



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 6, 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, Township Clerk Matthew 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: Andrea Fohne, Eva Obernuefemann and Gerard Helldoerfer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 1ST BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Trustee Doug Scott made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 1st, 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting as presented and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Transit Committee Report – Rider Report provided. Supervisor Gary Ahle reported the 2011 Ford Van was taken in for repairs.

Ahle reported Eva Obernuefemann has been hired for part time work – building monitor and light office cleaning.

APPROVAL OF SUPERVISORS BILLS

Town Fund	\$ 22,117.22
General Assistance Fund	\$ 3,872.39

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

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

RaDAR report provided.
(See attachment A)

Highway Commissioner Mark Downs reported all the trucks are ready for inclement weather. A new employee was added on Monday; it is Downs' son, Brandon, who has all the proper licensing and been operating equipment for 18 (eighteen) years. Downs said he believes hiring Brandon is the best decision for the job. Trustee Morski asked if he advertised for the position. Downs said he did not and added; he used to have a file full of applications and now he does not. Also, how hard it is finding somebody who is willing to work these days. Trustee Hursey commented there are qualified people who are willing to work for a fair salary. A discussion followed.

Trustee Morski said there should be some more directive signs on Oak Hill School Rd., near Hubert's and Rieder Rd. about sharp turns or curves. Down said he will check it out.

Trustee Morski asked about the car accident on Bowler Rd. back in October where a girl was killed. He asked if anything the Township could have done (i.e. signs) to help prevent it or, was it driver error. Downs said he asked the County to look out there and see if anything could have attributed to the accident, they did not find anything. Downs said he wants to put some signs out there to hopefully, remind drivers to slow down on that road. A brief discussion followed.

Supervisor Ahle spoke with Downs about getting another carport for the new van. Downs suggested getting a double canopy and he will pay for the existing single unit. He got an estimate for a 26' x 31' x 10' at \$7,013.00. Downs will pay \$2,000 of that for the existing canopy and put it over the fuel tanks. Ahle said the information was received after the agenda went out, but asked the board if they would be alright if Downs paid the 10% required now to get the price locked in and pass it at the next meeting. All agreed.

Trustee Kueker commented how impressed he is with the types of repairs and maintenance the road district crew can do on their own. Downs agreed it is a definite asset.

APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S BILLS

Permanent Road Fund	\$	14,709.43
Road & Bridge Fund	\$	22,326.00

Trustee Bob Kueker 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; Hursey – aye; Kueker – aye; Ahle – aye. Motion Carried.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Clerk Matt Gilreath reported a few upcoming assessment reviews and tax appeals within the Township, all commercial properties:

Gutnicki LLP

Perrymans Sub

1 Perryman St., Lebanon

Locust Hills Village LLC	Locust Hill Village	1201 College Rd., Lebanon
Century Development LLC	Brookside Estates	208 Erin Lee St., O'Fallon
BSB LLC		102 Perryman St., Lebanon
Caplaco Thirty-Two, Inc.	Dierberbergs	4400 Green Mt. Cross., O'Fallon
Target Corp.		3400 Green Mt. Cross., O'Fallon

TRUSTEES REPORT

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SENIOR COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Doug Scott reported the last dinner was on November 16th, 70 tickets were sold and only 4 no-shows. The next dinner will be on Thursday, December 21st at 5:30 P.M.

The Senior Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, December 26th at 6:30 P.M.

The next Senior Committee Bingo party will be on Friday, December 29th from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Scott encouraged the board members to attend some of these events and meet with some of the residents.

YOUTH REPORT

Clerk Matt Gilreath reported he spoke with the Colonnade and the local, private High School, who is looking for a service project. They are going to get together and spend time socializing with the senior residents at the Colonnade. This will happen during the "Holiday Break" for students. He is talking with Dairy Queen about purchasing Dilly Bars to hand out too.

PLANNING REPORT

Trustee Frank Morski reported about the 2 (two) meetings held on Tuesday, November 7th regarding:

7:00 P.M. - To consider a request for an Area/Bulk Variance to allow the division of 1.63 acres instead of the 40 acres required in an "A" Agricultural Industry Zone District on property known as 8943 U.S. Highway 50, Lebanon, IL. Morski said he is not sure if we have any say over this one because, the neighbor is buying most of the ground and they are wanting to divide it up. Statute 109 Platte Access states the neighbor can purchase the land without having to do anything. Morski said he will wait and see what happens at the meeting.

7:30 P.M. - To consider a request for an Area/Bulk Variance to allow the division of 4.92 acres creating one 3 acre +/- tract with 50 ft. of frontage instead of the 100 ft. required and one 2 acre +/- tract instead of the 3 acres required in an "RR-3" Rural Residential Zone District on property known as 1355 Scott Troy Road, Lebanon, IL

Unfortunately, neither owner/applicants showed up. One applicant was misinformed and did not think they were required to attend and the other applicant was out of town at the time. The Planning Committee denied both requests. The board voted via e-mail due to time restraints, and agreed with the Planning Committee's decision. The County board approved both requests at their meeting on November 14th. A brief discussion followed.

AFTER PROM REPORT

Trustee Gary Hursey made some online purchases for prizes. Deputy Clerk Debbie Allsup confirmed the reservation with St. Clair Bowl for the venue. A discussion followed.

FOOD PANTRY REPORT

No report.

RUMMAGE SALE REPORT

Last sale on November 11th, took in \$2,001.85. The next sale will be on Saturday, December 9th from 7:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation/Approval of the Road District Tax Levy Ordinance No. 22-05

Trustee Frank Morski made a motion to approve Road District Tax Levy Ordinance No. 22-05 as presented and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott. Roll Call: Scott – aye, Morski – aye; Hursey – aye; Kueker – aye; Ahle – aye. Motion Carried.

Presentation/Approval of the Township Tax Levy Ordinance No. 22-06

Trustee Frank Morski made a motion to approve Township Tax Levy Ordinance No. 22-06 as presented and seconded by Trustee Frank Kueker. Roll Call: Scott – aye, Morski – aye; Hursey – aye; Kueker – aye; Ahle – aye. Motion Carried.

Approval of 2024 Holiday schedule

Trustee Doug Scott made a motion to approve the 2024 Holiday schedule as presented and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Scott – aye, Morski – aye; Hursey – aye; Kueker – aye; Ahle – aye. Motion Carried.

Approval of charges related to the gas meter upgrades from Ameren to accommodate the new generator.

Ameren said the cost for the required work, by them for the new generator is \$9,427.62. Previously, it had been estimated at \$19,000. Ahle believes the generator is here or will be here soon. He is not sure exactly where the generator is going to sit. A brief discussion followed.

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to approve the gas meter upgrades from Ameren as presented and seconded by Trustee Bob Kueker. Roll Call: Scott – aye, Morski – aye; Hursey – aye; Kueker – aye; Ahle – aye. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

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 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Matthew Gilreath, Town Clerk