

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 15, 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 William "Bill" Peach, Town Clerk David M. Witter, Trustees: Jeff Bevirt, Kenneth Joseph and Gary Hursey, Deputy Town Clerk/Recorder Debbie Allsup and Recorder Sheri Heil.

Others present: Douglas Scott, Martin Ercoline, Sr., Gary Fohne, Jim Pennebaker, Dale Short, John Bloyer and Adriane Bloyer.

A motion was made by Trustee Gary Hursey to excuse Trustee Glenn Loyet and seconded by Trustee Jeff Bevirt. Roll Call: J. Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; K. Joseph – aye; G. Hursey – aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Trustee Jeff Bevirt 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 he is going to hold off until they get down to Unfinished and New Business.

APPROVAL OF SUPERVISORS BILLS

Town Fund	\$	9,605.15
General Assistance Fund	\$	1,711.28

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

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Highway Commissioner Peach stated the Road District had done the following during the period of April 18th, 2013 through May 15th, 2013:

- ☆ April 18th, barricaded Old Lebanon Troy Rd because of water over the road and reopened it on April 22nd
- ☆ Cleaned culverts and mud off roads
- ☆ Placed briquettes where needed for mosquito control and sprayed the lot for weeds
- ☆ Oiled and stored all snow equipment
- ☆ Mowed grass and weeds along roads
- ☆ Placed rip rap along shoulders where needed
- ☆ May 5th, barricaded Old Lebanon Troy Rd because of water over the road and reopened it on May 7th
- ☆ Lost one (1) “road closed” and barricade
- ☆ Installed new culvert on Witte Rd because recent heavy rains caused it to wash out and be a necessary repair
- ☆ St. Clair County still wants O’Fallon Road District to mow Belleville St. They’ve had an intergovernmental agreement together for quite some time

Highway Commissioner Peach wanted to speak about an old road drag donated by Doris Johnson displayed with the pull-type grader. Her stipulation when donating it to the township was to never sell it or scrap it. Peach wanted it on record in case the topic ever came up.

Peach said he received a letter from St. Clair County Engineer Department. Mr. James Fields is preparing for a May 20th letting for road oiling. It is late in the season, but documents will be sent to begin planning.

There are some staff changes at the County Garage: Richard (Richie) Meile is the new County Superintendent. Timothy Frederick is joining the foreman team. A brief discussion followed.

APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER’S BILLS

Permanent Road Fund	\$	0.00
Road & Bridge Fund	\$	14,322.98

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to authorize the payment of the Highway Commissioner’s bills to be paid accordingly and seconded by Trustee Kenny Joseph. Roll Call: Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion Carried.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Clerk David Witter said he wanted to clear up a little confusion from the last meeting as to when the new Highway Commissioner takes the Oath of Office. Witter looked it up again and he is to take the Oath within ten (10) days of official notification from the County. Then it is eight (8) days that you have to report this to the County Clerk.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Kenny Joseph wanted to state for the record, the road district has done a real nice job with mowing the intersection of Weil Rd., Seven Hills Rd. and O’Fallon-Troy Rd. Joseph said it really looks nice.

SENIOR REPORT

No report.

YOUTH REPORT

Trustee Kenneth Joseph said the next Committee meeting will be on May 20th at 7:30 P.M. The fishing derby will be on June 1st at the Sportsmen's Club from 9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. Joseph recommends getting there earlier for registration. Supervisor Ahle said the flyers were delivered to all the schools today.

PLANNING REPORT

No report.

AFTER PROM REPORT

Trustee Jeff Bevirt said it's over until next year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Supervisor Ahle asked Highway Commissioner Peach if he is presenting a Road District Budget for the fiscal year 2013-2014 this evening. Peach responded under advisement, he is not presenting one. Peach said with the friction at the last meeting, there was a comment made that anything he (Peach) prepared would not be passed anyway. Ahle stated that was only one (1) vote but if he is not going to present a budget, so be it.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Ahle announced the St. Clair County Township Official Association is having a quarterly meeting on Thursday May 16, 2013, 7:00 P.M. at the Engelmann Township Building, 7083 Highbanks Rd., Mascoutah, IL 62258

Approval of a Hall Rental request submitted by Sumayyah Eichelberger, a resident of O'Fallon Township for the purpose of a birthday party on Saturday, June 29, 2013 from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to accept the hall rental request submitted by Sumayyah Eichelberger as presented and seconded by Trustee Jeff Bevirt.

