

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 3, 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, Town Clerk David M. Witter, Trustees: Jeff Bevirt, Kenneth Joseph and Douglas Scott; Deputy Town Clerk/Recorder Debbie Allsup and Recorder Sheri Heil.

Others present: Gary Fohne, Dan Trueblood, Mary Ann Joseph and Martin Ercoline, Sr.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Ahle informed the board letter have been mailed to each of the 4 (four) possible candidates to fill the 1 (one) remaining vacancy on the Planning Committee. The letter asks if any of the 4 (four) are interested, to attend the meeting on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

A letter was received from St. Clair County Board Chairman Mark Kern thanking the Township for allowing them to use our facility to process the energy assistance applications. A total of 270 (two hundred seventy) applications were processed at our site. They are expected to return in September.

The chairs for the Township Hall were purchased from Sam's Club on Tuesday June 28<sup>th</sup>. A special thanks to Highway Commissioner Mark Downs and the Road District staff for their help in transporting and unloading the 200 (two hundred) chairs. O'Fallon Township Senior Citizens Club members also were also on hand to help. Trustee Jeff Bevirt picked up the old chairs (approx. 110) and had them donated to the Boy Scouts of America organization (Lewis & Clark Council location).

Ahle stated the chairs were purchased using the Township credit card and the O'Fallon Senior Citizens Club will reimburse the cost of 130 (one hundred thirty) chairs.

Senior Club	130 chairs @ \$19.98 ea.	\$2,597.40
Township	70 chairs @ \$19.98 ea.	<u>\$1,398.60</u>
	Total:	\$3,996.00

Ahle informed the Board of a "Local Officials Day" in Springfield on August 10, 2013 and DuQuoin on August 24, 2013.

### APPROVAL OF SUPERVISORS BILLS

Town Fund	\$	31,498.37
General Assistance Fund	\$	2,371.48

Trustee Kenny Joseph 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; Joseph – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

### HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Supervisor Ahle informed the Board in Highway Commissioner Mark Down's absence, Road District foreman Gary Fohne will sit and answer any questions from the Board.

Per Mark Downs "RaDAR", the Road District had done the following during the weeks of June 17, 2013 to June 28, 2013:

(See attachment A)

Some discussion followed pertaining to the recent rain and what roads are closed if any. Fohne said Silver Creek is shut down again at Old Lebanon Troy Rd.

Trustee Gary Hursey asked how the residents are doing on Borchers Lane with all the recent rain. Fohne said they ran the street sweeper down it, cleaned the drains and rocked shoulders at some of the residential driveways. Fohne said the rock seems to be staying in place right now. It depends on how hard it rains. A brief discussion followed.

### APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S BILLS

Permanent Road Fund	\$	2,658.92
Road & Bridge Fund	\$	17,559.20

Trustee Gary Hursey 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; Joseph – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

Trustee Kenny Joseph commented it's nice to see the new Highway Commissioner is dealing with local businesses. This was not the case in the past. More discussion followed.

### TOWN CLERK REPORT

Clerk David Witter reported on the township website. There were approximately 335 visits with 269 unique visitors. All visits are from the United States with 74% being new visits.

### TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustees Jeff Bevirt and Kenny Joseph informed the Board they will not be at the next meeting on July 17<sup>th</sup>. The other Board members were sure they will be able to attend.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### SENIOR REPORT

Trustee Doug Scott reported the Senior Committee met on Wednesday June 26<sup>th</sup>. The next Committee dinner will be on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M. Scott said the Committee thinks they are going to need more money because the cost of the meals has gone up. Scott said he informed the Committee the budget has already been set for the year. They should get more information prepared so he can present it for the next budget. Scott added the Committee is very cost conscious with their spending. A brief discussion followed.

### YOUTH REPORT

Trustee Kenny Joseph reported there is no Youth Committee in the month of July. The Swim Party that was rescheduled from last month will be on July 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. at the O'Fallon Memorial Swimming Pool.

### PLANNING REPORT

Trustee Gary Hursey said he received notice from the City of O'Fallon to annex property located at 8548 Oak Hill School Rd., Lebanon, IL. The first meeting is at City Hall on Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. Final passage of such ordinance will also be at City Hall on Monday, August 5, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

Hursey said he received a telephone call from a resident who resides on Memory Lane. It regards the property located at 9929 Memory Lane, Lebanon, IL and owned by Charles D. Penn. The Township met on June 4<sup>th</sup> and voted to not approve Mr. Penn's request to upgrade the mobile home on the property. The Zoning Board of Appeals had their hearing on June 10<sup>th</sup> and voted in favor of Mr. Penn's request. The resident who contacted Hursey said they had heard when Mr. Penn moves the mobile home; he plans on blocking the road for up to a day or day and a half. Hursey advised this resident there is not much the Township can do but did tell them to contact the County and check on the permits. Also, on the day of the move, call the County Police and make them aware of the road block. Hursey believes it becomes a safety issue if the road is blocked for a day or more. Hursey said the Board needs to be aware of this in case anything comes up.

### AFTER PROM REPORT

No report.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Supervisor Ahle wanted to discuss the possibility of changing the telephone and internet carriers from AT & T and Wisper, Inc. to Charter. Trustee Hursey spoke at the last meeting about the benefits with regard to speed of the internet and reduced costs. A discussion followed.

Trustee Jeff Bevirt made a motion to approve the switch of our existing telephone and internet carriers to Charter as presented and seconded by Trustee Kenny Joseph. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Ahle informed the Board of a donation request from the O'Fallon – Shiloh Chamber of Commerce for their 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at Far Oaks Golf Course. Ahle said in the past the Board has donated \$150 which is titled “Silver Hole Sponsor”.

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to approve “Silver Hole Sponsorship” in the amount of \$150 to O'Fallon – Shiloh Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Tournament as presented and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – Aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

## PUBLIC INPUT

Trustee Doug Scott wanted to ask why Public Input is at the end of the agenda. Scott feels it should be at the beginning of the meeting because sometimes people would like to address an issue or, express an opinion and then leave rather than stay for the whole meeting. Ahle said usually the people contact the office ahead of time and are put up first to speak. Even so, the Board would not deny somebody going out of order and let them speak first. A brief discussion followed.

## ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

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David M. Witter  
Town Clerk