



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 1, 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 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: Fred Boch, Steve Comeaux, A.J. McMillan, Kermit Edison, Gary Fohne, Vern Malare, Jeff Bevirt, Herb Roach and John West

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Trustee Frank Morski to approve the minutes of the October 4th meeting as presented and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott. Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Ahle and Deputy Clerk Debbie Allsup have begun work on the Levy and will present it at the December meeting.

Received a FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) request from Casey Bischel from the Belleville News-Democrat regarding General Assistance which has been fulfilled and sent in last week.

Township Attorney, Cory Easton arrived at 7:01 P.M.

Annual Open House will be on December 1st, 2017 from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. All are welcome to attend.

APPROVAL OF SUPERVISORS BILLS

Town Fund	\$	17,127.44
General Assistance Fund	\$	2,703.71

Trustee Doug Scott made a motion to authorize the Supervisor'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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update regarding the Sunrise Rotary building a storage structure by the Eagle Scouts. Representatives from the Eagle Scouts and Sunrise Rotary were present to discuss their plans.

Steve Comeaux introduced Christopher Erickson from the local Scout troop #46 who is working with the Rotary Club. Comeaux explained how the Club is currently using an older shed of the Township's located behind the southwest corner of the building. One of the Club's community service projects is putting up approximately 200 flags around town 11 times during the year. They have since outgrown the older (8' x 10') storage structure and want to partner up with the Scouts on the flag project and build a newer and larger structure (12' x 20'). Comeaux is seeking approval by the board in order to begin moving forward. Discussions followed regarding location of structure and permits needed for the size of structure. Downs responded he was under the impression the new structure would go where the old one is now and he would relocate the old structure. Township attorney, Cory Easton brought up the fact that insurance during construction and waivers for any accidents needs to be in place to protect the Township. Clerk Witter suggested that since the Township will own the building and the Rotary will be using it, a lease should probably be entered into and proof of Rotary insurance provided to the Township. Ahle said he will need to contact the TOIRMA who handles the Township's insurance.

Sunrise Rotary members and Eagle Scout member excused themselves at 7:17 P.M.

Trustee Scott asked whatever happened with the bill for engineering from the railroad over S. Rieder Rd. Downs said a letter was prepared and sent to the railroad regarding that. The letter stated that the Road District didn't feel obligated to pay the bill since it came under the previous Commissioner's tenure. Their response was; they will not cooperate with Downs if he ever needs them in the future. A brief discussion followed.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

RaDAR report provided.

(See attachment A)

Downs asked Attorney Easton if a general agreement can be drawn up between Townships and City when helping one another with projects (road chipping, flagging, mowing, plowing, etc.).

The Road District has completed mowing for the year and has been installing culverts where needed before it gets too cold.

Downs said he got word the cost for rock salt this year is \$47.00 per ton. About the same cost as last year. The road district dome is full and Downs predicts he will probably use more of the beet juice application than the salt.

APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S BILLS

Permanent Road Fund	\$	52,422.15
Road & Bridge Fund	\$	17,154.14

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to authorize the Highway Commissioner'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.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

None.

TRUSTEES REPORT

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SENIOR REPORT

Trustee Doug Scott reported the Senior Committee Dinner on October 26th, 91 tickets sold and 10 no-shows. No meeting or dinner in November. The next dinner will be on Thursday, December 14th at 5:30 P.M.

YOUTH REPORT

Trustee Todd Roach reported the Youth Committee met on Monday, October 16th. The main focus still, is getting more youth members signed up to keep the Committee going. Roach wants to get in contact with the Honor Society at the OTHS and also the Baptist High School. The group is getting ready to do some Christmas Caroling at some of the local assisted-living facilities. They discussed about possibly doing some things on social media to increase membership and activity awareness. The next meeting will be on Monday November 20th at 7:30 P.M. Roach introduced Jeff Bevirt to speak.

Jeff Bevirt said he put together a short narrative to send to all of the local High School principals as well as the local newspapers. The Committee is in desperate need of members (Freshman thru Seniors). There are only 2 Senior members now, and when they graduate next year, there is no Committee. Bevirt is looking for support for the Committee to get the membership up. Activities include: Christmas Caroling, supporting the Garden Club Trivia Night, Fishing Derby and Senior Citizens – Cardinal Baseball Game Night. They support the High School with funds for the Blizzard and the Robotics Club.

PLANNING REPORT

None.

AFTER PROM REPORT

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of a Hall Rental request submitted by Lee Niehaus, representative of St. Nicholas-Yesterday's Kids, for the purpose of a meeting on Monday, December 18th from 5:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

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

The July 2018 meeting will need to be rescheduled due to the first Wednesday falling on the 4th of July Holiday.

A motion was made by Supervisor Gary Ahle to table the topic until the December meeting and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Scott –aye; Morski – aye; Ahle – aye; Roach – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion Carried.

St. Clair County Township Officials Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 16th, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at the Bel-Air Bowl Building. Hosted by St. Clair and Stookey Townships along with St. Clair County Township Officials Association.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Scott to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Trustees and seconded by Trustee Frank Morski.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

David M. Witter
Town Clerk