



O'Fallon Township  
801 East State Street  
O'Fallon, IL 62269

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Town Clerk Dave Witter called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### INTRODUCTION OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

Town Clerk Dave Witter thanked everyone for attending and then he introduced the O'Fallon Township Board in attendance. Board members present: Supervisor Gary Ahle, Highway Commissioner Mark Downs, Town Clerk Dave Witter, Trustees: Gary Hursey, Doug Scott, Frank Morski and Todd Roach.

Office staff present: Debbie Allsup, Susan Parkinson and Sheri Heil.

Others present: Christopher Erickson, M. Lee Erickson, Fred Boch, James Hurley, Brian Keller, Gary Fohne, Alex King, Sue Witter, Mary Ann Joseph, Kenneth Joseph, Gerard Helldoerfer and Kevin Gederman.

### NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF MODERATOR

Town Clerk Dave Witter opened the floor for nominating a Moderator for the meeting.

Kenny Joseph made a motion to nominate Brian Keller as Moderator and was seconded by Doug Scott. There were no other nominations. Motion carried to elect Brian Keller.

### OATH OF MODERATOR

Town Clerk Dave Witter administered the Oath of Moderator of the Annual Town Meeting to Brian Keller and he assumed his duties.

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Debbie Allsup made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and was seconded by Mark Downs. Motion Carried.

### READING OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Town Clerk Dave Witter read the Highway Commissioner's Annual Report of the Road District Fund. Witter also read the Supervisor's Financial Statement/Settlement of the Town Fund and General Assistance Fund.

### APPROVAL OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A motion was made by Susan Parkinson to approve the Highway Commissioner's Annual Financial Statements and was seconded by Kevin Gederman. Motion Carried.



A motion was made by Mark Downs to approve the Supervisor's Annual Financial Statements and was seconded by Alex King. Motion Carried.

#### TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Gary Ahle informed the people that the City and the Township have both applied for a grant with the County to hopefully get the Township along with the buildings on the southside of East State St. down to the dairy on City sanitation system. The County will let both the City and Township know in May if one, or both grants are approved.

Ahle introduced Kevin Gederman, Sunrise Rotarian about the combined efforts of the club and the Eagle Scouts to construct a 12' x 20' storage shed to store flags for the club's fundraiser. Gederman invited Christopher Erickson of Troop 46 to speak about the project. Erickson explained the new shed will double the club's current space as well as a lighting system generated by a solar panel.

Ahle said since the idea of the shed project, the Township has since found out that they do not own the property on the westside of the building. This is currently in the works also in the works to be corrected.

#### HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Highway Commissioner Mark Downs provided a written report of the road district functions.

Downs wanted to recognize and introduce the road district staff; Gary Fohne, Gerard Helldoerfer and Alex King. Together, they have over 75 years' experience.

He reported that the O'Fallon Township Road District is a member of a MS-4 Permit Holder group which is required by the IEPA (Illinois Environmental Protection Agency). This means; every effort is made to keep the streams and waterways pollutant free. Downs said they passed an inspection by the IEPA earlier this year.

#### REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

Clerk Dave Witter reported his plans to update the website did not happen because of some extensive roof damage which required the repair funding over the website. He was able to have some corrections made on the website in order to access the minutes easier than before. Witter is hopeful to have the updates made to the website this year.

Witter said the Rotary Van which is operated out of the Township is steady and doing well, Special thanks to Susan Parkinson who oversees the scheduling of the rides and maintenance of the vans. He thanked Susan, along with Debbie Allsup and Sheri Heil.

#### REPORT OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Todd Roach began by saying how much he has learned about what the Township does for the Community since becoming a Trustee.



Being the liaison for the Youth Committee, Roach is working towards getting more membership. They have recently launched a new Facebook page to get information out. They just recently held a 'Game Night'. Other upcoming projects: Fishing Derby and Cardinal Baseball Game Night with a Senior Citizen.

Trustee Doug Scott reported he is liaison to Township Senior Citizens Committee. This group is only open to residents of the O'Fallon Township. The Senior Citizens Club is open to all.

The Committee puts on monthly dinners for the Seniors for the cost of \$3 per ticket. For that cost, they get dinner, entertainment and possible attendance prizes. In addition to the dinners; there are five Bingo Parties annually put on during the daytime for the Seniors.

Scott thanked the administrators for their help with ticket sales.

Trustee Frank Morski is the new liaison for the After-Prom Party which will be on April 29<sup>th</sup>. It is a very important event that provides a safe haven for the students from 12:00 midnight to 5:00 A.M. Morski thanked all the businesses/individuals that donated to the event, and to the volunteers who help out by serving food, checking students in/out and prize drawings.

Trustee Gary Hursey reported he is the liaison to the Planning Committee which looks into any changes to properties located within the O'Fallon Township. He acknowledged James Hurley, the Chairman on the Planning Committee along with the other volunteers; Lynette Schaeffer, John Hollerbach, Steve Hursey and Ronald Dormer who meet with property owner(s) and then vote either for, or against the request which is then presented to the County for their decision.

Hursey, for the past 16 years, has contributed his time to the After-Prom Party by going out and purchasing prizes for the attendees and contacting numerous food vendors for donations for the event.

#### OLD BUSINESS

None.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Debbie Allsup made a motion to set the salary of the moderator at \$75 same as last year and seconded by Mark Downs. Motion Carried.

A request of \$1,000 was made by the O'Fallon Historical Society to assist their efforts in maintaining the grounds of the Rock Spring Cemetery. A motion was made by David Witter to approve the donation of \$1,000 and was seconded by Gary Hursey. Motion Carried.

#### PUBLIC INPUT

Sue Witter talked about the monthly Rummage Sale which is handled by a group of volunteers that set everything up and then clean up after the sale. Most of the proceeds are donated to the O'Fallon Community Food Pantry. Witter reported that \$12,000 has been donated to the Pantry this past year. She thanked the Township for use of the space.



Supervisor Ahle thanked the office personnel and the road district crew for all their help in the delivery and pick up of election equipment and supplies to the 18 different precincts in the area. He thanked the board and everybody in attendance.

Trustees Todd Roach and Frank Morski thanked everybody for helping them out on their first year as trustees.

Trustee Gary Hursey wanted to say how well O'Fallon Township and the Road District is run and operated compared to some other Townships. It has always been run above-board with a straight forward and clean operation. Hursey stated the board is here for the people and not for their self.

Moderator Brian Keller added that you don't have to go far to find dysfunctional township government. O'Fallon Township is very well run and the public should be thankful for that.

Kenny Joseph said the Highway Commissioner and his crew are some of the best around and he feels fortunate to have them around taking care of the roads near him.

Moderator Brian Keller thanked all were in attendance and announced the next Annual Town Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Township Building.

Mark Downs made a motion to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting and was seconded by Todd Roach. Motion carried.

The Annual Town Meeting adjourned at 7:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

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David M. Witter  
*Town Clerk*

