



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 2, 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

Highway Commissioner Mark Downs, Township Clerk Matt Gilreath, Trustees: Doug Scott, Frank Morski, Bob Kueker and Gary Hursey; Deputy Clerk Debbie Allsup and Recorder Sheri Heil.

Trustee Frank Morski made a motion to excuse Supervisor Gary Ahle from the meeting and was seconded by Trustee Bob Kueker. Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING ON MAY 5, 2021

Trustee Doug Scott made a motion to approve the minutes of the Road District Budget meeting as presented and seconded by Trustee Bob Kueker. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE TOWN FUND AND GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND BUDGET HEARING ON MAY 5, 2021

Trustee Frank Morski made a motion to approve the minutes of the Town Fund and General Assistance Budget meeting as presented and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2021 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Trustee Frank Morski made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 5th Board of Trustees meeting as presented and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott. Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Approval of raises for full-time Township employees effective April 1, 2021. Trustee Gary Hursey suggested \$1.50 per hour increase.

Trustee Frank Morski made a motion to approve a \$1.50 per hour raise increase as presented and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott.

Trustee Doug asked what the increase calculates to percentage wise. Hursey responded; 6% for Debbie Allsup and 7% for Heil. He added the office remained open during the Pandemic period with just the two of them. A brief discussion followed.

Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Kueker – aye; Scott – aye; Morski – aye. Motion Carried.

Approval of raises for part-time Township employees effective April 1, 2021. Hursey said this applies to Susan Parkinson who works approximately 25 hours per week. He suggested \$0.75 per hour.

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to approve a \$0.75 per hour raise increase as presented and seconded by Trustee Frank Morski. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Kueker – aye; Scott – aye; Morski – aye. Motion Carried.

Approval of raises for Rotary van drivers effective April 1, 2021. Hursey said this applies to Dennis Fix and Mike Dees. Hursey suggested \$1.50 per hour for each of the drivers. Deputy Clerk Debbie Allsup said this increase would be contingent with the City of O'Fallon, since they reimburse the Township for the afternoon driver. A brief discussion followed.

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to approve a \$1.50 per hour raise increase pending City approval for the afternoon driver and seconded by Doug Scott. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Kueker – aye; Scott – aye; Morski – aye. Motion Carried.

Approval of Board liaisons to the following Committees:

- Senior Citizens Committee

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to nominate Doug Scott for Senior Citizens Committee Liaison and seconded by Trustee Bob Kueker. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Kueker – aye; Scott –abstain; Morski – aye. Motion Carried.

- Youth Committee

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to nominate Matt Gilreath for Youth Committee Liaison and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Kueker – aye; Scott –aye; Morski – aye. Motion Carried.

- Planning Committee

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to nominate Frank Morski for Planning Committee Liaison and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Kueker – aye; Scott –aye; Morski – abstain. Motion Carried.

- After Prom Committee

Trustee Gary Hursey said he will chair for this event but, wants other board members and employees to come out and help on night of the event. Trustee Frank Morski agree to assist.

Trustee Frank Morski made a motion to nominate Gary Hursey for After Prom Committee Liaison and seconded by Trustee Bob Kueker. Roll Call: Hursey – abstain; Kueker – aye; Scott –aye; Morski – aye. Motion Carried.

- Food Pantry Committee
- Rummage Sale Committee

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to nominate Bob Kueker for both Food Pantry & Rummage Sale Committee Liaison and seconded by Trustee Frank Morski.

Trustee Hursey made mention of volunteers unofficially going through and earmarking items before the actual sale. He suggested the volunteers sign a form; they will not take/purchase items out for resale. Trustee Scott suggested Township Attorney, Cory Easton draft something up.

Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Kueker – aye; Scott –aye; Morski – aye. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF SUPERVISORS BILLS

Town Fund	\$	15,833.53
General Assistance Fund	\$	3,439.44

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

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

RaDAR report provided.
(See attachment A)

Highway Commissioner Downs reported he met with the paving contractor; they plan to start right after July 4th and plan to be done in two weeks. Deadline for the project is July 30th. The contractor will be putting up some informational signs informing the public of interrupted traffic during that time. One lane of traffic will be open at all times but, there will be ‘Road Closed to through Traffic’ barricades up also. Downs does try and reach out to the residents personally and make them aware of upcoming roadwork.

APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER’S BILLS

Permanent Road Fund	\$	1,524.66
Road & Bridge Fund	\$	28,880.54

Trustee Bob Kueker made a motion to authorize the Highway Commissioner’s bills to be paid accordingly and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott.

Trustee Morski asked about payment in the amount of \$11,163.61 to Dave Schmidt Truck Service. Downs said it was the transmission, starter and part of the bell housing. The transmission replacement is guaranteed. A brief discussion followed.