Roll Call: Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Ahle wanted to mention a topic that was brought up to him earlier in the day. The Senior Club has talked about purchasing one hundred thirty (130) new chairs for the hall. Ahle said the issue then, is storage of the old chairs in the hall now. Hall capacity is two hundred (200), and the Club wants the Township to purchase the seventy (70) chairs to reach the two hundred capacity. The seniors want to purchase the chairs at Sam's Club for \$19.98 each. A brief discussion followed about the different types of chairs and where to purchase them. Ahle said if the seniors want to go and purchase the chairs, so be it. The board can then decide if the remaining purchase is feasible. Ahle only brought this up to the board so they weren't blindsided down the line. Trustee Jeff Bevirt suggested the seniors go buy one (1) chair and the board can see the merchandise and go from there. A brief discussion followed.

PUBLIC INPUT

Doug Scott suggested the board have the seniors check out Egyptian Stationers. Trustee Jeff Bevirt said they did go there and the representative showed them a chair costing one hundred dollars (\$100). They told the representative they did not want to spend that much for a chair. The representative was supposed to get back with the seniors to another line of chairs. Bevirt said so far they haven't heard back from the representative.

Adrian Boyer asked if there was a place to store the old chairs and possibly rent them out to township residents. Deputy Clerk Debbie Allsup said at present, the township loans out tables and chairs to township residents. There is no charge. Supervisor Ahle said there is not enough space to store all the chairs. Mrs. Boyer said she thought renting out the items would be a good way to make up the difference for the cost of the remaining seventy (70) chairs. A brief discussion followed.

Adrian Boyer, John Boyer (2034 Borchers Lane) and Dale Short (2038 Borchers Lane) attended the meeting to talk to the board about Borchers Lane. Boyer and Short share a joint driveway. In the past they experienced wash-outs of the property. At their own expense, the Shorts put some asphalt down and pretty much corrected any wash-out issues. Since the road widening and drainage was put in, the driveway is now shorter and steeper. Mr. Boyer said all the gravel he put in over the years and the asphalt Mr. Short put in is now gone since the project. Boyer said what is left now is mud under a thin layer of rock the township road district put in. Every time they (Boyer & Short) get a wash, it basically goes down to mud and the township road district's solution is to shovel the rock they can find from the new road back onto their driveway. Boyer believes there should be a more permanent solution than having the road crew coming out all time and scooping up gravel. He continued to say one of the road crew came out on Tuesday and had some asphalt chunks (roto-mill) and put it down. Not enough was brought to fill all the ruts though. Mrs. Boyer said it shouldn't be up to the road district to do this, it should be the engineer's responsibility. Supervisor Ahle asked Highway commissioner Peach if anything could be done. Peach's response was it will be the new Highway Commissioner's problem. Ahle realizing this said he wants to know if there is a way to rectify this. Peach said he had intentions of doing it, but every time he tried, he caught hell for doing the contractors job, so he just stopped trying. Mrs. Boyer said where the new condos were put in they cut the hill away and put nothing up to retain it. Every time it rains, all the water comes off the roof washes down and into the big culvert that is full of mud and debris. A discussion followed. Supervisor Ahle asked the residents if it would be alright to meet with the new Highway Commissioner Mark Downs and see if something can be done. Mrs. Boyer said it's probably not a big deal; it just should've been done correctly the first time. Peach said the problem with the culvert is in the city section of the road. Boyer corrected Peach and said its right by their mailbox that is in township. Peach said he put a drain there. Boyer said it drains in the township. She said they were told it would be fixed and has never been done. More discussion followed. Ahle promised the residents he and the new Highway Commissioner will contact them and get this matter cleared up. More discussion followed.

Trustees Gary Hursey and Kenny Joseph both thanked Highway Commissioner Peach for his twenty-four (24) years of service. Supervisor Ahle also thanked Peach and told him because of the sudden passing of Eric Hubbard (Hubbard's Pro-Am Shop), the plaque ordered for Peach was not finished to present to him. Trustee Joseph complimented Peach and his crew for a good job in the past. Trustee Bevirt thanked Peach also.

Martin Ercoline said he has asked numerous times for the year end budget for the township and road district and still has not received it. He received the “unofficial” numbers at the Annual Town Meeting and said he can’t make the numbers add up. Supervisor Ahle said Ercoline has received everything the board has at present. Deputy Clerk Debbie Allsup said she believes she has explained it as best as she can to him. All figures are “unofficial” until the accountants (Allison Knapp & Siekmann) do an audit and complete the report. Then the numbers become the “official year-end figures which are available for the public by request and/or online. Ercoline said he just wants it on record to make sure he gets a copy. A brief discussion followed. Doug Scott told Ercoline to do a FOIA request. More discussion followed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

David M. Witter
Town Clerk