



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 3, 2016
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, Natalie Routh, Heather Jones, Becca Jones-Scales, Nick Miller and Ken Diel

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Scott to approve the minutes of the January 6th with the exception of a spelling error and seconded by Trustee Jeff Bevirt. Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Ahle informed the board that a check in the amount of \$99.85 was received from the group Savers for the remaining items picked up after the January 9th 2016 Rummage Sale.

Pass Security performed their annual inspection of the Township security system on January 15th and everything is in good working order.

Commercial Door was called on for door repairs in the Hall and the Food Pantry. Ahle informed the Pantry that the expense for the door repairs was somewhat costly and future repair expenses may have to be shared by the Pantry.

APPROVAL OF SUPERVISORS BILLS

Town Fund	\$	27,528.91
General Assistance Fund	\$	2,730.68

Trustee Jeff Bevirt 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

Downs introduced his daughter Natalie Routh to the board saying she was interested in becoming involved with either the After Prom or Youth Committee.

Highway Commissioner Mark Downs reported on the Road District "RaDAR" for the following weeks of January 5, 2016 through January 29, 2016:

(See attachment A)

Downs reported that 413 ft. of guardrail was installed on Simmons Rd. by Illini Excavation & Reclamation on January 28th. Some of the pieces of rail were used which saved the Road District some money and the Road District crew oversaw traffic control. Because of existing underground utility lines, there is a section of rail that Downs thinks is too close to the road and is in the process of making some adjustments to have all rails lined up. Trustee Bevirt said the new reflective signs approaching the curve really catch the driver's attention too. Discussion followed.

Nick Miller asked Downs if there was any update on the stolen jon boat that was used in December by some stranded residents on Weil Rd. because of rising water from Silver Creek. Downs said nobody has called or come forward with any information. Downs went on to explain the situation about the stolen boat to attendees of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S BILLS

Permanent Road Fund	\$	19,219.36
Road & Bridge Fund	\$	19,418.33

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 483 visits in January: 73.0% were new visitors and 27.0% were returning visitors. 96.7% from United States. Locally: O'Fallon – 28.9%, Belleville – 10.4%, St. Louis – 9.5%, Collinsville – 7.9%, Chicago – 6.4%, and Fairview Heights – 3.5%.

A letter was received from TOI (Township Officials of Illinois) requesting the salaries and benefits of the elected officials. They will compile the information from all the Townships and release a report. Supervisor Ahle added this information is requested every year and not something new.

Witter received a card with dates for this year's education event. O'Fallon Township's will be on Saturday, June 11th, 2016 at Doubletree-Collinsville located at 1000 Eastport Plaza Drive. Dr. Glen Poshard will be the featured speaker.



TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Kenny Joseph said he received the education event card too, but did not see the Collinsville location on his card. Witter said he went to the TOI website and looked up the Program Outline and the Doubletree Hotel is the event location. A brief discussion followed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SENIOR REPORT

Trustee Doug Scott, on behalf of the Committee members, thanked the Youth Committee for offering to fund the Senior Committee Dinner scheduled for February 18th at 5:30.

YOUTH REPORT

Trustee Kenny Joseph reported the next Youth Committee meeting will be on Monday, February 22nd at 7:30 P.M. It has been moved back 1 week because of the Presidents' Day Holiday on February 15th.

Trustee Jeff Bevirt reported for the board's approval, the appointment of Abigail Weidner to the O'Fallon Township Youth Committee.

Trustee Kenny Joseph made a motion to approve the appointment of Abigail Weidner to the O'Fallon Township Youth Committee as presented and seconded by Trustee Jeff Bevirt. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

Trustee Jeff Bevirt reported the Committee met on January 25th where 8-9 Youths were in attendance. They voted to fund the dinner for the Senior Committee. They also discussed the YMCA Swim Party the Committee hosts each year. Last year, because of limited advertisement within the school district, only 1 (one) student attended the function. After much discussion among the Youths, they voted to host it again this year. Trustee Bevirt contacted the YMCA the following day to schedule a date to rent their facility only to find they no longer rent out the facility for private functions.

