



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 2, 2017
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 Road Commissioner Mark Downs, Town Clerk David Witter, Trustees: Doug Scott, Frank Morski, Todd Roach and Gary Hursey. Deputy Town Clerk Debbie Allsup and Recorder Sheri Heil.

Others present: Gary Fohne, Andrea Fohne and 4 (four) unsigned attendees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Trustee Frank Morski to approve the minutes of the July 5th meeting as presented and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Sunrise Rotary is requesting a meeting with the Board regarding construction of a structure by Eagle Scout members to house their supplies. It is still in the early planning stages but, Ahle talked with Downs about moving the current structure the Rotary uses and have it moved so the Township can use it to house the lawn equipment. Ahle said he will contact the Township Attorney, Cory Easton to discuss the details involving this project. A discussion followed.

Local Officials Day at the Illinois State Fair is on Saturday, August 12, 2017 from 5:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.

St. Clair County Township Officials Quarterly meeting hosted by; Freeburg, Smiththorn, Prairie DuLong Townships will be on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 7:00 P.M, at Reifschneider's Grill and Grape Restaurant, 700 N. State St., Freeburg, IL Eric Murray of Warning Lites of Southern Illinois will be the guest speaker.

Emergency repairs were needed on the air conditioner unit for the main office on July 21st. The capacitor needed to be replaced.

O'Fallon-Shiloh Chamber of Commerce is requesting sponsorship for their Annual Golf Tournament on September 19, 2017. Previous donations made by the Township was \$150.

Trustee Doug Scott made a motion to approve the donation request submitted by the O'Fallon-Shiloh Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$150 and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Scott – aye; Morski – aye; Ahle – aye; Roach – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion Carried.

A donation request received from Programs and Services for Older Persons (PSOP) for the RSVP Bands which have their funding taken away. Ahle explained that if a cash donation is approved, it would come out of the Senior Citizen Daytime Event(s) line item. A brief discussion followed.

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Scott to approve a donation request by PSOP in the amount \$100 and seconded by Trustee Frank Morski. Roll Call: Scott – aye; Morski – aye; Ahle – aye; Roach – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF SUPERVISORS BILLS

Town Fund	\$	24,650.88
General Assistance Fund	\$	2,492.65

Trustee Hursey asked about a payment to Compu Type for “Maintenance – Website”. Deputy Clerk Debbie Allsup explained it’s a charge for e-mails.

Trustee Todd Roach asked about 2 payments to the Rotary Club. Ahle explained the Township has a flag and the Road District has one. The second flag is discounted \$25 less than the first.

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

Supervisor Ahle informed the Board about a troublesome light in the hall. A representative from MAC Electric will be out tomorrow to look at it. If it needs to be replaced, Ahle suggested having 2 more replaced to gradually phase out the older fixtures.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

RaDAR report provided.

(See attachment A)

The road district has finished assisting Caseyville and Lebanon Townships with their oil/chipping projects.

Besides mowing, they have been doing some work on Oak Hill School Rd. addressing drainage issues. It will also be the first road on the over-lay project with Gleeson Asphalt beginning on August 9th. The first portion of the road has been annexed into the City of O'Fallon. Downs asked Gleeson to supply a bid that would include this City annexed portion. Gleeson provided a bid of \$32,000 for that portion. Downs is still waiting to hear back from the City in hopes that they will approve their portion be over-layed along with the Township portion to avoid a “hump” in the road between the 2 portions as in the past on Borchers Ln. The same goes for the County section.

APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S BILLS

Permanent Road Fund	\$	79,470.50
Road & Bridge Fund	\$	14,014.31

Trustee Scott asked about a \$20,000 payment. Downs explained it is the payment for the new backhoe. They leased it for 3 months and the final payment.

Trustee Doug Scott made a motion to authorize the Highway Commissioner's bills to be paid accordingly and seconded by Trustee Frank Morski. Roll Call: Scott – aye; Morski – aye; Ahle – aye; Roach – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion Carried.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Town Clerk Dave Witter reported that after quite a few telephone calls, the Rotary Van will be delivered tomorrow. A discussion followed.

TRUSTEES REPORT

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SENIOR REPORT

Trustee Doug Scott reported the Senior Committee Dinner on July 20th, 103 tickets sold minus 3 no-shows. The entertainment was Steve Davis, "Elvis" Impersonator who is a real crowd pleaser. The Senior Committee Board met on July 25th at 6:30 P.M. The next dinner will be on Thursday, August 17th, at 5:30 P.M.

A month ago, somebody donated gift cards and cash for the Senior Citizens from Cambridge House to attend the dinners. The Committee contacted the Director at Cambridge to see if the donation can go to residents who might normally not be able to afford to attend the dinners. Trustee Scott said the donation is greatly appreciated.

