirt said the event was very well received by the Community. The feature movie was "Frozen" with people dressed in costume to take photographs with the children. There was a line for the "Bounce House" up until the movie started. Bevirt bought several large bags of popcorn from the O'Fallon 15 Movie Cine and had to go get more because of the turn-out. Some of the members brought friends so, Bevirt hopes there may be some new members.

The Halloween Party scheduled for October 27th is usually held in the Township Hall. Since the Township is now a permanent early voting site, the Committee was able to rent the upstairs at the American Legion Hall for \$50 on the same night. The Committee has also rented carnival games from a company in Granite City to provide more entertainment. Another change is School District #90 has what is called a 'virtual backpack'. Instead of children bringing home a flyer or other printed material in their backpacks, parents can access the website and see all information pertaining to their children. Bevirt hopes the parents having the access will bring more children to the Halloween Party. A discussion followed.

Youth Committee approved a donation to the OTHS Blizzard in the amount of \$300. Blizzard is put on by SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) Group. It is for the incoming freshman each year where they go out to the new campus and talk the students. Every year the group asks for support from the Youth Committee. Bevirt said the committee usually donates \$750 towards the cost of t-shirts. This year the committee said the shirts are worn only one day and never seen again. They decided to donate \$300 which will go towards the cost of food for this event. A brief discussion followed

Trustee Kenny Joseph made a motion to approve the donation to the OTHS Blizzard program approved by the Youth Committee in the amount of \$300 and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

PLANNING REPORT

No report.

Supervisor Ahle informed Trustee Hursey that committee member Marty Ercoline called the office on September 25th to say he was moving out of the area and would no longer be able to serve on the Township Planning Committee. It was asked if he could send a written notification of his resignation via e-mail which he said he would. To date, no e-mail has been received. Another e-mail is going to be sent to Mr. Ercoline's previous e-mail address to see if he will send his written resignation along with any nominations he may have in mind. Trustee Doug Scott thought maybe Ron Hausmann who lives in the township might be interested.

AFTER PROM REPORT

Trustee Jeff Bevirt said donation request letters to the companies that require a couple of months notification may start going out in December or January.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Supervisor Ahle said he contacted George Fero who was at the meeting last month regarding a new proposed bicycle trail. Ahle informed Mr. Fero that Highway Commissioner Downs would not be in attendance at this evening's meeting. After speaking with Mr. Fero, Ahle said he doesn't believe Mr. Fero has all the information the board requested at last month's meeting. Fero told Ahle he will be at the meeting on November 5th.

Ahle spoke with Jerry Crabtree at TOI (Township Officials of Illinois), and he does not know of any one township associated with a grant for a bicycle trail. There are townships that have bicycle trails or, have sponsored them solely on their own initiatives but, he does not know of any township that applied for a grant for a bicycle trail.

Ahle had Allsup call the insurance company, TOIRMA. They want to know exactly where the proposed bicycle trail will go (i.e. contiguous to a road as well as an exact layout). This information was forwarded to Mr. Fero to provide us for TOIRMA.

Regarding the property owners involved with this bicycle trail, Mr. Fero said he has gotten verbal approvals for the land, but to date, has nothing in writing according to Ahle. Right now, Ahle said he knows the Highway Commissioner or the Township does not want to assume any maintenance or liability on this project. Trustee Scott read an e-mail from property owner Richard Mark. The e-mail said Mr. Mark has not yet agreed to the bicycle trail, but will consider it. A discussion followed about taxpayer dollars going towards a bicycle trail. Ahle said he spoke with the Intergovernmental Grants Department after being denied on the last grant application. Ahle said the money comes out of MFT (motor fuel tax) and it is top on the list. A brief discussion followed.

Update regarding the O'Fallon Community Thanksgiving Meal. Ahle spoke with the Rummage Sale volunteers and they agreed to donate \$100.

MAC Electric came out and repaired the photo cell lighting for the flag pole. Wires needed to be replaced at the base of the pole. It took awhile after dark for the light to come on, but it is working just fine now.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of a Hall Rental Request submitted by Linda Hodges, representative of Hearts 'N' Hands Quilt Guild for the purpose of a sewing seminar on Saturday, October 4th, 2014 and Saturday, December 6th, 2014 from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (both dates).

Trustee Doug Scott made a motion to approve the Hall Rental Request submitted by Linda Hodges for the purpose of a sewing seminar and seconded by Trustee Jeff Bevirt. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

Approval of a Hall Rental Request submitted by Tracy Donald (resident of O'Fallon Township) for the purpose of a Baby Shower on Sunday, October 19th, 2014 from 12:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to approve the Hall Rental Request submitted by Tracy Donald for the purpose of a baby shower and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC INPUT (COMMENTS)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

David M. Witter
Town Clerk