



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 4, 2015
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 and Deputy Town Clerk/Recorder Debbie Allsup and Recorder Sheri Heil.

Others present: Sid & Carol Spengler, John Winkelmann, Robert Gehrs, Denis Sprehe, Vern, Malare, Gary Fohne, Ken Hasemann, Roger Chamness, Susie Spengler, Terry Spengler, Leonard Turnball, Julie Spengler, Nick Miller and John Bloyer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Trustee Kenny Joseph to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2015 meeting as written and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Supervisor Gary Ahle suggested with the approval of the board, to move the "Public Input" segment to the beginning of the meeting for the number people who attended regarding the installation of a stoplight on Troy-Scott Rd. at Old Vincennes and Borchers Rds.

Road Commissioner Mark Downs wanted to inform the public of his feelings on the above-mentioned stoplight. Downs received a letter from the City of O'Fallon asking the Township to participate in helping to pay for the light but, provided no numbers attached to it. Downs previously has asked the Township attorney Cory Easton if it is legal to spend taxpayers' money on a road that is not in the Township's maintenance area. This meaning; Troy-Scott is under St. County maintenance, Old Vincennes Trail and the front section of Borchers Rd. are under City of O'Fallon maintenance. O'Fallon Township and the City do work together on certain things like plowing and mowing. Downs said he cannot commit to contributing to a project without knowing how much money is needed and exactly what is expected of the Township regarding maintenance and repairs. After a brief meeting with O'Fallon Mayor Gary Graham, Downs relayed that the Mayor is hoping to get the St. Clair County to pay half while the City and the Township pay a quarter each. Downs said he has no problem with doing this but all these things have not yet been worked out. Graham believes that right now it's at a third each. Still, Downs doesn't know what these portions add up to money-wise along with additional fees; engineering and traffic studies. Downs explained to Graham that he puts a budget together for the fiscal year April thru March and if he is provided with some numbers, he will try and do his part to make this happen. Downs said he



agrees that the stoplight is necessary and would like to see it happen, but right now, he is just waiting to see if he can be provided with numbers.

Trustee Doug Scott asked what was the response from attorney Cory Easton about spending money for roads that are not in the Township maintenance. Easton said he believes the Township can put money towards projects as done in the past. These projects benefit people in the Township as well, even if the road is in the City or County. Easton agrees with Downs that the “maintenance thing” is an issue that needs to be addressed.

Leonard Turnbull asked if there have been an estimate of what the costs will be. Downs said no numbers have been made available to him yet.

Trustee Gary Hursey commented the Township budget is much smaller than the City or County budgets. He agrees with Downs about seeing some estimates and numbers first. All other trustees are all in favor of the stoplight and are in agreement with Downs that without a dollar amount to put towards or, who will assume responsibility for maintenance, it is too early to make a commitment.

Trustee Jeff Bevirt agreed he is in support of the project be we need numbers before committing to it. Turstee Kenny Joseph said we can't act until we have figures but is also in favor of the project.

Downs said when speaking with Mayor Graham, he (Downs) mentioned an amount of \$150,000 not knowing what percentage of the total amount this fell into but can figure this into next year's budget to be put towards the project. Downs thinks the County should pick up the majority of the cost on this project.

Trustee Doug Scott asked Downs if this request from the City could be used as some leverage to coax the City to upgrade their section of Borchers Rd. Downs said that could be a possibility. He added that the City has been very receptive to working jointly with the Township on projects that are both City and Township (i.e. Bowler Rd.). The portion of Borchers Rd. in question was, unfortunately, before Downs was elected.

Resident Syd Spengler said after reading the article in the O'Fallon Weekly, he thought it reflected negatively with the Township and he, along with the other Borchers residents, want to clarify with the Township the necessity for this light. Terry Spengler agreed that the Township needs to participate in this project to some extent. Downs assured the residents he will participate in anyway he can if money allows him. A brief discussion followed.

Syd Spengler said he and some other residents were at the first meeting regarding this matter held at the Public Safety Building approximately 4-6 weeks ago and the dollar amount he heard mentioned was \$300,000 - \$350,000. A representative from the County was in attendance too. Downs said he was never informed or invited to attend this meeting.

Resident Denis Sprehe said the County, the City and the Township all need to get together to make things start to happen with this project. Downs was in agreement with this. Also, when he spoke with Mayor Graham, it was Graham who said he would contact the County about pursuing the matter further. Downs added that the residents should contact their County Board member about this matter too. More discussion followed about preventing an accident in the future, the increase in traffic and making sure there are turn lanes installed. More discussion followed.

