

MEETING MINUTES-BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES

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The board of Town Trustees met at the office of the Township at 3702 Northwest Highway, Crystal Lake Illinois on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 7 PM. The following were in attendance:

Supervisor: Charles Lutzow

Trustee: David Chapman

Trustee: Rachael Lawrence

Trustee: Dan Shea

Clerk: Karen Lukasik

Also present: Township Highway Commissioner Andrew Gasser, Township Assessor Robert Kunz, and Township attorney James Kelly.

Supervisor Charles Lutzow acting as Chairman and Karen Lukasik acting as Clerk, the following business was transacted. The meeting was called to order at 7 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Chapman, seconded by Shea to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held October 11, 2017. Discussion: Lawrence pointed out that Chapman was not shown as absent. Voice vote: All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Audit of Bills & Treasurer's Report:

A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Lawrence to audit the claims of the Town Fund in the amount of \$122,737.54. Discussion: None. Roll Call Vote: Chapman, yes; Shea, yes; Lawrence, yes; Lutzow, yes. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Lawrence to audit the claims of the General Assistance Fund in the amount of \$10,024.35. Discussion: Chapman asked why no bills were in the GA file and Lutzow said for privacy there are no invoices placed there. Roll Call Vote: Chapman, yes; Shea, yes; Lawrence, no; Lutzow, yes. All Ayes - Motion carried.

A motion was made by Shea and seconded by Lawrence to approve an appropriation to the Road and Bridge fund for Legal expenses. Discussion: Lukasik asked if the amount being transferred would place the amount over the 10% allowed of the fund balance. Lutzow said he thought there was enough and Kelly said that would be up to the Highway Commissioner to tell if he was over. The highway commissioner stated that it is his understanding that there is enough to transfer. Shea said he is more than happy to transfer as long as it is not over 10%. Chapman said he is displeased this has to be transferred and hopes it to end soon. Lawrence conveyed that she and others sat in executive session and decided to approve the highway commissioner to obtain his own attorney. Roll Call Vote: Chapman, yes; Shea, yes; Lawrence, yes; Lutzow, yes. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Lawrence, seconded by Shea to audit the claims of the Road and Bridge Fund in the amount of \$122,260.98. Discussion: Highway Commissioner Gasser asked that the Geske bills be pulled for consideration next month. Lawrence made a motion seconded by Chapman to pull the Geske invoices for audit until next month. Chapman seconded by Lawrence to pull the Interstate Battery invoice for separate consideration. Roll Call Vote: Chapman, yes; Shea, yes; Lawrence, yes; Lutzow, yes. Motion carried.

A motion made by Shea and seconded by Lawrence to approve the new amount of the Road and Bridge Fund to \$114,310.81. Discussion: none. Roll Call Vote: Chapman, yes; Shea, yes; Lawrence, yes; Lutzow, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Lawrence to audit the claims of the Equipment and Building Fund in the amount of \$8675.00. No Discussion. Roll Call Vote: Chapman, yes; Shea, yes; Lawrence, yes; Lutzow, yes. Motion Carried.

Audience Participation:

Several audience members spoke about the concerns of the mounting legal bills by the Highway Commissioner as well as concerns of threats by elected officials to other elected officials. The striping concerns and bike/pedestrian lanes on Crystal Lake Avenue were relayed to the Highway Commissioner. Edwards Roads Bridge concerns were conveyed to the board and the need to be reconstructed should be considered when approving the bills.

Reports:

Highway Commissioner: Gasser spoke about the 5% cut in the Levy, the fiscally responsible decisions he has been making, that the striping was not in the contract for the road project, the budget's need to be amended and the new flood plan.

Assessor: Kuntz had no report.

Clerk: Lukasik had no report.

Trustee: Chapman gave solutions to various problems and suggested that bid openings be at open meetings. Discussed various items for the Clerk. He discussed bees and McHenry County bee keepers to implement placing hives on the township to increase pollination. He expressed that he would like to come to various local meetings within the township. Shea gave a report on the Waterway Agency and how impressed he was with the new headquarters. He attended the Lake Barrington Sea Map meeting and their plans. Complaints of no dredging and the problem is there is no place to put the dredge. Lawrence read her notes and began her report regarding the youth summit and that it was cancelled due to non-participation. She reported the opioid event was a huge success and thanked the various attendees and others that participated. She gave her opinions of the Clerk.

Attorney: Attorney Kelly stated that the Board will be going into executive session and that the Township of Illinois seminars will be held the upcoming weekend.

Supervisor: Lutzow received the audit. Tomorrow the elected officials will be receiving copies and will be adopting the audit at the next meeting. The Levy will be coming next month. The meeting for the

amended budget will be held next meeting. The past employment of Dwight Moore was brought up and asked that the contract payments be tabled until next meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Lawrence made a motion seconded by Shea to approve the Levy Ordinance. Discussion: Shea asked the Highway Commissioner if it is enough since it is a 5% cut. The Highway Commissioner stated that it was enough. Roll Call Vote: Chapman, yes; Shea, yes; Lawrence, yes; Lutzow, yes. Motion carried.

Shea made a motion seconded by Lawrence to approve a resolution for David McGregor at achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Discussion: none. Voice vote: All Ayes

Lawrence made a motion seconded by Shea to go into closed section for personnel and litigation. Discussion: None. Voice vote: All Ayes.

Shea made a motion seconded by Lawrence to return to open session. Discussion: none. Voice vote: All Ayes.

A motion to adjourn was made by Lutzow seconded by Lawrence. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Karen Lukasik
Algonquin Township Clerk
Approved:
Date: