



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 18, 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 Witter,  
Trustees: Gary Hursey, Kenneth Joseph, Jeff Bevirt and Doug Scott; Deputy Town Clerk/Recorder  
Debbie Allsup and Recorder Sheri Heil

Others present: Gary Fohne and Martin Ercoline, Sr.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Trustee Doug Scott noticed that Trustee Gary Hursey's name was erroneously omitted from the roll call.

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Scott to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented along with the correction of adding Trustee Gary Hursey's name to the roll call and seconded by Trustee Kenny Joseph. Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Ahle informed the board the next Trustees' meeting will be on Wednesday January 1<sup>st</sup>. Ahle asked the board what their preference is; rescheduling the meeting or, just have 1 (one) meeting for the month. Trustee Doug Scott suggested they skip the January 1<sup>st</sup> meeting and just have the 1 (one) meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Kenny Joseph asked if there is anything that has to be done at that meeting. Nothing came up after a brief discussion.

A motion was made by Trustee Gary Hursey to have just 1 (one) meeting in the month of January unless a special meeting would need to be held and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried

A correspondence was received from Thomas Holbrook announcing the public can view the local candidate filings for public office in St. Clair County. Go to [www.countyclerk.co.st-clair.il.us](http://www.countyclerk.co.st-clair.il.us) to check filings for the March 18, 2014 General Primary Election.



Supervisor Ahle asked the board if they knew of anybody or organization who might be interested in picking up items leftover from the monthly rummage sale. There was an incident at the December rummage sale where the people were unable to pickup because of bad weather. The volunteers had to put all unsold items back in the garage. Town Clerk David Witter said he spoke with Dennis Furdek, vice-president of the Southern Illinois Chapter, St. Vincent de Paul. They were unable to pick up on that particular day with no prior notice, but would possibly consider picking up items in the future. A discussion followed.

Trustee Bevirt asked Supervisor Ahle if any repairs have been done on the roof of the rotary van garage. Ahle said he is still waiting to see if somebody can get out here and look at it. Now, with the weather being so cold, they may have to wait a little longer. Ahle said the contractor seems to think its weep holes but will still have to get on the roof to look at it. A brief discussion followed.

APPROVAL OF SUPERVISORS BILLS

Trustee Gary Hursey what a payment in the amount of \$200 to Minds Eye was for. Deputy Clerk Debbie Allsup said that is a donation made by the quilters from Southwestern Illinois College RSVP (Retired and Senior volunteer Program).

Town Fund	\$	13,537.18
General Assistance Fund	\$	1,371.92

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 December 2, 2013 through December 14, 2013:

(See attachment A)

Downs said he believes the road district handled the snow and ice very well but, if anybody sees or hears of any issues, please let him know.

Trustee Jeff Bevirt said he appreciates what the Road Commissioner and the road district do to keep the roads cleared and safe. He said he understands what it means to have to be on call when the weather is bad.

Martin Ercoline, Sr. added that he appreciates the road district clearing a path down his street too. A brief discussion followed.



APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S BILLS

Permanent Road Fund	\$	2,090.00
Road & Bridge Fund	\$	57,467.85

Trustee Doug Scott asked about a bill from H. Edwards Equipment regarding hydraulic hose. Scott noted the quantity is 139, the unit cost is \$1.35 and the total is \$187.65. His question is if the quantity is measured in inches or feet. Downs said it was a pretty long hydraulic hose for the ditcher. Measured in inches, it comes to a little more than 11 ft. which Downs agreed with. Scott said he had never seen a billing by inches before.

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

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Clerk Dave Witter said he received a correspondence from the Board of Review that Triad Investment LLC, 774-100 Sunset Blvd., O'Fallon, IL is going to appeal the taxes on approximately 30 (thirty) properties they own in O'Fallon.

TRUSTEES REPORT

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SENIOR REPORT

Trustee Doug reported the next Committee dinner will be on December 19, 2013 at 5:30 P.M. There is no meeting this month.

YOUTH REPORT

Trustee Kenny Joseph reported the Youth is going Christmas Caroling on Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. After that, they come back to the Township for cookies and hot chocolate that hall monitor George Harvilla makes.

PLANNING REPORT

No report.

AFTER PROM REPORT

No report.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Supervisor Ahle said Trustee Jeff Bevirt mentioned it earlier in the meeting about the roof on the rotary van garage. Ahle said it hasn't leaked recently, but the weather is colder now and it needs to be fixed. Ahle said he is waiting for the contractor to come out and look at it.

## NEW BUSINESS

The presentation/approval of the Township Tax Levy Ordinance No. 13-04. Supervisor Ahle said they will probably have to raise it this time. In the past, since 2004, they have always lowered the levy and cut everything down as much as possible. Ahle said they are now in a position where they Town Fund is showing a deficit each annual audit. The building is in need of updates (i.e. restrooms). Ahle added they will need a reserve in case the Township gets a grant for city sewer lines along East State St. including the Township. Ahle said they are holding the General Assistance Fund the same. The problem there is that if there is an inundation of clients which cannot be turned down, money can be taken out of Town Fund and moved to General Assistance. A discussion followed. Deputy Clerk Debbie Allsup said on the 2012 audit, the Township operated on a deficit of \$20,000. On 2013 audit, it was approximately a \$6,000 deficit. Allsup added that there is a little reserve, but that would run out fast if they do not make some adjustments. Trustee Scott asked how the EAV affects the levy. A discussion followed. Trustee Bevirt agreed that the needed improvements on the building would warrant the levy increase. Ahle again added if they get the grant for sanitary sewer lines, they will have to have some funds put away to go towards the project. It is a grant requirement to have matching amounts. More discussion followed about the sewer lines.

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to approve the Township Tax Levy Ordinance No. 13-04 which also includes the General Assistance Fund as presented and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

The presentation/approval of the Road District Tax Levy Ordinance No. 13-05. Highway Commissioner Downs said he could see no reason to raise the levy and he pretty much left the numbers as they were before since he has only been Highway Commissioner since May 2013. Trustee Hursey said in the past, the Road District levy has always been increased by 4.9% or less. The board always felt the previous Commissioner raised it because he could. Hursey said he hopes next year, possibly seeing the Road District levy lowered if there is still a surplus. Downs said his reasoning for not raising the levy and leaving it the same as last year is because there is an excess amount remaining at year's end. Deputy Clerk Allsup said there was a deficit in the Road District 2013 audit of approximately \$200,000. Allsup added that they only levy for Road and Bridge. Permanent Road is automatic. Trustee Jeff Bevirt asked if the Road District will need to reserve matching funds for the sanitary sewer grant. Supervisor Ahle answered this will be a Township grant. A discussion followed.

Trustee Jeff Bevirt made a motion to approve the Road District Tax Levy Ordinance No. 13-05 as presented and seconded by Trustee Kenny Joseph. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

## PUBLIC INPUT

Martin Ercoline, Sr. said he has sat in on numerous meetings, even before Mark Downs took over as Highway Commissioner. Ercoline said he remembers at previous budget meetings about a remaining balance of money in the amount of \$500,000. Ercoline wanted to know if that money was still there. Deputy Clerk Allsup said the money was in the Permanent Road Fund. Some of the money went towards engineering fees for the Rieder Road project but there is still money there. Ercoline asked if that has anything to do with the levy. Allsup said it is Permanent Road and is automatic, you don't levy for that.

## ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

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David A. Witter  
Town Clerk