

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 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.

Supervisor Ahle informed the board that Township  
Others present: Gary Fohne, Douglas Scott, Mark Downs, Rick Henderson, Danny Trueblood, Martin Ercoline and Gerard Helldoerfer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> MEETING

A motion was made by Trustee Jeff Bevirt to approve the minutes of the February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting as presented and seconded by Trustee Kenny Joseph. Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Ahle informed the board that each of them has been given a copy of the tentative Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for the Town Fund and General Assistance Fund. Ahle asked the board to look over on their own and discuss any questions or comments at the next meeting.

Last day to register voters for the April election will be March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013; it will resume on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Trustee Gary Hursey asked if people are able to register to vote at the O'Fallon Township. Ahle answered that they are.

Election supplies are scheduled to be picked up from the County on Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. Ahle asked Deputy Clerk/Recorder Debbie Allsup if Road Commissioner Bill Peach was given a copy of the notice. Allsup said he was given one.

APPROVAL OF SUPERVISORS BILLS

Town Fund	\$ 42,953.60
General Assistance Fund	\$ 1,427.47

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

Supervisor Ahle said they will dispense with the report since Road Commissioner Peach is not present. Trustee Jeff Bevirt asked if Peach was asked at the last meeting to attend the first meeting of the month. Ahle said Peach was asked and said he would attend. Trustee Hursey said according to the minutes, Peach confirmed twice that he would attend. Bevirt said he wanted to clarify Peach had been asked and did confirm attending this meeting.

#### APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S BILLS

Permanent Road Fund	\$	0.00
Road & Bridge Fund	\$	0.00

Supervisor Ahle said no bills were presented for approval, so they will dispense with doing anything with the Highway Commissioner's bills until the next meeting.

#### TOWN CLERK REPORT

Clerk David Witter reported the Annual Town Meeting will not be on the second Tuesday (April 9<sup>th</sup>) this year because of the Consolidated Election is that day. Instead the Annual Town Meeting will be on the following Tuesday (April 16<sup>th</sup>)

Witter said after the last meeting there was some confusion as to what the percentage payment if ICC approves funding towards the Rieder Road project. Steve Ficker from Gonzalez Companies said at the last meeting it was 80% - 20% and Witter said he thought it was 60% - 40%. He called Geri Boyer from Kaskaskia Engineering to confirm the figure is 60% - 40%. She sent a booklet explaining the different funds available through the Illinois Grade Crossing Protection Fund, the booklet is available in the office for anyone to peruse. Trustee Gary Hursey asked when they would know if the Railroad will help with funding. Witter said there is no way of knowing if they will help at all. Witter said he wanted to clarify the numbers because it makes a difference if the township has to come up with 20% or 40%. Witter mentioned that the County Engineer Jim Fields would like to schedule a meeting.

Clerk David Witter reported on the township website. There were approximately 298 visits with 262 unique visitors. Most visits are from the United States with 3 visits from India and 1 from Jamaica.

Witter reminded the board of Township Candidate Forum on Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 6:30 P.M.

#### TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Glenn Loyet said he will be attending his last meeting with TOI in Springfield.

#### SENIOR REPORT

Loyet said at present the Committee is not meeting until after the new fiscal year. If anyone is interested, Loyet said he has a printout of all the expenditures for the year.

#### YOUTH REPORT

Trustee Kenneth Joseph said there is no meeting in March. The next activity is the Swim Party scheduled at the YMCA on March 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Joseph said he has 3 applicants wanting to join the Committee: Sophomore Victoria Weiss, Freshman Anthony Lambert and Freshman Samantha Tidwell

Trustee Kenny Joseph made a motion to accept the 3 applicants: Victoria Weiss, Anthony Lambert and Samantha Tidwell into the Youth Committee and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey Roll Call: Loyet – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion Carried.

Trustee Jeff Bevirt said the Youth Committee donates annually to the O'Fallon Township High School Blizzard Program. Bevirt said the Committee has \$850 in a line item to contribute to this program which costs \$4,000 annually. Bevirt said Blizzard is a program put on by Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) for all the incoming Freshman students. It gives the Freshman information and the tools to deal with different situations such as peer pressure, drugs and alcohol.

