

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 6, 2013
O'Fallon Township
801 E. State St.
O'Fallon, IL 62269

CALL TO ORDER at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Supervisor Gary Ahle, Town Clerk David M. Witter, Trustees: Glenn Loyet, Jeff Bevirt, Kenneth Joseph and Gary Hursey, Deputy Town Clerk/Recorder Debbie Allsup and General Assistant Administrator/Recorder Sheri Heil.

Others present: Douglas Scott, Vern Boeckmann, Danny Trueblood, Martin Ercoline, Sr., Rick Henderson, Gary Fohne and Gerard Helldoerfer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 2ND MEETING

A motion was made by Trustee Gary Hursey to approve the minutes of the January 2nd meeting as presented and seconded by Trustee Kenny Joseph. Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Correspondence received from attorney Melroy Hutnick representing Highway Commissioner Bill Peach indicating conflict of interest and professional conduct. Trustee Jeff Bevirt said he did not understand the conflict of issue comment regarding Township attorney Cory Easton. Supervisor Ahle replied the only incident Hutnick might be making reference to is when Easton represented Ahle's son Cale Ahle in divorce proceedings a couple years back. Ahle added that Easton had put a lien on a tenant's personal property on behalf of Ahle and his wife Tana years ago. The tenant had destroyed the rental unit owned by Ahle. Trustee Glenn Loyet stated the topic should probably be tabled until the next Trustees' meeting when attorney Easton will be present. Ahle read a paragraph from the Township Laws of Illinois Rules:

Article 100 – Township Employees

60 ILCS 1/100-5 – Township attorney and other employees; compensation
(c) Unless otherwise provided and if approved by the highway commissioner, the township board of trustees may employ and fix the compensation of a separate township attorney who shall represent the highway commissioner. Such compensation shall be paid out of the township road fund. (Source: P.A. 90-190, eff. 7-24-97).

Supervisor Ahle said the way the lines read; trustees may employ. It can also mean they may not employ. A brief discussion followed. The letter does not require a response and the board will speak with attorney Easton at next meeting.

Supervisor Ahle informed the board of the tentative Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for the Town Fund and General Assistance Fund is currently being prepared and will hopefully be ready by the next meeting.

Supervisor Ahle asked the board if it would be alright to repaint the bathrooms a lighter color. Trustee Kenny Joseph what suddenly came up to require painting. Ahle said we have a resident who is working off community service hours and is also a handy man. The board agreed to paint the bathrooms. Deputy Clerk/Recorder Debbie Allsup brought up to the board that the mural on the wall of the township hall is dried and cracking. She asked the board if it will be alright to remove the mural and paint the wall. A brief discussion followed. All board members were in favor of the improvements.

APPROVAL OF SUPERVISORS BILLS

Town Fund	\$ 33,281.04
General Assistance Fund	\$ 3,427.19

Trustee Glenn Loyet made a motion to authorize the payment of the Supervisor's bills be paid accordingly and seconded by Trustee Jeff Bevirt. Roll Call: Loyet – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

No report.

APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S BILLS

Permanent Road Fund	\$ 137,095.03
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 30,551.16

Trustee Gary Hursey asked if the payment to Gonzalez Companies in the amount of \$98,723.09 on invoice #2938 is part of the existing contract and not part of the CSX contract submitted at an earlier meeting. Trustee Glenn Loyet suggested tabling the Highway Commissioner's bills until Bill Peach is here to answer any questions if any, pertaining to the bills. Trustee Kenny Joseph responded since there was not a second meeting in January because of attendance, the bills without any questions from the board should be approved. Hursey said if the bill for Gonzalez is part of the contract Peach signed, he has no problem approving it. Loyet said he would like to ask Peach if payments like the one to Gonzalez is nearing the end. Ahle said it should be pretty close. Loyet thought the board should hold off paying approving the bills until Road Commissioner is present. Joseph said he believes the bills should be paid and he is willing to put it in the form of a motion to approve all Road Commissioner's bills except the \$98,723.09 payment to Gonzalez until they can speak with Road Commissioner Peach and get some more explanation on it. Trustee Loyet inquired

about another invoice from Gonzalez Companies in the amount of \$149,920.90 with the same invoice number (#2938). Ahle said that was a bill that came in from Gonzalez and the Road Commissioner found he did not have enough money, so Gonzalez submitted another bill.

Supervisor stated there was one more bill he wants to bring up to the board. There is a bill payable to RJN Group in the amount of \$1,500.00 for Storm Water. Payment is also being made to Gonzalez Companies with reference to the same topic. Ahle said he just wants to find out from Road Commissioner Peach why they are paying both. He said it could be a simple answer. A brief discussion followed.

