



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 6, 2019
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, Deputy Clerk Debbie Allsup, Trustees: Doug Scott, Todd Roach and Gary Hursey, Township Attorney Cory Easton and Recorder Sheri Heil.

Others present: Ross Rosenberg, Herb Roach, Gary Fohne, Walter Denton, Martha Stoffel, Todd Fleming, Carl Runkwitz and Todd Runkwitz.

A motion was made by Supervisor Gary Ahle to excuse Trustee Frank Morski and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6TH, 2019 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Trustee Doug Scott made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 6th Board of Trustees meeting and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The City of O'Fallon to update the Board regarding the MidAmerica Enterprise Zone. Supervisor Ahle turned the floor over to Mayor Herb Roach.

Mayor Roach explained what the City is wanting to do in the area of Rieder Rd. and 158 between Rt. 50 and I-64 began with a study by the Land Institute to further help the economic development of the City of O'Fallon. As a result of the study, they are looking to develop that area for light industry, distribution and warehousing. This will build a tax-base that will help the schools and take tax pressure off home owners. The City has spoken with residents in the area who have petitioned for O'Fallon annexation as well as, working with TriStar Development who has had previous success with developing these types of sights. TriStar is putting together the overall contract for everything out there for the start of that development.

City Administrator Walter Denton addressed the Board:

The City of O'Fallon, along with St. Clair County, SWIDA (Southwestern IL Development Authority), Mascoutah, Lebanon and Shiloh have all passed an ordinance amending the Mid America Enterprise Zone to

allow for the abatement of property tax within the zone. Each taxing body within the Enterprise Zone has the ability to volunteer to abate their portion of property tax increment in order to support development.

The City is asking the Township to consider a resolution for a property tax abatement within the City of O'Fallon's portion of the Mid America St. Clair County Enterprise Zone. The Property Tax Abatement will be as follows:

- Years 1-7: 100% Abatement
- Year 8: 70% Abatement
- Year 9: 40% Abatement
- Year 10: 10% Abatement
- Year 11+: 0% Abatement

O'Fallon District #90 is set to vote on this property tax abatement on March 19, O'Fallon Township High School #203 will be voting on it at their March 21 meeting.

Denton opened the discussion for questions or comments:

Mayor Roach said all the companies that moved into the Madison County developments with the tax abatement incentive have stayed even after the incentive program ended.

Deputy Clerk Allsup asked if one of the taxing bodies votes against the abatement, would this cancel the whole project. Denton said it would. He added that the school districts have said if any groups voted against it, they would probably do the same.

Supervisor Ahle asked if the County will be taking over the proposed property that belongs to O'Fallon. Mayor Roach said they are currently working on that. More discussion followed.

Ahle asked how the surrounding residents/farmers will be affected. Denton said they can do whatever they wish as well as be annexed into the City, or not. Denton added, two property owners (Burrows/Maskal) have already agreed to annex their property in that area.

Trustee Doug Scott brought up the fact if, O'Fallon annexes the proposed properties discussed, the O'Fallon Fire Department is responsible for those areas that were once handled by Lebanon Fire Dept. Denton said there has already been discussion for an east side fire district. More discussion followed.

Denton said the sewer line being put in is contingent on TriStar Development coming in. If not, the sewer line will be pushed back.

Trustee Todd Roach asked Highway Commissioner Mark Downs if the development will have any impact on Township roads. Downs said the roads around the project are already maintained by the County. A discussion followed.

Supervisor Ahle asked residents Carl Runkwitz and his son Todd if they had any questions or concerns since they have property in the vicinity. Carl Runkwitz asked about the train trestle. Mayor Roach said instead of waiting on the Railroad to decide what they want to do an alternative, and less expensive plan, may be to possibly go around the trestle.

Todd Runkwitz expressed concern about with increased traffic comes increased risks and danger with drivers speeding on Rieder. Mayor Roach said with the annexation, instead of County Police, the O'Fallon Police will patrol the roads. More discussion followed.

Martha Stoffel asked Denton to explain how it works when the current abatement zone expires in 2030 and buildings are built right before the expiration. Denton responded the County has said they would approve an extension in 2030 and the Township would again, have to approve it. Discussion followed.