Bevirt explained to new attendees that the Youth Committee consists of members of O'Fallon Township High School students within the Township or OTHS jurisdiction. They meet once a month except for June, July and December. There are 5 or 6 functions the Committee funds or volunteers for: the O'Fallon Garden Club hosts a Trivia Night where the Committee members assist as “runners”. That will be this Saturday, February 6th. The Fishing Derby in June at the O'Fallon Sportsman's Club is a very popular event that draws 50-75 kids of all ages to come out to fish and compete for trophies. The Committee has a Cardinal Baseball Night in September where the Committee takes Senior Citizens to a baseball game at Busch Stadium. The Committee partners up with O'Fallon Parks & Recreation for the “Fall Festival” which is well attended. Christmas caroling rounds up the year when the Youths go to the O'Fallon Senior Apartments, The Colonnade and Cambridge House to sing for the Senior Citizens. There has been a “Movie in the Park” night that the Committee helped with in the past and possibly again, in the future. The Committee would supply a “Bounce House” for recreation before the movie or, popcorn to everybody for the movie. They also support different student activities in O'Fallon.

PLANNING REPORT

No Report.

AFTER PROM REPORT

Trustee Jeff Bevirt said there are 425 donation request letters ready to be mailed out to local businesses. He is going to meet with OTHS representative, Jodie Seipp on February 22nd at 4:00 P.M. E-mails have been sent to different entertainer providers used in the past to get all contracts/reservations squared away. The After Prom provides all kinds of food, snacks, games, caricature artist, tattoo/airbrush artist, photo booth, karaoke and of course, free bowling. Bevirt has already received contracts from St. Clair Bowl and the magician. Something new that Bevirt is looking into is "Giant Jenga". Bevirt said it takes approximately \$10,000 to provide this for the students. This is all made possible with support from the O'Fallon Township, the City of O'Fallon, the Village of Shiloh and numerous local businesses and individuals.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Supervisor Ahle said he received a correspondence from Sunrise Rotary Club late Tuesday afternoon. They would like to attend the March meeting of the Trustees to go over some concerns with the use of the Hall for their early morning meetings. Ahle provided the trustees with a copy of the rental agreement approved by Township attorney Cory Easton and given to the Rotary along with a copy of the e-mail from Rotary president Joe McKay. Ahle wants the board to prepare for any questions or concerns brought up at the March meeting. He pointed out that the Rotary will not be allowed to hold their meetings while early voting is going on because of equipment left in the Hall. Another thing the Rotary asked about is the availability of the Township WiFi network. Ahle thinks they should get their own WiFi since the Township WiFi is directly connected to the network. An additional WiFi would need to be purchased for public usage. A brief discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

St. Clair County Township Officials Quarterly meeting will be on Thursday, February 18th, 2016 at No Jacks located at 4001 State Route 159, Smithton.

The 34th Annual Township Topics Day in Springfield will be on Wednesday, April 6th, 2016.

The last day to register voters for the March 15th, 2016 election is February 16th, 2016.

A notification was received from St. Clair County on the early voting schedule for our facility beginning February 29th to March 14th (set up on February 26th).

Election supplies will be picked up at the County on Wednesday, March 9th, 2016.

PUBLIC INPUT

Becca Jones-Scales, a member of the OTHS Marching Band addressed the Board to solicit subscriptions to the O'Fallon Weekly newspaper. Through February, a portion of every paid subscription goes to help the band pay for their trip to march in the parade and perform during half-time at the 2016 Orange Bowl. A brief discussion followed.

Ken Diel wanted to thank Highway Road Commissioner Mark Downs for installing the guardrail at the curve on the Simmons Rd. Mr. Diel attended the January meeting to speak about the need for this guardrail and was pleasantly surprised that the Road District already got it installed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:42P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

David M. Witter
Town Clerk