Trustee Kenneth Joseph amended his motion to authorize the bills of the Highway Road Commissioner's be paid accordingly with the exception of \$98,723.09 payment to Gonzalez Companies and \$1,500.00 payment to RJN Group until they get further explanation from Road Commissioner Peach. Motion seconded by Trustee Jeff Bevirt. Roll Call: Loyet – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion carried.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Clerk David Witter reported he has received notifications of people protesting their taxes. Witter said there a few big ones; Kingston Hotels on Green Mount Crossing – \$1.2 million, SM Properties on East Highway 50 - \$1.6 million, Forward Generation LLC on Green Mount Rd. - \$1.8 million, Wells Fargo Bank at 1100 S. Eastgate - \$900,000 and Target Corp on Green Mount Crossing - \$437,000 and 2.5 million. Witter said these are up for review on February 15th, so if something happens, the township should receive notification. Trustee Loyet asked if the properties listed are on the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) program. A brief discussion followed.

Clerk David Witter reported on the township website. There were approximately 300 visits with 253 unique visitors. Most visits are from the United States with 1 visit from Ireland and 1 from Hungary.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Glenn Loyet attended a Trustees Meeting in Bloomington, IL on January 19th thinking this would be his last meeting but there is one more meeting he will attend on April 26th. The Trustees' new handbook is moving right along according to Loyet.

SENIOR REPORT

Trustee Glenn Loyet reported next Senior Committee dinner will be on Thursday February 14th at 5:30 P.M. Loyet said this is the last dinner for this budget. Loyet said he doesn't believe there will be any upcoming meetings until they see what they come up with in their ordinance budget.

YOUTH REPORT

Trustee Kenneth Joseph reported the last Committee meeting was held on January 28th and was poorly attended. Joseph said it is disturbing to see the effort and work that Trustee Jeff Bevirt and Youth Committee Coordinator Susan Parkinson put into this project to keep it going and cannot seem to get new kids involved. Joseph said he does have one applicant who attended the meeting and seemed interested. The next meeting will be on Monday February 25th at 7:30 P.M. The regular meeting date on the 3rd Monday of the month is President's Day Holiday.

Trustee Kenneth Joseph made a motion to accept the application for Sarah Duffy, Freshman O'Fallon Township High School as a new Youth Committee member and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Loyet – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion carried.

PLANNING REPORT

No report.

AFTER PROM REPORT

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Supervisor Ahle informed the board of a written request for funding from the City of O'Fallon Parks and Recreation for the Skate Park. Ahle reminded the board this topic was brought up originally on July 6, 2011 by Mary Jeanne Hutchison and Andrew Dallnor from Parks and Recreation. At that meeting, the budget had already been set for the fiscal year with no funding available. At the Township Budget Hearing Meeting on March 21, 2012 trustee Jeff Bevirt said the Youth Committee would be able to donate \$2,000 to the project out their "Unspecified Donations". A brief discussion followed.

Trustee Jeff Bevirt made a motion to make a one-time donation of \$2,000 towards the O'Fallon Parks and Recreation Skate Park Project out of the Youth Committee "Unspecified Donations" line item and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Loyet – abstain; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ahle asked if the board had any questions regarding the Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2012 and Management Letter by Allison, Knapp & Siekmann, Ltd. Trustee Bevirt said the questions he has need to be addressed when Road Commissioner Bill Peach is present. A brief discussion followed. It was agreed by the board to table the topic until Peach is present.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Ahle informed the board of the St. Clair County Township Officials Association meeting at 7:00 P.M. on February 21st at Shiloh Valley Township, 1370 Shiloh Station Rd., Belleville, IL 62221

Ahle informed the board of the 31st Annual Township Topics Day on Tuesday May 7th at 3217 Northfield Drive, Springfield, IL.

PUBLIC INPUT

Douglas Scott asked the board about the payment to RJN Group for the storm water project. Scott asked if Gonzalez is submitting a bill also. Ahle said to the best of his recollection, RJN has been the only ones that were paid for the storm water for fees to go to the classes. When the storm sewer pipe came out of the ground in the field on Behrens St., the road district had to pay \$8,500 for the repairs. For relationship purposes, the partners at Gonzalez decided to offer to give back to the Township and Road District by: taking over the management of the Township's CY2012 MS-4 storm water documentation; updating the Township building's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to maintain conformance. Judge noted that the value of these services is \$15,000 (fifteen thousand) as noted in the proposed 2011 budget. The actual approved budget was \$5,000 (five thousand) which Gonzalez will accept and save the Township \$10,000 (ten thousand) in fees.

Scott said he remembered Gonzalez giving \$8,500 credit for the sewer pipe. A brief discussion followed. Ahle said it is all intertwined and he just wants to speak with Road Commissioner Peach to clear up any confusion. Ahle said it sounds like two entities are being paid for the same work. Scott figured there was still a credit with Gonzalez. It was explained that the work done on the 2012 storm water documentation is \$15,000. Gonzalez only charged the township road district \$5,000 to offset the \$8,500 expense on the sewer pipe. Ahle said if Gonzalez is handling everything, they should be handling the educational aspect of it also which is what RJN Group does.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

David M. Witter
Town Clerk