YOUTH REPORT

None.

Trustee Todd Roach requested the e-mail and cell phone numbers for Jeff Bevirt and Susan Parkinson

PLANNING REPORT

None.

AFTER PROM REPORT

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Replacement/repair of leaking roof in sections of the building. Both Ahle and Scott agreed to have Joiner Sheet Metal and Roofing do the work and have 'white' material installed for a total cost of \$11,099.00. A discussion followed.

A motion was made by Trustee Todd Roach to approve Joiner Sheet Metal and Roofing to do the roof repairs needed and seconded by Trustee Frank Morski. Roll Call: Scott – aye; Morski – aye; Ahle – aye; Roach – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation/approval of a Transfer of Appropriation with the O'Fallon Township Town Fund. Ahle explained with the unexpected roof repair and, instead of taking small amounts out of numerous line items, Ahle suggests that; \$5,000 out of "Contingencies", \$5,000 out of "Capital Outlay Computers /Software" and \$2,000 out of "Capital Outlay Equipment". This would transfer a total of \$12,000 into "Capital Outlay Improvements". This would postpone the upgrade on the website. A discussion followed.

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Scott to approve the transfer of \$12,000 into the "Capital Outlay Improvements" line item as presented and seconded by Trustee Frank Morski. Roll Call: Scott – aye; Morski – aye; Ahle – aye; Roach – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion Carried.

Presentation / Approval of Resolution No. 17-04. A Resolution Relating to Participation by Elected Officials in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF). This is so the elected officials may participate in the IMRF if they are in a position normally requiring performance of duty for 600 hours or more per year. This pertains to: Township Supervisor, Highway Commissioner and Town Clerk.

Trustee Doug Scott had some inquiries pertaining to the number of hours the Town Clerk puts in. Clerk Witter reminded him that he had already removed himself from the insurance because he did not work the required 2,000 hours per year. Trustee Hursey responded he does not have any questions about Witter's hours. More discussion followed.

A motion was made by Trustee Gary Hursey to approve Resolution No. 17-04 as presented and seconded by Trustee Frank Morski. Roll Call: Scott – nay; Morski – aye; Ahle – aye; Roach – nay; Hursey – aye. Motion Carried.

Approval of a Hall Rental request submitted by Tamara Andersen, resident of O'Fallon Township, for the purpose of a Birthday party on Saturday, September 23, 2017 from 3:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.

Trustee Scott asked if the hours are a problem with monitors. It was explained that 1 monitor will open the building and at 9:00 P.M., a second monitor will be here to help with cleaning and closing.

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Scott to approve the hall rental submitted by Tamara Andersen as presented and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Scott – aye; Morski – aye; Ahle – aye; Roach – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Supervisor Ahle informed the Board the Rummage Sale volunteers have been informed by Savers that they can only drop off leftover items every 3 months. The volunteers held a meeting yesterday to discuss their options. Ahle said there is not enough room in the garage to store leftovers for 3 months. Clerk Witter's wife is one of the volunteers and he was told that the volunteers reached out to numerous charities and still are unsure what they are going to do. A discussion followed.

Unsigned attendee asked if anything will be done with the website this year. Clerk Witter said he spoke with the current vendor to get the tabs for the Minutes updated. Trustee Roach asked if it would be possible to "piggy-back" on the City's already existing website and pay a fee to them. Trustee Hursey spoke about a "Share" folder on the City's website. The fees come in to manage and update the website. Hursey agreed with Witter that getting the Minutes in order and easy for the public to access will do for now.

Another Unsigned attendee commented about the website being low-priority and thinks for "transparency", putting the agenda and other items should be added to the website as a sort of "open the books" for the public. Witter commented that he believed creating the website was important 8 years ago when he first ran for Clerk and he believes O'Fallon Township to be one of the most "Transparent" of Townships. It was mentioned in a local paper how more Townships should be running like O'Fallon Township. Witter said the issues on the website will be corrected soon. More discussion followed.

Highway Commissioner Downs commented that most of the 'hits' on the website that were reported on monthly in the past, were mostly not even in the United States. He doesn't see what the issue is. Since the road district has their information on the website, Downs does not think many people look at the website, but did offer to share some of the cost for it.

Unsigned attendee stated that everything discussed this evening could be on the website. Clerk and Board members all said that requires a full-time employee and is not going to happen. More discussion followed.

Trustee Todd Roach commented that O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce is working the Cities of Shiloh and O'Fallon in trying to raise money for a consolidation study for schools. Roach asked if the Township has been approached yet. Ahle responded that they have not. Roach asked if the Township would be able to donate if approached. A discussion followed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Scott to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Trustees and seconded by Supervisor Gary Ahle.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

David M. Witter
Town Clerk