Trustee Jeff Bevirt made a motion to approve the contribution of \$850 to the Blizzard Program 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

Trustee Bevirt said contracts are all in place for the following: St. Clair Bowling Alley, Photo Booth Rental, Karaoke with Jim Hursey and the magician. Bevirt said he is still waiting on the caricature artist contract. Discussions about the food and meeting with parents who have volunteered last year are all in the works. The Prom is on April 27<sup>th</sup>, the After Prom starts at midnight on April 28<sup>th</sup> to 5:00 A.M.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion of the Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2012 and Management Letter by Allison, Knapp & Sieckmann, Ltd. Supervisor Ahle said this was tabled from the last meeting because some of the board members were absent. And now, Road Commissioner Bill Peach is absent and the board members have questions for him.

This will be tabled again along with the next topic regarding the Road District Levy from the December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

Approval of a Resolution of Support for funding from the St. Clair County Grants Department for Program Year 2013 Community Development Block Grant. Supervisor Ahle introduced Steve Ficker from Gonzalez Companies to answer any questions the board may have. Ficker said every year they go after the Intergovernmental Grants Department (IGD) applications varying from \$60,000 - \$100,000.

This year the Township is applying for Community Development Grant funds for Behrens Street Storm Water Improvement project, Phase 3 which will finish up the detention pond. The property has been provided by the City with the knowledge that they abide by city codes. The pond is in place but city code requires a concrete channel on the bottom and rip rap on the surface and concrete at the end to control the flow. Ficker assured Ahle and the board that no money is required of the township. Ficker said that in the agreement between Highway Commissioner Peach and the City, in lieu of money, Peach will provide road district labor and trucks to assist the contractors. The Grants counts this as a local match. Hursey asked if it will be bid out like that. Ficker said it in the specs whenever it is bid that the service the road district is providing will not be included in the price. Hursey asked Ficker if Gonzalez is doing the specs, can they be more descriptive on the specs as to exactly what the road district will be doing on the job. Hursey said the board doesn't want all the confusion like there was on Borchers Lane. Ficker agreed.

Trustee Joseph asked Ficker with applying for this, does it take away the chance of getting any other grants that might come up. Ficker confirmed this would prevent us from getting any other grant through IGD. Bevirt asked if this will finish the project on Behrens St. Ficker said this is the last of it unless Peach adds more to it that Gonzalez is not aware of. Deputy Clerk Debbie Allsup asked Ficker if there was a contract signed because neither Allsup nor Clerk Witter has seen anything on this. Ficker said he was not privy to any of that.

Trustee Joseph questioned with all the spending out on Rieder Road, if there were any grants that become available, would the township be out of luck being locked in with this one for the detention pond. Ficker said just going through IGD, they oversee numerous grants, but to answer Joseph's question; yes, it is just a one-time annual grant. However, any other grants through USDA, ICC or IDOT; this grant has no negative effect. Allsup asked if this grant ties the township up for another year to which Ficker agreed. Ficker said they will apply again next March. Ahle said the completion date for the project is January 2015. Ficker said that is the date the money has to be expended. When they apply again in March 2014, they can apply for whatever they want. The money for this project should be released in November or December 2013. A brief discussion followed.

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to approve the Resolution of Support for funding from the St. Clair County Grants Department for Program Year 2013 Community Development Block Grant as presented and seconded by Trustee Jeff Bevirt Roll Call: Loyet – nay; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Ahle reported receiving an annual request for funding from Southerwestern Illinois Metropolitan and Regional Planning Commissione (SIMAPC).

Trustee Glenn Loyet made a motion to table the annual request for funding from Southerwestern Illinois Metropolitan and Regional Planning Commissione (SIMAPC) as presented and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey Roll Call: Loyet – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion Carried.

Request received from the O’Fallon Veterans’ Monument for a donation to support the Adopt-A-Veteran Program.

Trustee Glenn Loyet made a motion to accept the O’Fallon Veterans’ Monument request for a donation to support the Adopt-A-Veteran Program as presented and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey Roll Call: Loyet – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion Carried.

#### PUBLIC INPUT

No report.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

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David M. Witter  
Town Clerk