

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 21, 2013  
O'Fallon Township  
801 E. State St.  
O'Fallon, IL 62269

CALL TO ORDER at 7:01 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Supervisor Gary Ahle, Highway Commissioner Mark Downs, Town Clerk David M. Witter, Trustees: Gary Hursey, Jeff Bevirt, Kenneth Joseph and Douglas Scott; Deputy Town Clerk/Recorder Debbie Allsup and Recorder Sheri Heil

Others present: Gary Fohne

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Scott to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented and seconded by Trustee Jeff Bevirt. Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

A "Thank You" letter has been prepared for all Board Members to sign to the O'Fallon Senior Citizens Club for their donation of the one hundred thirty (130) chairs in the Township Hall.

Vincent Kwiatkowski from the St. Clair County Grants Department will be retiring at the end of the month. Ahle wants to send him a card for the help he has given the Township in the past.

To maintain compliance with the state statutes regarding Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Open Meetings Act (OMA), Debbie Allsup has completed the required training annual update.

APPROVAL OF SUPERVISORS BILLS

Town Fund	\$ 14,033.65
General Assistance Fund	\$ 1,936.98

Trustee Jeff Bevirt 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

Per Highway Commissioner Mark Downs "RaDAR", the Road District had done the following during the weeks of August 5, 2013 to August 16, 2013:

(See attachment A)

Downs said he has been currently working on a dispute about a proposed bike trail in Lebanon which would possibly involve the Old College Rd. Downs said it is a township road however, it has not been used since the 1950s. After speaking with the County engineer, Downs said he only has right-of-way if he chooses to ever build a road there. The property owners own the property already and they pay the taxes on it. Downs said he made it known to the property owners he does not intend to vacate or abandon his privilege of right-of-way. Downs sent a letter stating the same to the Lebanon Mayor and City Administrator. Downs hopes this being done; it will take him out of the middle. A discussion followed.

## APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S BILLS

Permanent Road Fund	\$	1,735.28
Road & Bridge Fund	\$	4,487.43

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

## TOWN CLERK REPORT

No report.

## TRUSTEES REPORT

No report.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### SENIOR REPORT

Trustee Doug Scott reported the Senior Committee held a dinner on Thursday August 15<sup>th</sup>. One hundred fifteen (115) people attended. The next dinner will be on Thursday September 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M.

### YOUTH REPORT

Trustee Jeff Bevirt said he received a request to participate with the O'Fallon Parks & Recreation to co-sponsor a "Movie Night" on September 27<sup>th</sup> at the O'Fallon Park. Costs are: eight hundred dollars (\$800) for the inflatable screen, three hundred dollars (\$300) for the movie. Bevirt said he

discussed this with the Youth Committee and they would like to participate with this event and pay three hundred dollars (\$300) for the movie and one hundred dollars (\$100) for popcorn and possibly glow in the dark necklaces. Bevirt wants to get involved with projects like this to replace the pool party which has become poorly attended. The Youth members are also in favor of this change. A brief discussion followed.

Trustee Jeff Bevirt made a motion to approve the Youth Committees' participation in co-sponsoring a "Movie Night" in the amount of four hundred dollars (\$400) with O'Fallon Parks and Recreation as presented and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

Bevirt explained the criteria/guidelines he looks for when it comes to participating or donating to groups is the Youth Committee is established to benefit the youth of the O'Fallon Township. Not all requests are approved.

#### PLANNING REPORT

Trustee Gary Hursey had no new business but was curious if the Township ever heard anything from the County on their decision for two requests that were approved by the Township Planning Committee. Recorder Sheri Heil said she will e-mail the County and find out. Supervisor Ahle suggested this be done after a County hearing so the Township Board knows how the County Board voted.

#### AFTER PROM REPORT

No report.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A request for a donation received from the O'Fallon United Community Music School. Trustee Bevirt did some research and spoke with the band director. She was able to answer some of the questions about money found in the budget which is for first through fifth grades for music appreciation only. The band and chorus have not received any funding for fifth through eighth grades. This is what the O'Fallon United Community Music School is trying to establish for these upper grades. Bevirt said the Youth Committee would like to donate five hundred dollars (\$500) to be used one of two ways; establish a scholarship program for the instruction cost(s) or, apply to their budget to pay for music, instrument replacement and repair.

Trustee Hursey expressed a concern that the Board is leaving themselves wide open for all types of donation requests. He would like to hear the Board's opinion about this too, but he believes there should be some sort of criteria to look for when considering a donation request. Trustee Doug Scott added it is almost like a replacement tax. The school district took away the tax money for these music programs. The Township money comes from taxes, so now; the Township is using their tax money and paying for school programs. Scott agrees with Hursey. Trustee Kenny Joseph asked what other programs the school has dropped are going to request a donation too. A discussion followed.

Supervisor Ahle suggested tabling the topic until he can speak with the City and see what they are contributing along with Parks and Recreation. Trustee Scott feels if this organization which is headed by Parks and Recreation, they should get their funding from private sources and not

another taxing body. Ahle said they would have to cut out others they have donated to in the past. The Board agreed to table the topic until more information is gathered as to who else is contributing and how much.

Trustee Scott asked the status of the FOIA request submitted by Martin Ercoline, Sr. Town Clerk David Witter answered it has been answered.

#### NEW BUSINESS

A hall rental request has been submitted by Courtney Hubert for the purpose of a 'Bridal Shower' on Sunday, September 8, 2013 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Trustee Doug Scott made a motion to approve the hall rental request by Courtney Hubert as presented and seconded by Trustee Kenneth Joseph. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

A hall rental request has been submitted by Sheri Heil for the purpose of a 'Baby Shower' on Saturday, September 28, 2013 from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Trustee Jeff Bevirt made a motion to approve the hall rental request by Sheri Heil as presented and seconded by Supervisor Gary Ahle. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

#### PUBLIC INPUT

None.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

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David M. Witter  
Town Clerk