



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 6, 2021
O'Fallon Township
801 E. State St.
O'Fallon, IL 62269

CALL TO ORDER at 6:59 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Township Supervisor Gary Ahle, Township Highway Commissioner Mark Downs, Township Clerk Dave Witter, Trustees: Doug Scott, Frank Morski, Bob Kueker and Gary Hursey, Township Attorney Cory Easton, Deputy Clerk Debbie Allsup and Recorder Sheri Heil.

Others present: Matt Gilreath and John Coers

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2ND, 2020 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Highway Commissioner Downs pointed out a paragraph from the November minutes were left on the December minutes by mistake. Downs was not present at the December meeting.

Trustee Frank Morski made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2nd Board of Trustees meeting with the deletion of paragraph from the Highway Commissioner's report and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott. Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Ahle brought up possibly resuming Rotary Wheels. He called on Clerk Witter for his opinion since it's sponsored by the Rotary Club. Witter said with the age of the drivers and their safety, it should probably remain shut down. Ahle stated he recently spoke to the drivers and neither was in favor of returning at this time. A brief discussion followed. Board members were in agreement to keep the vans shut down.

Discussed plans for Rummage Sales. Supervisor Ahle said the hall was unavailable for January, but asked the Board their opinion on a Sale in February, if temperatures are taken at the door and the number of people in the building is within the set guidelines. All Board Members were in agreement with this.

Received a Hall rental request from Travis Craig (BA Laborer's Local No. 670) for the purpose of their monthly meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month. Supervisor Ahle met with Mr. Craig about this and he said they will do whatever is necessary so they can hold their meeting. Their maximum number in attendance will be 30-40 which is under the maximum 25% currently allowed. Ahle added; the group will be responsible for wearing their masks and cleaning/sanitizing after the meeting. Trustee Doug Scott asked about Township liability if one of the attendees tests positive for COVID. It would be hard to prove where it was actually contracted. A discussion followed.

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to approve the Hall Rental request by Travis Craig as presented, provided they follow all State, County and City guidelines for COVID and seconded by Trustee Bob Kueker. Roll Call: Scott – aye; Morski – aye; Ahle – aye; Kueker – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion Carried.

Received a FOIA request from Kaza Rhan of LocalLabs, which is the publisher of Prairie State Wire, requesting data on our elected officials. Ahle pointed out they do this request once or twice a year for names, salaries and terms of elected officials. A brief discussion followed.

APPROVAL OF SUPERVISORS BILLS

Town Fund	\$ 20,658.58
General Assistance Fund	\$ 3,947.84

Trustee Doug Scott 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 Mark Downs reported due to weather conditions, salt was spread on December 16th.

APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER’S BILLS

Permanent Road Fund	\$ 4,622.04
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 27,298.51

Trustee Bob Kueker made a motion to authorize the Highway Commissioner’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.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Clerk Dave Witter reported the filing of nominating petitions is completed. The only position with competition for the April 6th, 2021 election is the Town Clerk position.

Witter reported on Assessment review hearings for the following properties:

Caplaco Thirty-Two, Inc., 4400 Green Mt. Crossing Dr., O’Fallon, IL 62269
Commerce Bank Bldg., Assessed Value: \$549, 076, Hearing Date: 1/11/2021
Target Corp, 3400 Green Mt. Crossing Dr., O’Fallon, IL 62269
Target Store, Assessed Value: \$2,400,272, Hearing Date: 1/20/2021

Target Corp, Green Mt. Crossing Dr., O'Fallon, IL 62269
Target Store Parking Lot, Assessed Value: \$728,476, Hearing Date: 1/20/2021

Fedcar LLP, 545 Donna Dr., O'Fallon, IL 62269
Apartments, Assessed Value: \$677,705, Hearing Date: 1/20/2021

BSB LLC, 102 Perryman St., Lebanon, IL 62254
Apartments, Assessed Value: \$341,705, Hearing Date: 1/20/2021

Angels by Day LLC, 1160 Fortune Blvd., O'Fallon, IL 62269
Day Care, Assessed Value: \$616,064, Hearing Date: 1/20/2021

SI Strategy LLC, 111 Recplex Dr., O'Fallon, IL 62269
Mostly Lake property, Assessed Value: \$175,893, Hearing Date: 1/20/2021

TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Frank Morski informed the Board he requested a Resolution be drafted declaring the O'Fallon Township a Sanctuary Township for freedom from Mandatory Mask Regulations. This will be brought up at next month's meeting to vote on. Also, a Business Sanctuary Resolution to be viewed. Trustee Bob Kueker asked how contradictory is this to the previous discussion regarding the use of the Hall. Morski explained it's the Business' decision for their guidelines, not Government regulated. A discussion followed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SENIOR COMMITTEE REPORT

No report.

YOUTH REPORT

No report.

PLANNING REPORT

No report.

AFTER PROM REPORT

Trustee Frank Morski reported he asked Debbie Allsup to contact Jodi Seipp to confirm whether or not there will be a prom in 2021. He is waiting to hear back from her. A brief discussion followed.

O'FALLON COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Trustee Bob Kueker reported attendance is up and down these days. They have plenty of food to distribute and money in the bank.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Damage to floors throughout the hall – County has been notified in writing and, currently waiting on their insurance adjuster to come out. Deputy Clerk Debbie Allsup is going to contact them again. A brief discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for a \$1,000 donation to aid in the funding of the “Empty Bowl” event – proceeds are donated to the O’Fallon Community Food Pantry. Ahle asked the Board for their thoughts: Scott – No, Morski – No, Kueker – No, Hursey - No

Trustee Doug Scott made a motion denying the donation request since the Township already does so much for the Food Pantry and seconded by Trustee Bob Kueker. Roll Call: Scott – aye; Morski – aye; Ahle – aye; Kueker – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

John Coers introduced himself. He is recently elected to the County Board and will be attending some of the Township meetings to see what we are doing, and maybe help with the floor damage from the November 2020 elections.

Matt Gilreath thanked the Board for allowing him to attend.

Supervisor Ahle informed the Board we are accepting bids from local plumbers for toilet replacements in the main office and a urinal replacement in the front lobby men’s restroom. So far, only one (1) bid has been received. A brief discussion followed.

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 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

David M. Witter, Town Clerk