Residents thanked the board for their time and excused themselves from the meeting at 7:26 P.M.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Annual Open House is scheduled for Friday, December 18, 2015 from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M

St. Clair County Township Officials Association quarterly meeting is on Thursday, November 19, 2015 at Millstadt Knights of Columbus. Trustees Kenny Joseph and Doug Scott will most likely attend.

APPROVAL OF SUPERVISORS BILLS

Town Fund	\$ 24,559.44
General Assistance Fund	\$ 2,699.29

Trustee Jeff Bevirt 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 reported on the Road District "RaDAR" for the following weeks of October 5, 2015 through October 30, 2015:
(See attachment A)

Took delivery of the new truck and all paving with Christ Brothers is completed and the invoice is in this month's bills.

Downs is still looking into conveyers for the salt storage dome. He will have more information at the December meeting.

APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S BILLS

Permanent Road Fund	\$ 275,154.99
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 18,496.02

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

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Witter reported on the township website with 513 visits in October: 77.0% were new visitors and 23.0% were returning visitors. 94.2% from United States; locally: O'Fallon – 34%, Belleville – 7.6%, Collinsville – 6.2%, St. Louis – 6.2% and Chicago – 4.5%.



TRUSTEES REPORT

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SENIOR REPORT

Trustee Doug Scott said he was unable to attend the Dinner or the meeting. It has come up that the Committee has run into some financial difficulties. The last dinner for the fiscal year will be December 3rd until the new budget comes out in April 2016. With the increase in entertainment and food costs, the Committee spent more than anticipated. Scott assured the board he will pay closer attention to the expenses. Deputy Clerk Debbie Allsup said the Committee will drop the one dinner in July and have discussed raising the cost of the dinner ticket from \$2 to \$3 and possibly \$4 the following year. Scott said they are also going to try and deal with just one caterer to possibly get a more reduced price overall too.

Supervisor Ahle thanked Doug Scott and Recorder Sheri Heil for attending a meeting with him along with Road Commissioner Mark Downs at the Katy Cavins Center earlier today for input on what the Township does for the Senior Citizens in O'Fallon Township. It was an exploratory meeting to find out if there is a need or interest in a senior-type recreational civic building.

YOUTH REPORT

Trustee Kenny Joseph said the next Committee meeting will be on Monday November 16th at 7:30 P.M.

Trustee Jeff Bevirt said the Committee participated in the O'Fallon Parks and Recreation Fall Festival on Saturday, October 24th at Rock Springs Park. In December, the Committee will be doing Christmas Caroling.

PLANNING REPORT

Trustee Gary Hursey said there were two (2) Planning hearings scheduled on Tuesday October 20th at 7:00 P.M. and 7:30 P.M.

Approval of a Request for a Zoning Amendment made by Cletus & Mary Zotz to change the classification from "A" Agricultural Industry to "RR-3" Rural Residential Zone on property known as 723 O'Fallon Troy Rd., Lebanon, IL. All neighboring residents approved. The Planning Committee voted to approve the change.

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to approve the Planning Committee's decision accordingly and seconded by Supervisor Gary Ahle. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

Approval of a Special Use permit for a Planned Building Development in an "A" Agricultural Industry Zone being made by James Ford & Thomas Williams on property known as 8676 US Highway 50, Lebanon, IL. Besides a letter received with a list of some minor concerns from the neighboring business, which were addressed at the hearing, no other residents or businesses attended the hearing to oppose the request. The Planning Committee voted to approve the change.

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to approve the Planning Committee's decision accordingly and seconded by Trustee Kenny Joseph. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

AFTER PROM REPORT

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Supervisor Ahle updated the Board on the Property Improvement - Installation of a garage door opener for the Rotary Van garage and rummage sale items. Ahle spoke with two (2) installers and also Donnie Kruep with Kruep Construction. It could possibly be done, but the cost would be prohibitive at this time. There is a bearing wall where the door originally was before adding on to the garage. To remove this, a structural engineer would have to look at it and somehow or another brace it. Ahle asked Kruep for a ballpark estimate and he said a minimum of \$5,000. A discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of a Hall Rental request submitted by Sheri Heil, resident of O'Fallon Township, for the purpose of a Birthday Party on Sunday, November 15th, 2015 from noon to 3:00.

Trustee Kenny Joseph made a motion to approve the hall rental request submitted by Sheri Heil for the purpose of a Birthday Party as presented and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

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 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

David M. Witter
Town Clerk