



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 2, 2016
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, Highway Commissioner Mark Downs, Deputy Town Clerk Debbie Allsup, Trustees Gary Hursey, Jeff Bevirt, Kenneth Joseph and Doug Scott; Township Attorney Cory Easton and Recorder Sheri Heil.

Others present: Gary Fohne, Lawrence Kwiatkowski, Nick Miller, Joe McKay, Mary Jo Nowobilski and Kim Sabella

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Trustee Kenny Joseph to approve the minutes of the February 3rd with the exception of a spelling error and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Ahle introduced the members from Sunrise Rotary and asked if they or the Board had any questions regarding the agreement for use of the hall for their early morning meetings. Joe McKay, president of the Rotary said they will begin moving their supplies on March 30th and their first meeting will be on April 6th. Trustee Doug Scott asked at a previous meeting what happens if there is a disagreement between the Township and the Rotary. Attorney Cory Easton provided an Arbitration Clause to be added to the agreement. McKay asked about 2 (two) banners the group would like to hang up permanently. Regarding article 5 in the agreement; No nails, tacks, pins or staples may be applied to any surface. McKay said they would use the On Command brand removable hooks for these banners. A brief discussion followed.

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to approve Sunrise Rotary Club as tenants for use of the hall on a weekly basis as presented in the agreement and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

The Rotary members excused themselves from the meeting at 7:07 P.M.

Supervisor Ahle informed the Board that the Township would like to acquire Equifax Verification Services for General Assistance applicants. In February, a man was arrested for fraudulently getting aid from Belleville Township. Through their internal checks with Equifax, they were able to discover this potential fraud.



A check in the amount of \$227.70 was received from the group Savers for the remaining items picked up after the February 3rd, 2016 Rummage Sale.

APPROVAL OF SUPERVISORS BILLS

Town Fund	\$	20,736.80
General Assistance Fund	\$	4,721.49

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; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Highway Commissioner Mark Downs reported on the Road District “RaDAR” for the following weeks of February 1, 2016 through February 26, 2016:

(See attachment A)

Downs asked the Board members to come in 30 minutes early before the next meeting so he can submit his 2016-2017 annual budget for approval.

The guardrail that was recently installed on Simmons has been realigned because of underground utility lines.

Downs introduced Lawrence Kwiatkowski, resident of Fiveacre Ct. off Haury Rd. who had some questions for the board.

Mr. Kwiatkowski purchased a property parcel on Fiveacre Ct. from Paul Nance a number of years ago. The property was changed from Agricultural to R.R.1. This was approved by the Township Planning Committee, and later by the St. Clair County Board. Kwiatkowski said his concern is the so-called road on Fiveacre Ct. Kwiatkowski said all the properties are sold and the property owners still drive down a gravel roadway. There was never a proper road with curbing put in. Basically, the seller (Nance) said he would put a road in for the new property owners and has never done this.

Township Attorney Cory Easton asked if Kwiatkowski has a contract with the seller stating all the improvements that were previously promised. There is no contract. The road is considered a private drive and is neither County nor Township. Easton advised Kwiatkowski to contact his County Board Member (John West) or, get together with his neighbors and collectively consult with an attorney to see what their options are. A brief discussion followed.

Mr. Kwiatkowski excused himself from the meeting at 7:27 P.M.

Trustee Jeff Bevirt thanked the Road District for all their hard work maintaining the roads during the recent inclimate weather. He asked Downs how the beet-juice pretreatment is working out. Downs said



he feels the Road District is ahead of the game by applying the pretreatment. The City is going to start using the same treatment in the future. A brief discussion followed.

APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S BILLS

Permanent Road Fund	\$	7,902.20
Road & Bridge Fund	\$	19,162.26

Trustee Kenny Joseph made a motion to authorize the Highway Commissioner's bills to be paid accordingly as presented and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott. 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 said the Senior Committee Dinner on February 18th was well attended. On behalf of the Senior Committee, Scott again thanked Jeff Bevirt and the Youth Committee for sponsoring the dinner for them.

The next Senior Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, March 22nd at 6:30 P.M. The next dinner will be on Thursday, April 21st at 5:30 P.M.

Trustee Doug Scott made a motion to approve the appointment of Jackie Brown to the O'Fallon Township Senior Committee and was seconded by Trustee Jeff Bevirt. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

YOUTH REPORT

Trustee Kenny Joseph reported the last Youth Committee meeting on Monday, February 22nd at 7:30 P.M. was very poorly attended. The next big youth activity will be the Annual Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 4th, 2016.

Trustee Kenny Joseph made a motion to approve the appointment of Natalie Routh to the O'Fallon Youth Committee and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.



Trustee Jeff Bevirt wanted to make it known that Natalie Routh is not a student, but an adult. Bevirt added this is a very welcomed addition to the Committee.

PLANNING REPORT

Request submitted by Don & Lynette Schaeffer, 10041 Rieder Rd., Lebanon, IL and James Joseph, 10037 Rieder Rd., Lebanon IL for a Special Use Permit for a Planned Building Development pursuant to section 40-9-3 (H)(3) to allow a Trucking Business in an "A" Agricultural Industry Zone District.

All parties present for this hearing were in complete favor of this request and nobody objected. Hursey added that the area is near the new interchange for Interstate 64 and said plans for that area are geared towards Industrial businesses. The Planning Committee approved the request.

Trustee Doug Scott expressed concerns about residents in the agricultural area who want to put up a small business and install signs up along the country roads. He has had problems with neighbors across the street from him. He went to the County meeting and had them put a stipulation in that the business cannot be sold to anybody else. Trustee Kenny Joseph agreed with Scott. A discussion followed.

Hursey said Lynette Schaeffer who is on the Planning Committee excused herself from voting on this topic since she is the Owner/Applicant for this request.

Trustee Bevirt asked if the Township Planning Committee is able to add stipulations with their decision to the County such as, no business signs allowed. Hursey answered that the road is County and it will ultimately be up to them about signs. More discussion followed.

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to approve the request submitted by Schaeffer and Joseph for a Special Use Permit as presented and seconded by Trustee Jeff Bevirt. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Scott – nay. Motion Carried.

AFTER PROM REPORT

Trustee Jeff Bevirt said all but one of the entertainment people lined up. Donation request letters were sent and so far, \$2,075 in cash donations has been received.

Bevirt and Hursey met with OTHS representative, Jodie Seipp on February 22nd at 4:00 P.M. The theme of the prom this year is "Harry Potter". Some of the proceeds from the ticket sales for the After Prom will be disbursed in the middle part of April. The scanners will be used again this year to check the students in and out of the After Prom. As always, volunteers are needed to help out on the night of the event.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Early voting has begun through Monday, March 14, 2016 and been staying fairly steady with voters.

Election supplies will be picked up at the County on Wednesday, March 9th, 2016 for the election on Tuesday, March 15th, 2016

The 34th Annual Topics Day in Springfield will be on Wednesday, April 6th, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

A correspondence was received from the O'Fallon Historical Society for a contribution to aid in their efforts to maintain Rock Springs Cemetery.

Supervisor Ahle requested approval of the Agenda for the Annual Town Meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 12th, 2016 beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Trustee Jeff Bevirt mad a motion to approve the Agenda for the upcoming Annual Towns Meeting 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 Kenny Joseph wanted to thank Jeff Bevirt for all his hard work. Bevirt added that Gary Hursey does a lot of the work too along with numerous volunteers and office administration.

Trustee Doug Scott thanked the office administration for their help with the After Prom and with the Senior Committee functions.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

David M. Witter
Town Clerk