

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 7, 2013
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 M. Witter, Trustees: Gary Hursey, Jeff Bevirt and Douglas Scott; Deputy Town Clerk/Recorder Debbie Allsup and Recorder Sheri Heil.

Others present: Gary Fohne, Danny Trueblood, Marty Ercoline and Gerard Helldoerfer

A motion was made by Trustee Jeff Bevirt to excuse Trustee Kenneth Joseph from the meeting and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott. Motion Carried.

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 Gary Hursey. Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Ahle informed the board of meeting for the St. Clair County Township Officials Association quarterly meeting on Thursday August 15, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. at the Bull Pen, 101 North Van Buren Street in New Athens. The guest speaker is Ed Cockrell, St. Clair County Board Member – 7th District.

APPROVAL OF SUPERVISORS BILLS

Town Fund	\$ 23,322.54
General Assistance Fund	\$ 2,203.85

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to authorize the Supervisor's bills to be paid accordingly and seconded by Trustee Jeff Bevirt. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – 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 July 16, 2013 to August 2, 2013:

(See attachment A)

Downs said there were some cross culverts that needed to be replaced before paving begins. He said he is happy with all the progress they have made considering all the rain; a lot of mowing is being done. He has still been able to knock out some other projects. Trustee Doug Scott stopped down at the garage and Downs said he welcomes everybody to come down and see how things are looking now. So much clean up has been done at the garage, Downs would like to eventually hold a meeting there. A brief discussion followed.

APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S BILLS

Permanent Road Fund	\$	1,347.02
Road & Bridge Fund	\$	14,950.62

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

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Clerk David Witter reported on the township website. A new high was reached with four hundred (400) visits. 73.3% were new visitors and 26.7% were returning visitors. All visitors are from the surrounding areas except for twelve (12) visitors from St. Paul and one (1) from the country of Colombia.

TRUSTEES REPORT

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SENIOR REPORT

Trustee Doug Scott reported the Senior Committee met on July 24th. The main topic of their meeting was to make it known that the Senior Committee Dinners do not allow carry-out dinners. Next dinner will be on August 15th at 5:30 P.M. The next Committee meeting will be on Wednesday August 28th, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

YOUTH REPORT

Trustee Jeff Bevirt reported the Swim Party was held on Sunday July 28th at the O'Fallon Memorial Swimming Pool. Approximately forty (40) youths were in attendance. There was good

weather and a good time had by all. The next Youth Committee meeting will be on Monday August 19th at 7:30 P.M.

PLANNING REPORT

Trustee Gary Hursey reported there was a Planning Meeting on Thursday August 1st. All committee members were present except for John Hollerbach.

Request by Gordon & Dorothy Raynes for an Area/Bulk Variance to allow the construction of a covered porch, landing & ramp 10 ft. from the front property instead of the 25 ft. required; to allow the construction of a covered deck & ramp system 9 ft. from the rear property line instead of the 15 ft. required and to allow the construction of an attached garage 10 ft. from the side property line instead of the 15 ft. required in an "MHP" Manufactured (Mobile) Home Zone District on property known as 10925 Jakewood Drive, Lebanon, IL.

Hursey said the architect on the project attended the meeting and showed the Planning Committee all the improvements to be done. The resident is a retired veteran who recently lost both of his legs and is now confined to a wheelchair. There will be ramps at both the front and back of the home and the garage will be expanded to accommodate the van and wheelchair lift.

Hursey and the Planning Committee agreed the plans show the work being done to be very professional and a definite improvement. All four (4) Committee members voted in favor or the variance. This request is set to go before the County on Monday August 12, 2013.

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Committee to allow the area/bulk variance for construction on the property known as 10925 Jakewood Drive in Lebanon, IL and seconded by Trustee Jeff Bevirt. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

Another request was also heard on Thursday. This one was with a sense of urgency since the County was planning to meet on Monday August 5, 2013. This is all before the meeting of the Township Trustees.