Roll Call: Scott – aye; Hursey – aye; Kueker – aye; Scott –aye; Morski – aye. Motion Carried.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Appointment of Township Deputy Clerk. Clerk Matthew Gilreath nominated Debbie Allsup for the position.

Trustee Frank Morski made a motion to approve the nomination of Debbie Allsup as Deputy Clerk and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Kueker – aye; Scott –aye; Morski – aye. Motion Carried.

Gilreath informed the Board the City Fest is on for August 20th & 21st this year. Gilreath plans on entering the parade as Township Clerk and invited any elected officials and employees to join him.

Gilreath wanted to personally thank Debbie Allsup and Sheri Heil for helping him to get settled in with his duties as Town Clerk.

On the County side; Gilreath said there is redistricting going on; the census information not being used which directly affects the Township.

Gilreath plans on looking into the computers and the website. With recent infiltrations in other government systems, Gilreath would like to make sure all safety firewalls are current. A discussion followed.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Doug Scott informed the board he will not be at the next meeting because of scheduled surgery.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SENIOR COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Doug Scott wants to get the Senior Dinner going again but, still does not feel comfortable doing it right now. He will set up a meeting with the Committee and move forward from there. A brief discussion followed.

YOUTH REPORT

Trustee Bob Kueker reminded the Board of the upcoming Fishing Derby this Saturday at the O'Fallon Sportsmen's Club.

PLANNING REPORT

Planning Committee met on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. to discuss the following:

To consider a request for a Special Use Permit for a Planned Development pursuant to Section 40-8-3(H) (3) to allow a Lawn Care Business in an "A" Agricultural Industry Zone District on property know as 402 Stanton Lane, O'Fallon – request being made by William & Lindsey Adams, Owners and Applicants.

Trustee Frank Morski reported one person actually showed up in opposition of the request. Another showed up after the meeting. The Planning Committee voted unanimously in favor of the request.

Trustee Frank Morski made a motion to approve the Special Use Permit request as approved by the Planning Committee and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Kueker – aye; Scott –aye; Morski – aye. Motion Carried.

Highway Commissioner Mark Downs excused himself from the meeting at 7:33 P.M.

AFTER PROM REPORT

The Promenade & Red-Carpet event took place on May 15th, 2021. The Committee gave gift cards to everyone in attendance along with raffling off the larger items previously purchased for the 2020 After Prom Party.

Trustee Hursey reported all went well. Debbie Allsup also attended to help Hursey with the giveaways. They were there for approximately two hours. Hursey said he would like to see an increase in the Township donation to purchase more gift cards so everyone receives one. Then, it would only be the larger items to raffle off. A brief discussion followed.

Town Clerk Gilreath informed the Board that Superintendent, Darcy Benway recently underwent heart transplant surgery. He wanted to get a card and send to her. A brief discussion followed.

The contract with St. Clair Bowl has been signed for the 2022 After Prom Party on May 14, 2022.

FOOD PANTRY REPORT

Trustee Bob Kueker said he inquired if they need anything from the Township which they respectfully declined. Attendance seems to be picking up.

Trustee Gary Hursey thought since the majority of the Rummage Sale proceeds go to the Food Pantry, he suggested a plaque or gift card for the Rummage Sale volunteers d to show appreciation for their hard work. A brief discussion followed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Approval of health insurance for all full-time employees. The cost is going from approximately \$9,400 to \$10,000. In 2018, it increased 2%, 2019 – 4% increase, 2020 - no increase, 2020 – approximately 7% increase.

Annual deductible (in network) - \$3,500 – Single and \$7,000 – Family. The Township is self-insured on the deductible part which has saved the Township money in the long run.

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to approve the health insurance for the full-time employees as presented and seconded by Trustee Bob Kueker. Roll Call: Scott – aye; Hursey – aye; Kueker – aye, Scott – aye; Morski – aye. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of a Hall Rental request submitted by Lance Richter, president of the O’Fallon Toastmasters Club, for the purpose a weekly meeting on Thursdays beginning June 10, 2021 from 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Trustee Frank Morski made a motion to approve the hall rental request submitted by Lance Richter as presented and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Scott – aye; Hursey – aye; Kueker – aye; Scott – aye; Morski – aye. Motion Carried.

Approval of a Hall Request submitted by Melanie Chatman Brown, HOA Manager of the Estates at Fairwood Hills, for the purpose of a meeting on Sunday, June 27, 2021 from 2:30 – 5:30 P.M.

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to approve the hall rental request submitted by Melanie Chatman Brown as presented and seconded by Trustee Bob Kueker. Roll Call: Scott – aye; Hursey – aye; Kueker – aye; Scott – aye; Morski – aye. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Matthew Gilreath, Town Clerk