



O'Fallon Township
801 East State Street
O'Fallon, IL 62269

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Town Clerk Dave Witter called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTION OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

Town Clerk Dave Witter thanked everyone for attending and then he introduced the O'Fallon Township Board in attendance. Board members present: Supervisor Gary Ahle, Highway Commissioner William Peach, Town Clerk Dave Witter, Trustees: Glenn Loyet, Kenneth Joseph and Jeff Bevirt, Office staff: Deputy Clerk Debbie Allsup, General Assistance Administrator Sheri Heil and Recorder/Secretary Susan Parkinson. He introduced the Road District employees present: Gary Fohne and Gerard Helldoerfer and also the building monitors in attendance: George Harvilla and Charles Bevirt

Others present: Dolores Harvilla, Dorothy Turner, Brian Keller, Vernon Monken, Martin Ercoline, Sr., Sue Witter and Mary Ann Joseph.

Town Clerk Witter thanked the Board for their work with each of the assigned committees (Gary Hursey – Planning Committee and After Prom Committee, Jeff Bevirt – After Prom Committee and Youth Committee, Glenn Loyet – Senior Committee and Kenneth Joseph – Youth Committee, Dave Witter – Rotary Committee).

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF MODERATOR

Town Clerk Dave Witter opened the floor for nominating a Moderator for the meeting.

Debbie Allsup made a motion to nominate Brian Keller as Moderator and seconded by George Harvilla. There were no other nominations. Motion carried to elect Brian Keller.

OATH OF MODERATOR

Town Clerk Dave Witter administered the Oath of Moderator of the Annual Town Meeting to Brian Keller and he assumed his duties.

READING OF THE MINUTES

Glenn Loyet made a motion to dispense of the reading of the minutes of the previous Annual Town Meeting and to approve the minutes as presented and seconded by Debbie Allsup. Motion Carried.

READING OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Town Clerk Dave Witter read the Highway Commissioner's Annual Report of the Road District Fund. Marty Ercoline, Sr. asked Clerk Witter to repeat the figures on hand at the end of year and the amount spent. Witter repeated the figures for last fiscal year ending March 31, 2013. Witter



then read the Supervisor's Financial Statement/Settlement of the Town Fund and General Assistance Fund.

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A motion was made by Dorothy Turner to approve the Annual Financial Statements as read by Town Clerk Dave Witter and seconded by Martin Ercoline, Sr. Motion Carried.

TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Gary Ahle welcomed all in attendance and thanked the trustees for the fine job they did this past four (4) years. He gave a special thanks to the Road District employees for their help this past four (4) years and especially this past year. Ahle said they're losing some people and also gaining some people, all fine candidates. He wanted to applaud and congratulate everybody who ran in the recent election. Ahle said he knew of one person that was no longer going to be on the board and that is trustee Glenn Loyet. Ahle then presented Loyet with a plaque to commemorate his sixteen (16) years of service (1997-2013) to the citizens of O'Fallon Township.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Highway Commissioner Bill Peach thanked everyone for their support of him these past twenty-four (24) years as Highway Commissioner. Peach said there have been a lot of improvements while he has been in office: bridges, culverts, rebuild roads and much more. He is very proud of the work that has been done along with the road employees, contractors and engineers who are responsible for the work. Peach mentioned the Behrens-Carson project and Borchers Lane as some the most recent projects completed. Rieder Road underpass is one project Peach believes in very much, even though others do not. He understands the Township cannot do this project alone, but at least something was started. The engineering is almost 75% completed. Peach again thanked everyone and said we will see him around. He's not going to sit back and do nothing.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Glenn Loyet stated the last sixteen (16) years have been an education for him. He has been active with the state-Township Officials of Illinois (TOI) and has met a lot of great people. He has one (1) last meeting with the Trustees Division before his term ends. They are just completing the third edition of the Trustee's manual. When Loyet started, there wasn't a manual for the trustees. He is proud of this accomplishment and feels it will benefit the newly elected trustees. Loyet is the liaison for the Township Senior Committee and he wanted to thank Dorothy Turner and George Harvilla. He said the seniors really enjoy the dinners and entertainment and he is confident it will continue. Loyet finished by thanking the office administration for putting up with him.

