



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 2, 2013  
O'Fallon Township  
801 E. State St.  
O'Fallon, IL 62269

CALL TO ORDER at 7:02 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Supervisor Gary Ahle, Highway Commissioner Mark Downs, Trustees: Gary Hursey, Jeff Bevirt and Kenneth Joseph; Deputy Town Clerk/Recorder Debbie Allsup and Recorder Sheri Heil

Others present: Martin Ercoline, Sr., Dan Trueblood, Gary Fohne and Jim Hursey

A motion was made by Trustee Jeff Bevirt to excuse Trustee Doug Scott from the meeting and seconded by Trustee Kenny Joseph. Motion Carried.

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 Jeff Bevirt. Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

A request received from Steve Brown for a donation for the 'Save the Clock' committee. Ahle said he told Brown he didn't have anything in the Township budget as a line item. Ahle wanted to get the boards' opinions, and possibly take out \$500 from the "Miscellaneous Expense" line item. Ahle asked Trustee Jeff Bevirt if he could run it by the Youth Committee to see if they would be interested in giving a donation. Trustee Hursey asked who owns the building. The City owns it. Deputy Clerk Debbie Allsup added the Committee raising the money for the clock is separate from the City. Town Clerk David Witter said he believes the O'Fallon Historical Society is taking over the raising of funds for the clock which then makes it a charitable donation. Steven Brown is on the City Historic Preservation Committee. They are the ones requesting the donations and making them payable to the O'Fallon Historical Society for the charitable donation. Trustee Kenny Joseph added the money is handled by the Historical Society Treasurer, but kept in a separate fund. Trustee Jeff Bevirt said he feels the clock has been a very important part of the community and he thinks it's good for the Township to support it. Trustee Kenny Joseph said he is 100% in favor of supporting this fund. Trustee Gary Hursey said \$20,000 is a lot of money to raise and he hopes they are able to but in the letter they are asking for a \$1,000 donation. Hursey wondered if they can earmark \$1,000 to donate if they reach the \$20,000 goal. Hursey wants to know if this is a one-time donation or, a yearly request. Deputy Clerk Allsup said they are requesting enough in donations to keep the maintenance of the clock up through the years. Clerk Witter said he attended the Chamber Breakfast where the clock restoration was one of the topics. So far, they have raised \$6,000. Trustee Kenny Joseph said the Enterprise Grange donated \$1,000. Supervisor Ahle asked the board if any of them have a problem with

taking \$500 out of Miscellaneous Expenses. In the meantime, Trustee Bevirt can look into the Youth Committee discussing whether or not they will donate \$500.

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to authorize a donation in the amount of \$500 from the line item "Miscellaneous Expenses" in the Town Fund towards the 'Save the Clock' project on behalf of the Township and seconded by Trustee Kenny Joseph. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye. Motion Carried.

#### APPROVAL OF SUPERVISORS BILLS

Town Fund	\$ 122,409.50
General Assistance Fund	\$ 37,333.34

Trustee Gary Hursey asked about a check for a large sum to Illinois Funds. Deputy Clerk Debbie Allsup said it is just a transfer of excess funds to a higher bearing interest account. A discussion followed.

Trustee Jeff Bevirt made a motion to authorize the Supervisor's bills to be paid accordingly and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – 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 17, 2013 to September 27, 2013:

(See attachment A)

Downs asked the board if they had any questions. Trustee Bevirt commented on the purchase of a lift gate for the road district. Downs said the guys should have it instead of trying to lift tractor tires and equipment onto the truck. Bevirt agreed they are well worth it. The board agreed. Bevirt also said he likes to read over Down's RaDAR. It tells you exactly what the road district is doing. Down's said the Township Highway Commissioners recommend they do this as a running record. It helps in liability cases as well as where the road district has been on certain dates. Downs said he and the road district employees drove around and came up with a list of twelve (12) things they would like to get done in the next month. When they get 10 (ten) completed, they'll start another list.

Ahle asked if the board had any questions or comments. Trustee Kenny Joseph commented that whoever did the spraying for Johnson grass earlier had the right mixture and did a good job. Downs said he appreciated the compliment.

Trustee Gary Hursey if the College Road issue is going to go legal. Downs said he has known all along it would come to that and that is what he is trying to avoid. It seems though, it will come to that and Downs has to follow the steps and procedures since he was petitioned to vacate. Downs added he is not doing anything without Township Attorney Cory Easton's approval.

## APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S BILLS

Permanent Road Fund	\$	603,831.59
Road & Bridge Fund	\$	162,162.13

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

## TOWN CLERK REPORT

Clerk David Witter reported on the township website with three hundred seventy four (374) visits. 74.9% were new visitors and 25.1% were returning visitors. One (1) visitor was from Japan, one (1) visitor from Thailand and the rest from the United States. Most visitors are from the surrounding areas; O'Fallon, Belleville, Edwardsville Collinsville, St. Louis, Fairview Heights, Scott AFB, Chicago and Topeka.

## TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Gary Hursey said he would like to put on the agenda about purchasing a new P.A. system for the meeting hall. He estimates the cost to be \$400 - \$500 for a portable system. Ahle said he would have the subject on the next agenda.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### SENIOR REPORT

Supervisor Ahle reported trustee Doug Scott left a message that the Senior Committee dinner was on Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M. One hundred eight (108) dinners were served.

### YOUTH REPORT

Trustee Kenny Joseph reported the next Committee meeting will be on October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 P.M. There are three (3) new applications for Committee membership: Dillon Weiss – Sophomore, Eric Pelkey – Junior and Gracyn Norsigian – Junior.

Trustee Jeff Bevirt made a motion to approve the membership applications for Youth Committee as presented and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye. Motion Carried.

Joseph added the Halloween Party on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Jeff Bevirt asked Supervisor Ahle to get a letter from the "Clock" Committee addressed to the Youth Committee so he can present it to them at the next meeting. Bevirt said they purchased t-shirts a couple years back for the committee and he would like to order more for the new members.

Bevirt told the board "Movie Night at the Park" went over very well. The new applicants were there to help along with three (3) potential new members and three (3) active members. It was well attended and the Committee members said they would like to do it again. Last Sunday was the Cardinal Baseball game where Senior Citizens were invited to attend. Everybody had a good

time but, they were a little disappointed they didn't receive their freebies for sitting in Big Mac Land.

Ahle told Bevirt he will have the t-shirt purchase put on the next agenda. Bevirt said he will have a more definite count of how many shirts are needed.

#### PLANNING REPORT

No report.

#### AFTER PROM REPORT

No report.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Approval of a hall rental request submitted by Laura Hamilton for the purpose of bible studies on the October 8th, 17<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. She has rented the hall in the past and has paid for these current rentals.

Supervisor Gary Ahle made a motion to approve the hall rental submitted by Laura Hamilton for the purpose of bible studies as presented and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey.  
Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye. Motion Carried.

#### PUBLIC INPUT

Martin Ercoline asked Trustee Bevirt how many attended the movie night at the park. Bevirt responded 75 – 80. Ercoline said he is sending e-mails to people in his Home Owners Association of upcoming events. He wants to see how many of the residents, if any attended. Bevirt said he went to Wehrenberg Theatre and got big bags of popcorn for \$5 per bag. He said the Committee wants to do a fundraiser for Spencer Kennels. Bevirt said he would like to get pizza and soda to give out at the next Movie Night for a donation which would then be presented to Spencer Kennels.

#### 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 7:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

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David A. Witter  
Town Clerk