



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 5, 2022
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, Town Clerk Matt Gilreath, Trustees: Gary Hursey, Doug Scott and Frank Morski, Township Attorney Cory Easton, Office Manager /Deputy Clerk Debbie Allsup and Recorder Sheri Heil

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

Others present: Jeff Bevirt

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2022 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Trustee Doug Scott made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 7th, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting as presented and seconded by Trustee Frank Morski. Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Transit Committee Report – Rider Report provided. Ahle reported Mike Dees accepted another job and a new driver, Donnie Carpenter has been hired.

Update wages for Rotary drivers – Ahle wants the A.M. driver wages increased to \$16 p/h and the new P.M. driver to \$15 p/h. Ahle added the City of O'Fallon pays the salary for the afternoon driver.

Trustee Frank Morski made a motion to approve the wage increases to \$16 p/h for the A.M. driver and \$15 p/h for the P.M. driver as presented and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Morski – aye; Scott – aye; Ahle – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion Carried.

Approval of the purchase of a 2022 Ford Transit 350SRW commercial medium roof van from Southern Bus & Mobility for the Government pricing at \$71,700 – Ahle wanted to bring this up because there is one van left that is not in yet at Southern Bus. The van holds seven passengers with one wheelchair or, five passengers with two wheelchairs. A brief discussion followed.

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2022 Ford Transit van as presented when it becomes available and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott. Roll Call: Morski – aye; Scott – aye; Ahle – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF SUPERVISORS BILLS

Town Fund	\$	74,101.14
General Assistance Fund	\$	3,518.65

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

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

RaDAR report provided.
(See attachment A)

Highway Commissioner Downs reported he has been asked by the County Engineer to take over the mowing of the approach to Lebanon from Highway 50 into Belleville St. Downs said they had done it in the past and doesn’t mind taking it over again. The road district is wrapping up their 5th go around with mowing. They will begin ditching operations along with some culver replacements. A brief discussion followed.

Trustee Gary Hursey asked if anything happened with the self-reporting issue discussed at last month’s meeting. Attorney Cory Easton stated he spoke with Chris Allen from the State’s Attorney’s Office indicating what had happened and that Downs said he was wrong not to follow the current bid threshold but it was not intentional. After hearing everything, Mr. Allen said it doesn’t appear there were any self-dealings where Downs was giving money to family members or taking extra payments and the road district did receive a benefit from the work done. He stated he would not pursue it in any type of proceeding. Hursey asked if this is a matter of record which Easton responded it was. Everyone believes it was an honest mistake and want to make sure it does not happen again.

APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER’S BILLS

Permanent Road Fund	\$	2,770.25
Road & Bridge Fund	\$	36,175.10

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

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Clerk Matt Gilreath thanked attendee Jeff Bevirt personal for his work on the Youth Committee Fishing Derby held back in June.

Early voting begins at the Township on Monday, October 24th and goes thru Monday, November 7th.

A notice of proposed annexation was received from the City Hall. The property address is 445 Scott Troy Rd., O'Fallon, IL

TRUSTEES REPORT

No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SENIOR COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Doug Scott reported the Senior Committee dinner was held on Thursday, September 29th. There were 71 tickets sold. The next dinner will be on Thursday, November 17th at 5:30 P.M. Next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, October 25th at 6:30 P.M.

Approval of the appointment of Debbie Fontene (resident of O'Fallon Township) to the Senior Committee.

Trustee Doug Scott made a motion to approve the appointment of Debbie Fontene to the Senior Committee as presented and seconded by Trustee Frank Morski. Roll Call: Morski – aye; Scott – aye; Ahle – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion Carried.

Approval of the appointment of Julie Cook (resident of O'Fallon Township) to the Senior Committee.

Trustee Doug Scott made a motion to approve the appointment of Julie Cook to the Senior Committee as presented and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Morski – aye; Scott – aye; Ahle – aye; Hursey – aye. Motion Carried.

YOUTH REPORT

Clerk Matt Gilreath reported Pizza party scheduled for Monday, October 17th at 5:30 P.M. He said he has some volunteers to help as well as some students interested in possibly joining the Committee.

PLANNING REPORT

No report

AFTER PROM REPORT

No report.

FOOD PANTRY REPORT

Supervisor Ahle reported he and Trustee Morski met with another company, Lebanon Seibert Electric to get another estimate for generators for the Township and the Food Pantry. They are waiting to hear back.

RUMMAGE SALE REPORT

Supervisor Ahle reported last month sales - \$1,139.30. Next sale will be on Saturday, October 8, 2022

Ahle reminded the Board the Rummage Sale is a Township function, not Food Pantry. There has been confusion with some of the volunteers thinking the Township is not involved with the sale.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Backup generator for hall and office area – waiting on 3rd estimate from Lebanon Seibert Electric.

NEW BUSINESS

November election – last day to register is October 11, 2022 – Early voting at the Township Office will begin on Monday, October 24, 2022 to Monday, November 7, 2022 with election day on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

PUBLIC INPUT

Attendee Jeff Bevirt thanked the Board for supporting the Youth Committee. He helped coordinate the YC “Take a Senior to the Ballgame” last month. All 25 tickets were used and was a good time. There were some issues with the bus requested from Vandalia Bus; they were late and there was not enough seating so, Bevirt had to stand.

In the future, Bevirt said he is happy to coordinate the Fishing Derby and the Senior Ballgame but suggested increasing the budget on these events. A brief discussion followed. The Board thanked Bevirt for working on these events.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Matthew Gilreath, Town Clerk