



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 5, 2023  
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, Frank Morski and Bob Kueker, Township Attorney Cory Easton, Deputy Town Clerk/Office Manager Debbie Allsup and Recorder Sheri Heil

Others Present: Valerie Hancock, Clint Rybak, County Board members; Robert Wilhelm, and Kevin Dawson

APPROVAL OF THE ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING ON JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup> 2023

Trustee Doug Scott made a motion to approve the Road District Budget Hearing on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as presented and seconded by Trustee Frank Morski. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF THE TOWN FUND AND GENERAL ASSISTANCE BUDGET HEARING ON 7<sup>TH</sup> 2023

Trustee Frank Morski made a motion to approve the Town Fund and General Assistance Fund Budget Hearing on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as presented and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup> BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Trustee Doug Scott made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting as presented and seconded by Trustee Bob Kueker. Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Transit Committee Report – Rider Report provided. Supervisor Gary Ahle reported the State contacted Debbie Allsup about the 2011 van. They thought we had gotten rid of it so, Allsup explained the van had recently been taken in to service the wheelchair lift. Zoey Keller from the State asked Allsup to send a picture of the odometer showing the mileage is well over the 140,000 miles. When it reaches the 150,000 miles, it is released to us. There is only a form to fill out annually for the State until the van reaches the 150,000 miles.

Ahle informed the board we are waiting on bids for signage/advertisement on the newer van. The bids will be from DeMond Signs and BC Signs. DeMond suggested doing all the sign work in exchange for their advertisement on the van. A brief discussion followed.

Letter from State Representative Jay Hoffman regarding the creation of the Veteran Property Tax Relief Reimbursement Pilot Program. Ahle said he met with the mayor and he said it was going to be instituted where a handful of the counties that have military establishments or bases will be receiving monies back through this program. Town Clerk, Matt Gilreath said as elected officials, we need to stay on top of this and make sure it goes through. A brief discussion followed.

Approval of raises for full time office employees effective April 1, 2023. Ahle suggested \$1.50 p/h for the two full-time office personnel.

Trustee Frank Morski made a motion to approve the \$1.50 p/h pay increase for the two full-time office personnel as presented and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Scott – aye; Morski – aye; Kueker – aye; Ahle – aye. Motion Carried.

Approval of raise for part-time office employee effective April 1, 2023. Ahle suggested \$0.50 p/h pay increase for the one part-time office personnel.

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to approve the \$0.50 p/h pay increase for the one part-time office personnel as presented and seconded by Trustee Bob Kueker. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Scott – aye; Morski – aye; Kueker – aye; Ahle – aye. Motion Carried.

Approval of raises for the two part-time van drivers effective April 1, 2023. Ahle suggested \$0.50 p/h pay increase for the two part-time van drivers. Ahle reminded the board, the city pays for the afternoon driver's salary.

Trustee Frank Morski made a motion to approve the \$0.50 p/h pay increase for the two part-time van drivers as presented and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Scott – aye; Morski – aye; Kueker – aye; Ahle – aye. Motion Carried.

Approval of raises for the two part-time hall monitors effective April 1, 2023. Ahle stated they must raise it \$1.00 p/h according to the required state standards. Town Clerk Gilreath suggested a revision under the Reports of Elected Officials referencing part-time employees, part 4

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to approve the \$0.50 p/h pay increase per required state standards for the two part-time hall monitors revised under subsection A, subsection 4 and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Scott – aye; Morski – aye; Kueker – aye; Ahle – aye. Motion Carried.

Approval of raises for the Township attorney. Ahle suggested a \$100 p/month increase.

Trustee Frank Morski made a motion to approve the \$100 p/month increase for the Township attorney as presented and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Scott – aye; Morski – aye; Kueker – aye; Ahle – aye. Motion Carried.

## APPROVAL OF SUPERVISORS BILLS

Town Fund	\$ 27,884.37
General Assistance Fund	\$ 3,614.84

Trustee Hursey inquired about a contract on the new copier. Deputy Clerk Allsup said there is maintenance agreement in place (so much per page).

Supervisor Ahle informed the board that the old copier was donated to the Food Pantry.

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

## HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

RaDAR report provided.  
(See attachment A)

Highway Commissioner Mark Downs reported; mostly just mowing right now with the occasional culvert installation. Regarding the bridge repair; the specs are in place and most likely put out for bids next month.

## APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S BILLS

Permanent Road Fund	\$ 3,182.78
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 30,139.01

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

## TOWN CLERK REPORT

No report.

Clerk Gilreath stated he will have some nominations for the Youth Committee in August so, they can hit the ground running. He also has somebody to chair the Committee if approved by the board

On a personal note; if anybody has any questions for Gilreath on how he is living his life, please ask or call him personally.

## TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Doug Scott inquired when salary increases for the elected officials can be done. Deputy Clerk Allsup said it needs to be set 180 days before the election in April 2025. Trustee Scott's reason is to increase the Supervisor's salary. A discussion followed.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### SENIOR COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Doug Scott reported the last dinner on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 67 tickets were sold. The entertainment was very good. The next dinner will be on Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30. Next Committee meeting is on Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M.

Senior Committee Bingo Party was held on Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 56 people signed up and 49 showed up. The next Bingo Party will be on Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

### YOUTH REPORT

Reported under Town Clerk Report.

### PLANNING REPORT

Approval to consider a request for an Area/Bulk Variance to allow the division of 1-acre instead of the 40-acres required in an "A" Agricultural Industry Zone District on property known as 2056 Witte Road, Collinsville, IL. Request is being made by Owner, Clinton J. & Lisa R. Rybak.

Trustee Frank Morski reported the Planning Committee met on Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. At 7:00 P.M. The applicant was unable to attend the meeting but, had someone (Dan Jackson) appear on his behalf with the applicant on "Face Time" to answer any questions. County Board member, Kevin Dawson also attended. Nobody was opposed and unanimously approved the request.

Trustee Frank Morski made a motion to approve the request and decision made by the Planning Committee in regards to the property known as 2056 Witte Rd., Collinsville, IL and was seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Hursey - aye; Scott - aye; Morski - aye; Kueker - aye; Ahle - aye. Motion Carried.

### AFTER PROM REPORT

Trustee Gary Hursey thanked all the volunteers who came out. There were 515 in attendance. Hursey went on and explained the program to the attendees.

## FOOD PANTRY REPORT

Trustee Bob Kueker reported everything is running well, as usual.

Reports for May 2023: 631 people and 224 families compared to May 2022: 528 people and 185 families.

## RUMMAGE SALE REPORT

Trustee Bob Kueker reported last sale on June 10<sup>th</sup> took in a total of \$1,050.00. Next sale date is on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Ahle informed the attendees the proceeds from the Rummage Sale mostly go to the Food Pantry but, have gone to other charities or emergency funds when needed. The group is also going to help with the generator purchase for the Food Pantry.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Supervisor Ahle reported he has not yet heard anything from Lebanon-Seibert Electric regarding the generators.

## NEW BUSINESS

None.

## 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 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Matthew Gilreath, Town Clerk