



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 2, 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 Debbie Allsup and Recorder Sheri Heil.

Others present: Gary Fohne, John West and Nick Miller

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING ON October 5th, 2016

A motion was made by Trustee Jeff Bevirt to approve the minutes of the October 5th Board of Trustees' meeting and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott. Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Election supplies have been picked up from the County and are being distributed to each of the 18 (eighteen) precincts.

Early voting at the O'Fallon Township will on Monday, November 7th, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. He said the turnout has been great. As of 4:00 today, there have been 3,351 (three thousand three hundred fifty-one) early voters at this location since it began on October 24th. Everything has been running smoothly.

The O'Fallon Township Annual Open House will be on December 16th, 2016 from 11:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.

The Quarterly Meeting of the St. Clair County Township Officials Association will be held on Thursday, November 17th, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at the Fayetteville Township Multi-Purpose Center located in St. Libory, IL



APPROVAL OF SUPERVISORS BILLS

Town Fund	\$ 19,156.44
General Assistance Fund	\$ 2,634.77

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

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

RaDAR report provided.

(See attachment A)

The overlay project for 2016 is complete. Downs said the bid of \$300,000 from Rooter Asphalt, Inc. came in under than expected so he added Bernhardt Rd. to the project. The total project cost after the Bernhardt addition was \$301, 232.

The street I.D.s and posts are in need of replacement so this will be done in the near future.

A new wing mower was delivered on October 31st. This will hopefully cut down on the mowing time.

Replaced the 2004 spreader with a belt spreader. This will save time spreading gravel and/or asphalt onto the road shoulders.

Replacing a 2002 International ton and half truck. Delivery expected on November 30th.

The prices have been received for rock salt for the upcoming year. The price is \$52.45/ton as opposed to last year’s price of \$61.46/ton

Trustee Hursey asked if adding Bernhardt Rd. to the asphalt overlay project is technically legal without going out for another bid. Downs responded that Bernhardt was in the original bid description as an “alternate” depending on the costs.

Trustee Joseph asked Downs who the new truck was purchased from. Downs said it comes from a state contract supplier; Bob Ridings Ford, Inc. from Taylorville, IL. Downs has purchased 2 (two) other vehicles from this dealership in the past.



APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S BILLS

Permanent Road Fund	\$ 106,937.56
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 14,389.47

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

Clerk Dave Witter reported the petitions for the Consolidated Election on April 4th, 2017 are still available in the office during business hours. Turn in dates for the petitions are December 12th until 5:00 P.M. on December 19th.

Witter distributed copies of articles from the O'Fallon Weekly and the News Democrat papers about the salaries discussions at last month's meeting. The articles were very favorable of elected officials' decision to freeze the board's salaries and to delete the health care plan from the clerk which was based on Witter's own recommendation.

On October 25th Witter and administration met with Compu-Type about updating the Township website. Presently, Witter is looking into obtaining estimates from other companies. A brief discussion followed.

TRUSTEES REPORT

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SENIOR REPORT

Trustee Doug Scott reported the last Senior Dinner was on October 20th. A total of 74 (seventy-four) tickets were sold with 8 (eight) no-shows.

The next dinner is on December 1st at 5:30 P.M.

Supervisor Ahle asked if the Committee is looking at different vendors with regard to cost. Scott responded the Committee was locked with vendors for this year but are looking into just 1 (one) or 2 (two) vendors to provide meals for the next fiscal year.



YOUTH REPORT

Trustee Kenny Joseph reported the next meeting will be on Monday, November 21st, 2016 at 7:30 P.M.

PLANNING REPORT

No report.

AFTER PROM REPORT

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Approval of Resolution 16-05 setting compensation for the office of Highway Commissioner which must be set at least 180 (one hundred eighty) days before new term of office begins. (Deadline of November 16th, 2016).

Highway Commissioner Mark Downs informed the board he did not run for the position because of the salary or, to have it increased. With that being said, there are 18 (eighteen) Highway Commissioners in St. Clair County with salaries ranging from \$21,600 to \$83,000 and the average being \$50,000. The O'Fallon Highway Commissioner salary has been frozen since 2004. Downs added that in order to get qualified people in the position, the salary and compensation should reflect that.

Trustee Hursey believes with the current economy, right now is not the time for a pay increase.

Trustee Bevirt agreed with what Downs said about a fair salary to ensure qualified people in the position.

Trustee Scott said since he once was employed by the road district he has some insight to the responsibilities of the Highway Commissioner and believes the position is underpaid.

Trustee Joseph agrees with Hursey's opinion of the current economy but, also thinks some increase is in order.

With respect to what Trustee Hursey said, Trustee Bevirt believes the position is due an increase in salary. He said after looking over the minutes of the last meeting, an annual increase of \$1,000/year for the next 4 (four) years is fair would bring the annual salary for the Highway Commissioner up to \$44,000 at the end of the term. Trustee Scott agreed.

Supervisor Ahle agreed with Bevirt. It is a job that may be called on at any time, i.e.; snow storms, tree across the roads, etc.

A motion was made by Trustee Jeff Bevirt to increase the Highway Commissioner's salary in the amount of \$1,000 per year over the next 4 (four) year term and keep all benefits the same and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott. Roll Call: Hursey – nay; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

Received a Thank You letter from Linda Benedick, Chairperson of the O'Fallon Thanksgiving Feast for the monetary donation given by the O'Fallon Township.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of a Hall Rental request submitted by Tina Warhoover, resident of O'Fallon Township, for the purpose of a baby shower on Sunday, November 27th, 2016 from 12:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

A motion was made by Supervisor Gary Ahle to approve the hall rental request submitted by Tina Warhoover as presented and seconded by Trustee Kenny Joseph. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

Approval of a Hall Rental request submitted by Trish Fots, representative of Cecil Management Group, for the purpose of a meeting on Tuesday, November 29th, 2016 from 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Trustee Gary Hursey to approve the hall rental request submitted by Trish Fots as presented and seconded by Trustee Jeff Bevirt. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Ahle thanked O'Fallon Weekly editor, Nick Miller for the article written on the O'Fallon Township.

PUBLIC INPUT

St. Clair County board member John West asked what the purpose of Cecil Management renting the hall was for. It was answered the meeting is for a Home Owners Association meeting for Parcs of Arbor Green.

Trustee Scott if there were any updates on some of the dilapidated properties along East State St. Supervisor Ahle said the County is to keep him informed of any changes or updates. So far, the lawns are being maintained.

John West said one home located on Carson Dr. is scheduled to be torn down this month.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

David M. Witter
Town Clerk