



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 1, 2020
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, Township Clerk Dave Witter, Trustees: Doug Scott, Frank Morski, Bob Kueker and Gary Hursey; Township Attorney Cory Easton, Deputy Clerk/Office Manager Debbie Allsup and Recorder Sheri Heil.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF June 3rd, 2020 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Trustee Doug Scott made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3rd Board of Trustees meeting and seconded by Trustee Frank Morski. Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Update regarding grant for sanitary sewer lines along East State Street – the City is trying to get a continuance on the grant from the County since the bids came in much higher than expected. They have also looked into other routes for an installation. Ahle read an e-mail received from Mayor Roach stating the cost per facility was well over \$5,000 (error in e-mail read \$50,00). Ahle added that the grant money has been extended to October. A discussion followed.

Discussed plans on resuming rummage sales, hall rentals and use of Rotary Wheels Van – on the advice of Township Attorney Cory Easton, without some procedures in place for the clientele we service, it was agreed upon by all, to wait another month and discuss it at the August meeting. A brief discussion followed.

Notice from Township Officials of Illinois (TOI), all General Assistance Training Institute's (GATI) programs have been cancelled for CY 2020.

APPROVAL OF SUPERVISORS BILLS

Town Fund	\$ 13,299.58
General Assistance Fund	\$ 2,979.75

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

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

RaDAR report provided.
(See attachment A)

Highway Commissioner Downs reported the Seven Hills overlay project in which, a portion belongs to the Township is set to begin on July 7th. The cost for the Road District is approximately \$60,000.

A culvert liner installation by Hank's Excavating began on June 1st at 8349 Old Lebanon-Troy Rd. The culvert is located 40 ft. below the road surface and took 3 days to complete. Total cost: \$28,385. A brief discussion followed.

A tractor purchase from Shiloh Valley Equipment. Downs explained it is a used piece of equipment that saved the Road District approximately \$3,000 and a 9 month wait for a new tractor. Trustee Doug asked how many hours were on it when purchased. Downs said it had approximately 80 hours on it. Warranty still applies on the equipment as well, as an extended warranty purchase on it. A discussion followed.

APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S BILLS

Permanent Road Fund	\$	135,923.08
Road & Bridge Fund	\$	16,440.08

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

TOWN CLERK REPORT

No report.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Doug Scott informed the board of a hole forming on the front entrance sidewalk and, would like to see it fixed before somebody gets injured.

Trustee Scott asked if anybody has heard about collecting signatures for the next election of Township Trustees. The last election; the candidates were required to get 480 signatures to run. Deputy Clerk Debbie Allsup said she has looked on the State Board of Elections website and all information is pertaining to the upcoming November election. Scott expressed concerns about going door to door for signatures during the pandemic. Allsup said she will keep looking into it. A discussion followed.

Supervisor Ahle asked Allsup what information she found regarding Annual Township meetings during the pandemic. Allsup said that some Townships can have it in July if, they check with their Health Department and get approval from the County in order to have it. Ahle added how difficult it is right now, to get through to anybody at the County.

Trustee Scott asked if the Board has ever considered solar panels for the building. Ahle said it's something that can be looked into. A discussion followed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SENIOR COMMITTEE REPORT

No report.

YOUTH REPORT

No report.

PLANNING REPORT

Trustee Gary Hursey mentioned that some Township residents are building without any notification(s) to the Township. Hursey asked if it needs to be looked into more. Ahle said we only get involved when we receive notification from the County. Trustee Frank Morski added that if building or renovations do not affect the zoning codes, there is no need for notifications. A discussion followed.

AFTER PROM REPORT

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Add a Trustee liaison appointment to the O'Fallon Community Food Pantry. To aid in the close relationship between the Township and the Food Pantry Board which would provide a direct line of communication. Supervisor Ahle suggested Trustee Bob Kueker do this since his wife also is a volunteer at the Pantry.

Supervisor Gary Ahle made a motion to appoint Trustee Bob Kueker as the liaison to the O'Fallon Community Food Pantry Board as presented and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Scott – aye; Morski – aye; Ahle – aye; Kueker – abstain; Hursey – aye. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Ahle informed the Board of a residential burglary within the Township. The residents contacted the Highway Commissioner Downs about the amount of time it takes for law enforcement to arrive on the scene. They wanted to know if the Township would consider additional funds for additional law protection in the rural areas. Ahle said he knows Stookey Township does this. He contacted TOI about it and Brian Smith said he knows of 1 other Township doing it also, and it's up in Bloomington. Deputy Clerk Allsup looked into Stookey Township's budget and they have \$70,000 set aside plus, and they actually levy separately for that. A discussion followed.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

David M. Witter, Town Clerk