



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 7, 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 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Ahle said a Thank You was received from Linda Benedick and the O'Fallon Community Food Pantry for the donation to the Thanksgiving Meal. Ahle said this was the first time this group has done this and it seems to have been a success. Trustee Jeff Bevirt was a volunteer for this event and said it was well attended and the turn-out for volunteers was very good.

APPROVAL OF SUPERVISORS BILLS

Town Fund	\$	80,171.25
General Assistance Fund	\$	28,386.06

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

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Highway Commissioner Mark Downs reported on the Road District "RaDAR" for the following weeks of December 1, 2014 through January 2, 2015:

(See attachment A)

Downs said the new de-ice equipment and storage is in place and ready to go. Everything else is going smoothly and on schedule.

Christ Brothers Asphalt did some grinding operations on a section of Simmons Rd. that has been an area of concern in the past. Trustee Jeff Bevirt asked if all the overlayment that was scheduled is complete. Downs said it is



but he was not able to get MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) money for the extra base, but in the future will be going over the top of the current roads so he shouldn't lose any of the base.

The road district is in the process of replacing the road identification signs. The new ones meet all standards and are definitely an improvement.

APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S BILLS

Permanent Road Fund	\$	667,717.32
Road & Bridge Fund	\$	232,857.36

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 732 visits in November and 797 visits in December. 76% were new visitors and 24% were returning visitors. 621 from United States; 93 from Brazil; 10 from Italy; 8 from Mexico; 7 from Portugal; 5 from Malaysia; 4 each from Bangladesh and Philippines; 3 each from Bulgaria and Canada. Witter said the average pages per session is 1.77 and average session time 1:16.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Gary Hursey said the state income tax has been reduced from 5% to 3.75%.

Trustee Kenny Joseph asked for the status of the bicycle trail. It was passed with the condition of no financial or liability obligation upon the Township. Details are in the previous minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SENIOR REPORT

Trustee Doug Scott said the next dinner will be on Thursday March 19th, 2015 at 5:30 P.M.

Trustee Gary Hursey said he received a letter questioning why we only allow persons who reside within O'Fallon Township to attend the Township Senior Committee functions while other Townships are open to the general public. Supervisor Ahle said there were 2 residents that were in O'Fallon Township and later moved to Caseyville Township. It was requested they still be allowed to attend but, the previous Trustee liaison for the Senior Committee was opposed to opening the Committee to outside residents. It has been that way ever since. A discussion followed.

YOUTH REPORT

Trustee Kenny Joseph reported the next meeting will be on Monday, January 26th at 7:30 P.M. instead of the usual 3rd Monday of the month.



Trustee Jeff Bevirt said the Committee went Christmas Caroling on December 22nd with the largest group Bevirt has seen in quite some time. They went to Cedarhurst, Cambridge House and the O'Fallon Senior apartments. Afterwards, they came back to the Township for cookies and hot chocolate

The next function for the Committee will be the swimming party at the YMCA with a tentative date of March 16th.

PLANNING REPORT

No report.

AFTER PROM REPORT

Trustee Jeff Bevirt said the After Prom will be on Sunday April 26, 2015 beginning at 12:00 A.M. He has secured the St. Clair Bowl for the event, as well as: Green Screen for photos, Airbrush tattoo artist, Jim Hursey for music and the magician. Bevirt is looking for a new contact for a photo booth which is very popular and contact the caricature artist. He will start sending out the donation request letters as well as recruit parents to volunteer. Lastly, Bevirt said he has spoken with Jodi Seipp at the O'Fallon Township High School to coordinate and discuss the bracelet scanners. A discussion followed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Regarding an update to the Sanitary Sewer Extension Project grant application, Highway Commissioner Downs said he has been in contact with Gonzales and they want to set up a meeting with himself and Supervisor Ahle regarding the survey. A brief discussion followed

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of the 2015 Standard Mileage Rate of 57.5¢ per mile (same rate as used by the Internal Revenue Service). Ahle said with the price of gas falling, he doesn't know why the mileage rate would increase.

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to authorize the Highway the mileage rate increase to 57.5¢ as presented and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC INPUT (COMMENTS)

Supervisor Ahle informed the board that a sympathy card was sent to the Cavins family on their behalf.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

David M. Witter
Town Clerk