City officials and residents excused themselves from meeting at 7:47 P.M.

Supervisor Ahle continued with the Supervisor's Report.

Election supplies for the April 2nd, 2019 Election will be picked up on Wednesday and later, delivered to the appropriate polling place.

APPROVAL OF SUPERVISORS BILLS

Town Fund	\$	19,747.04
General Assistance Fund	\$	2,588.55

Trustee Doug Scott made a motion to authorize the Supervisor's bills to be paid accordingly and seconded by Trustee Todd Roach. Roll Call: Scott – aye; Ahle – aye; Roach – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion Carried.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

RaDAR report provided.

(See attachment A)

Highway Commissioner Downs reported updated the Board on the construction of the new building.

APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S BILLS

Permanent Road Fund	\$	7,803.69
Road & Bridge Fund	\$	180,942.06

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to authorize the Highway Commissioner's bills to be paid accordingly and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott. Roll Call: Scott – aye; Ahle – aye; Roach – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion Carried.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

No Report.

TRUSTEES REPORT

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SENIOR COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Doug Scott reported the last dinner was held on February 21st, 85 tickets were sold and 83 were served. The next dinner will be held on March 21st at 5:30 P.M.

YOUTH REPORT

Approval of a donation to the O'Fallon Township High School Annual Blizzard program. Past donations have been in the amount of \$300.

Trustee Todd Roach made a motion to approve a \$300 donation to the O'Fallon Township High School Annual Blizzard program as presented and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Scott – aye; Ahle – aye; Roach – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion Carried.

PLANNING REPORT

No Report.

AFTER PROM REPORT

No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Refinishing floors – due to weather conditions it has been rescheduled for Friday, March 22nd and Saturday, March 23rd, 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of the Agenda for the Annual Town Meeting to be held on April 9th, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the O'Fallon Township Building.

Trustee Todd Roach made a motion to approve the Agenda for the Annual Town Meeting as presented and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott. Roll Call: Scott – aye; Ahle – aye; Roach – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion Carried.

Approval of Ordinance No. 19-01 – A Resolution Approving a Property Tax Abatement within the Amended Mid America Enterprise Zone as presented earlier by City Officials.

Trustee Doug Scott made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 19-01 - A Resolution Approving a Property Tax Abatement within the Amended Mid America Enterprise Zone as presented earlier by City Officials and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Scott – aye; Ahle – aye; Roach – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion Carried.

Approval of a Hall Rental request submitted by Rick Edwards (O'Fallon Breakers Board President) for the purpose of swim team registration on Saturday, March 30, 2019 and Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 8:30 A.M. to noon on both dates.

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to approve the hall rental request submitted by Rick Edwards and seconded by Trustee Todd Roach. Roll Call: Scott – aye; Ahle – aye; Roach – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion Carried.

Approval of a Hall Rental request submitted by Susan Wobbe (Representative of the St. Clair County Office of Aging) for the purpose of a caregiver workshop on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. (requested fees be waived).

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to approve the hall rental request (fees waived) submitted by Susan Wobbe and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott. Roll Call: Scott – aye; Ahle – aye; Roach – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion Carried.

Approval of a Hall Rental request submitted by Beverly Flores (resident of O'Fallon Township) for the purpose of a baby shower on Sunday, June 30, 2019 from noon to 5:30 P.M.

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to approve the hall rental request submitted by Beverly Flores and seconded by Trustee Todd Roach. Roll Call: Scott – aye; Ahle – aye; Roach – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion Carried.

Approval of a Hall Rental request submitted by Michelle Carr (Representative of Cambridge House) for the purpose of a Senior Bazaar on Thursday, August 22, 2019 from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. (requested fees be waived)

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to approve the hall rental request (fees waived) submitted by Michelle Carr and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott. Roll Call: Scott – aye; Ahle – aye; Roach – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Todd Roach to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Trustees and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

David M. Witter, Town Clerk

BY:

Debbie Allsup, Deputy Clerk