



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 16, 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, Jeff Bevirt, Kenneth Joseph and Doug Scott; Township Attorney Cory Easton, Deputy Town Clerk/Recorder Debbie Allsup and Recorder Sheri Heil

Others present: Gary Fohne

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Ahle told the board that he and Highway Commissioner Downs were invited to the O'Fallon Woman's Club Fall Potluck Luncheon on Thursday, October 24th at noon.

APPROVAL OF SUPERVISORS BILLS

Town Fund	\$	7,410.39
General Assistance Fund	\$	1,064.01

Supervisor Ahle informed the board that a check in the amount of \$500 payable to the 'Save the Clock Fund' was erroneously omitted from the paid bills but will be added.

Trustee Jeff Bevirt made a motion to authorize the Supervisor's bills to be paid accordingly along with the \$500 payment to the 'Save the Clock Fund' and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott. 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 September 30, 2013 to October 11, 2013:

(See attachment A)

Downs noted a correction on the first entry of the RaDAR report should be Monday, September 30th and not the 1st.

There was a bid opening on October 7th for resurfacing of asphalt on the roads that haven't been resurfaced to date. Gonzalez was present for the bid openings which had been awarded to Rooters Asphalt from Beckemeyer, IL. He will give them the order to proceed which should begin no later than October 28th. Downs hopes it will be completed before the month's end.

Trustee Gary Hursey asked if Rooters was the low bid. Downs said they weren't the lowest bid, but were second to lowest. The lowest bid came from a company out of Belleville, Atlanta Asphalt that did not address all the requirements by Downs which presented red flags to both him and Gonzalez. Downs said Rooters Asphalt just finished resurfacing for the City and he confident in their work. Deputy Clerk Debbie Allsup provided the board with a listing of the 5 (five) bid tabs that were submitted.

Downs told the board he continued the hearing on deciding whether or not to vacate the ROW (right-of-way) on College Road. He held a meeting on Thursday October 10th where he read his Memorandum of Decision which, under the advice of the County Engineer, was to not vacate in order to prevent a land-lock now, or in the future. Downs assumes the landowners will probably take it to the next level which will be a court hearing. Downs thinks that is where the decision should come from. A discussion followed. Trustee Scott asked if the bicycle people will look on this as an opportunity to move forward. Downs said they most likely do look at his decision as an opportunity. Scott asked if they do succeed with the bike trail, will the O'Fallon Township Road District have to maintain it. Downs stated he is not maintaining anything with that. There are still too many unanswered questions about the bike trail but what Downs understands is; the grant application is made out by the City of Lebanon with the understanding they will assume maintenance responsibilities. Downs doesn't know if the present administration going to honor this but he is going to require they carry an insurance policy to cover the trail if it does go through. 2015 is nearest that Downs can tell they will have anything in place but he will keep tabs on what is going on with the proposed project. Trustee Jeff Bevirt asked Downs if he can deny them the right to build the bike trail in event he may want to build a road through there in the future. Downs said he hasn't endorsed the bike trail but since he has not vacated, he still would have the right to build a road if he chooses to do so. Right now, Downs said he is waiting to see if the landowners appeal his decision with the county engineer and then go from there. Township attorney Cory Easton added the County Engineer was not going to approve Downs' decision if he decided to vacate. Downs said this is all part of the process to keep things moving along. Trustee Kenny Joseph commended Downs on his decision. A discussion followed.

Trustee Jeff Bevirt said he appreciates Downs' openness and candidness with the board and keeping them informed of what is going on. Bevirt said he knows it is road district business but, it's nice to have all the information available to the trustees in case one of them was to get a call; they have the necessary information. Trustee Hursey said he thinks it's great to receive a tab sheet of all the bids submitted on the resurfacing project by just asking. He thinks it's good for the board to see what amounts were submitted and actually see the figures by which Downs made his decision to go with a certain bid. Trustee Kenny Joseph thanked Downs for a good report.

APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S BILLS

Permanent Road Fund	\$	5,452.50
Road & Bridge Fund	\$	8,558.79

Trustee Kenny Joseph made a motion to authorize the Highway Commissioner'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.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

No report

TRUSTEES REPORT

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SENIOR REPORT

Trustee Doug Scott reported the Senior Committee will meet on Wednesday October 23rd and the Committee Dinner will be on Thursday October 24th at 5:30 P.M.

YOUTH REPORT

Trustee Kenny Joseph reported the next Committee meeting will be on October 21st at 7:30 P.M. and the Halloween Party will be on Monday October 28th from 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. for ages Pre-School to 10 years.

Trustee Jeff Bevirt displayed the Youth Committee shirts they have handed out in the past. The front displays the different function the Committee takes part in: Caroling, Fishing Derby, Halloween Party, YMCA and Cardinals Baseball Game. Bevirt wants to purchase more shirts for new members. He did not get a price estimate, but said it will not be over \$350 out of Youth Committee miscellaneous expense.

Trustee Jeff Bevirt made a motion to approve the purchase of Youth Committee shirts for new members without exceeding \$350 in costs from miscellaneous expense as presented and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

Trustee Kenny Joseph spoke about the pending request for a donation for the 'Save the Clock' committee. The Youth Committee will discuss the topic and decide on whether or not to make a donation in the amount of \$500 at the next meeting Monday October 21st.

PLANNING REPORT

No report.

AFTER PROM REPORT

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Supervisor Ahle brought up the idea of purchasing new shirts for the elected officials, employees and others. If there is any interest, it will be brought up at the next meeting. A discussion followed.

Ahle gave an update about the leak around the skylight in the rotary van garage. Kruep Construction has been very busy so Ahle spoke with Tom Moreland about taking a look at and will let the board know of any new information.

NEW BUSINESS

Ahle brought up the subject of possibly purchasing a portable/stationery PA system. A printout of different types and prices was passed around for the board to review. Trustee Hursey said he thinks it is needed for the hall and possibly for other functions away from the township. Hursey said you need to have at least a 300-watt system for sound quality. Hursey said he will research and have more information at the next meeting. He estimates the cost to be between \$300-\$500.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

David A. Witter
Town Clerk