Request by Richard Swain for a Zoning Amendment to change the zone district classification of a certain tract of land from "A" Agricultural Industry Zone District to "RR-3" Rural Residential Zone District on property known as 222 Bethal Road, O'Fallon, IL.

Hursey said all four (4) Committee members voted in favor of the zoning amendment. The next day, Township Supervisor Gary Ahle and Trustees: Gary Hursey, Jeff Bevirt, Doug Scott and Kenneth Joseph were contacted either by telephone or e-mail to express their vote on the matter. All five (5) voted to accept the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Committee to allow the Zone district reclassification for the property known as 222 Bethel Road, O'Fallon, IL.

Lastly, Hursey mention he received a notification from the City of O'Fallon to allow Todd Allen to build an office space on Springfield Court near the Post Office.

AFTER PROM REPORT

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Supervisor Ahle wanted to bring up again the leak in the garage which stores the Rotary van along with all rummage sale donations. Ahle said it needs to be fixed and wants to have Kruep Construction do the work as soon as they are available. The leak is coming in around the skylight.

NEW BUSINESS

The topic of raises for office personnel retroactive to April 1, 2013 was brought before the board. Trustee Doug Scott asked for some background on the subject. Ahle said Debbie Allsup has been employed twenty-one (21) years, Sheri Heil – three (3) years and part-time employee Susan Parkinson – seven (7) years. Ahle suggested a twenty-five cent an hour raise. Scott asked what percentage that will be. Ahle responded a small percentage. Hursey said that amounts to approximately \$10.00 per week. A brief discussion followed. Deputy Clerk Debbie Allsup said they prefer not to do by percentage because the gap between employees' salaries keeps growing. Scott said he is not disputing the pay raise, it just sounds low. Ahle agreed. A discussion followed regarding the salaries with other Townships or with the City. Highway Commissioner Downs said he is in the office quite a lot at and the office personnel is worth every bit of a quarter an hour raise. It was asked when the last raise was and how much it was. Trustee Bevirt said it was last year. Debbie Allsup said the amount was 50 cents. A brief discussion followed.

Trustee Scott asked about the other employees (i.e. custodian, monitors and Rotary drivers). Supervisor Ahle said he cannot do anything about the Rotary drivers because part of their salary comes from the City of O'Fallon. Ahle said last year he wasn't able to get a pay raise when he spoke to the City. He hasn't spoke with them yet for this year.

Trustee Jeff Bevirt made a motion to approve raises for the office personnel in the amount of 50 cents per hour and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

Trustee Gary Hursey then asked about the custodian and monitors. All are part-time employees; Dale Truax – part-time custodian, Hall Monitors; Charlie Bevirt, Phil Guillaume, George Harvilla and Gerald Worms all part-time. More discussion followed. Hursey said he would like to see the other employees get something too. He would even approve 50 cents per hour for them too. Ahle said he would rather keep it to 25 cents in case he is able to convince the City to give the Rotary drivers a raise, he is sure it would not be more than 25 cents.

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to approve raises for the custodian and hall monitors in the amount of 25 cents per hour and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – abstain; Ahle – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

Approval of a hall rental request submitted by the Metro East Pachyderm Club (Mary Thurman, Club President) for the purpose of a 'Seminar on Economics' on Friday, August 23, 2013 from 4:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. and on Saturday, August 24, 2013 from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to approve the hall rental request by the Metro East Pachyderm Club as presented and seconded by Trustee Jeff Bevirt. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

A request for a donation received from the O'Fallon United Community Music School. Trustee Jeff Bevirt asked if they are asking for a set amount. Supervisor Ahle said they are just asking for any donation amount. Bevirt suggested they kick it back to the Youth Committee for them to make a donation and Ahle agreed. A brief discussion followed. Trustee Bevirt is going to research the request to make an evaluation. He will then bring it before the Youth Committee.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Jeff Bevirt to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Trustees seconded by Trustee Doug Scott. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

David M. Witter
Town Clerk