



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 3, 2021
O'Fallon Township
801 E. State St.
O'Fallon, IL 62269

CALL TO ORDER at 7:00 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: Susan Parkinson, Wayne Parkinson, John Coers and Matthew Gilreath

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 6TH, 2021 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Trustee Doug Scott made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 6th Board of Trustees meeting as presented and seconded by Trustee Frank Morski. Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Discussed plans for Rummage Sales. Supervisor Ahle said St. Clair County will probably open up and they'll be allowed to have 25 people in the building. All were in agreement to have the February Rummage Sale on Saturday, February 13th as long the volunteers operate within the COVID guidelines.

Supervisor Ahle spoke with the Mayor earlier about the possibility of using the hall as a vaccine center. There are 4 other possible locations including the Township. The board discussed who will be in charge and oversee the procedures.

Supervisor Ahle made a motion to approve the use of the Township hall for a possible vaccination sight and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Scott – aye; Morski – aye; Ahle – aye; Kueker – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion Carried.

Discuss possibility of using the Rotary Van to transport seniors to a vaccine center. Ahle said this would mean transportation to where ever the services are provided and may be out of the normal Rotary Van radius. Ahle assumes he has one driver to transport 1 or 2 passengers at a time to and from the center. A discussion followed as to whether the driver will have his vaccination(s) prior to transporting passengers, and the sanitizing of the vehicle. All Board members were in agreement to assist in anyway if needed. A discussion followed. The Township employees have been added to a list along with the City of O'Fallon employees to get vaccinated. Trustee Bob Kueker asked if anybody can drive the Rotary van. Ahle said only the drivers listed on the insurance can drive it plus, have a class 'J' license.

Ahle informed the Board all building monitor wages have been increased to \$11.00 per hour due to the increase in the minimum wage of \$1.00 per hour beginning January 1, 2021.

APPROVAL OF SUPERVISORS BILLS

Town Fund	\$	15,558.50
General Assistance Fund	\$	3,689.44

Trustee Doug Scott made a motion to authorize the Supervisor'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.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

RaDAR report provided.
(See attachment A)

Highway Commissioner Mark Downs reported the crew completed the crack/seal project on the roads. The roads were treated on January 26th because of weather conditions.

Trustee Bob Kueker asked Downs how many miles of roads he maintains and if the road crew cleans and waxes the vehicles for upkeep. Downs responded he maintains approximately 28 miles of road along with some City roads. The road district keeps up on all cleaning of the equipment.

APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S BILLS

Permanent Road Fund	\$	2,257.43
Road & Bridge Fund	\$	19,636.24

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

No report.

TRUSTEES REPORT

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SENIOR COMMITTEE REPORT

No report.

YOUTH REPORT

No report.

PLANNING REPORT

No report.

AFTER PROM REPORT

Trustee Frank Morski reported OTHS is not going to make a definitive decision for the Prom until April. Trustees Morski and Hursey decided to cancel the After Prom this year.

O'FALLON COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Trustee Bob Kueker reported pretty much the same as before. They have plenty of food to distribute and money in the bank. A discussion followed about the upcoming "Empty Bowl" event sponsored by the O'Fallon Women's Club. The proceeds will go the O'Fallon Community Food Pantry.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Damage to floors throughout the hall – Insurance adjustors came out on January 12, 2021. Deputy Clerk Debbie Allsup contacted the County earlier today and the estimate is \$4,400.00. It is now waiting on the County's approval. Ahle said he wants to wait until after the April 6th election to have the floors done.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of bid to replace the toilets in the main office restrooms and a urinal in the lobby men's room. Much discussion about repairs in the lobby men's restroom. Whether or not a new urinal will be required.

Trustee Doug Scott made a motion to approve the estimate submitted by Maxson Services and seconded by Trustee Bob Kueker. Roll Call: Scott – aye; Morski – aye; Ahle – aye; Kueker – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion Carried.

Approval of Resolution No. 21-01 – A resolution declaring the Township of O'Fallon a sanctuary Township for freedom from mandatory mask regulation. Trustee Scott said he sees no purpose for this resolution. Trustee Morski explained some towns have gone to extreme over the mask requirements, they are enforcing laws that

are not actually laws. Example: Edwardsville has an ordinance that people cannot walk down the street alone without a mask. Morski said this resolution protects you from ordinances (orders) made up by the County. Trustee Hursey added; if it's a law, fine. These strange orders come out and put local law enforcement on the spot whether or not to ticket a person. Trustee Kueker said he would like to see the resolution have a purpose but, he doesn't know what good it will do. A discussion followed.

Trustee Frank Morski made a motion to approve Resolution No. 21-01 as presented and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Scott – nay; Morski – aye; Ahle – aye; Kueker – nay; Hursey – aye. Motion Carried.

Approval of Resolution No. 21-02 – A resolution of affirming the township of O'Fallon a sanctuary Township for all businesses – Pulled from the agenda.

PUBLIC INPUT

Supervisor Ahle wanted to thank Township Attorney Cory Easton for representing the Township through a General Assistance Appeals Hearing via telephone conference on Monday, January 11th. The Appeals Board ruled in the Township's favor.

Attendee Matt Gilreath mentioned Federal Funding or, reimbursement for the use of the Rotary Vans in transporting passengers to and from vaccination sites. Also, local Churches have vans or buses to assist with transporting people too.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Scott to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Trustees and seconded by Supervisor Gary Ahle.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

David M. Witter, Town Clerk