Trustee Kenny Joseph is the liaison for the Township Youth Committee. He began by thanking Jeff Bevirt and Susan Parkinson for everything they have done for the Youth. He also thanked the office administration for helping out. Joseph went on to say the one person most dedicated to the Youths and this program is Trustee Jeff Bevirt. Trustee Joseph went on to thank Supervisor Ahle, Highway Commissioner Peach, Town Clerk Witter and all the trustees for allowing him to serve on the Township Board for the last eight (8) years.

Trustee Jeff Bevirt is the liaison for the Township After Prom Committee. This is coming up on April 28th, 2013 starting at midnight and goes to 5:00 A.M. Bevirt said everything is going smooth so far. The funds are coming in through donations solicited by the board and letters mailed out.



Trustee Gary Hursey has arranged for all the food at this function. Susan Parkinson has come up with good ideas for the entertainment. Debbie Allsup is keeping all the donations and expenditures in order. Bevirt said he appreciates everything the board and the employees do. The road district employees work hard to keep the road maintained and Highway Commissioner Peach for his twenty-four (24) years of service. Bevirt thanked Trustee Joseph for all his help with the Youth Committee. He said Joseph comes up with really good ideas for the Committee and he explains to these young people what Township Government is all about.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Glenn Loyet made a motion to set the salary of the moderator at \$75 same as last year and seconded by Debbie Allsup. Motion Carried.

A request of \$1,000 was made by the O'Fallon Historical Society to assist their efforts in maintaining the grounds of the Rock Spring Cemetery. A motion was made by Glenn Loyet to approve the donation of \$1,000 and seconded by Kenny Joseph. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Marty Ercoline, Sr. asked if can obtain a copy of the End of year report for the Town fund, GA fund and the Road District fund. Supervisor Ahle asked when Ercoline when he needed it. Ercoline said he is not in a hurry, just whenever he can get it.

Kenny Joseph said he hears rumblings of doing away with Township Government. Joseph said he is a strong believer that you have to have government as close to home as possible and get the most benefit you can. He went on to say that right here is a fine example of people doing a fine job of home town employees and workers. Joseph said he lives on an intersection and one road is County and the other is Township. He said the Township Road District is always ahead of the County when it comes to road work. Joseph again said we have to keep our local government and township close to home because that is where we benefit.

Brian Keller said we are a few voters short, but wanted to thank everybody who attended the meeting tonight.

Marty Ercoline, Sr. said he brought this up at a board meeting and wanted to mention it again. When he was distributing petitions for signatures to run for township trustee, he estimated 50% of the people do not know what township government is. Ercoline said he answered these questions for these people and directed them to the website for information too. Ercoline feels the township needs to take a look at what they're doing as far as letting the township population know what is going on out there. Ercoline said this Town Meeting is a great example; a Town Meeting and only 11-12 people in attendance not counting the employees. Ercoline asked what the demographics of the people living in the township vs. the City. Debbie Allsup responded there are 17,000 registered voters in the township. Supervisor Ahle asked Ercoline what he would suggest to get the people to a meeting such as this meeting tonight. Ercoline said he knows about the website and he knows things are posted in both the Belleville News Democrat and the O'Fallon Progress. Ercoline said some of the older residents don't use a computer and there has to be another way to get the information out. He suggested a monthly mailer to the residents. Ahle said it would be



quite costly to do a monthly mailer to all these people. Ercoline said there are 17,000 registered voters; there can be more than one (1) registered voter in a home. Ahle said just say there are 5,000 houses, how much would the cost be. Ercoline said he is just throwing the idea out there. He feels there needs to be more advertising to let the people know what is going on with the township. A brief discussion followed. Glenn Loyet tried to give an example to Ercoline about sending mailers out: Loyet said with being involved with the state, there are 1,432 townships in the state and 5,720 trustees in the state. When they have their conference, Loyet said they do not even get 200 trustees to attend. This is throughout the state and not just here. Loyet said this past election, not even 5,000 people voted out of 17,000. This is considered a good turnout. Clerk Witter said he posted the Meeting Notification in more places this year to increase the attendance including Lebanon. His question to Ercoline is if he can find a cure for apathy, let us (township) know. Ercoline summed it up by saying just because that's the way it's been in the past, it doesn't have to continue this way. A brief discussion followed.

Moderator Brian Keller announced the next Annual Town Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at the Township Building.

Glenn Loyet made a motion to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting and seconded by Dave Witter. Motion carried.

Moderator Brian Keller thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The Annual Town Meeting adjourned at 7:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

David M. Witter
Town Clerk

