

Minutes of the Troy Township Board Meeting

Monday, December 19, 2011

7:00 pm

Meeting of the Troy Township Board of Trustees held at the Troy Township Community Center, 25448 Seil Road, Shorewood, Illinois.

Supervisor Joseph D. Baltz called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clerk George Muentnich and Highway Commissioner Daniel R. Ward.

Role call taken.

Present were:	Supervisor Joseph D. Baltz	Clerk George Muentnich
	Highway Commissioner Daniel Ward	Assessor Patricia Gabrielson
	Trustee Donald Walden	Trustee Larry Ryan
	Trustee Cheryl Seil	Trustee Jim McFarland
	Collector John Theobald	

Absent were: None

EA – Excused Absence

L – Late Arrival

Quorum is established.

Supervisor Baltz opened the meeting for public comment. After asking twice for citizen comments, Supervisor Baltz closed the meeting for public comment.

Motion made by Trustee McFarland; seconded by Trustee Ryan to accept the **MINUTES** of the November 2011 Board meeting. Motion carried.

The **TREASURER'S REPORT** was acknowledged by Supervisor Joseph D. Baltz. Report was placed on file.

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Joseph D. Baltz reviewed the following correspondence with the Board:

- Village of Shorewood Parks & Recreation Winter/Spring 2012 Program
- Several Christmas cards from friends of the township were received.
- Personal congratulation letters for Clerk Muentnich and Commissioner Ward which will be read at a later date.
- Letter dated December 6, 2011 from the Office of the Circuit Court Clerk for fines of \$158.38 received for the period of November 1, 2011 to November 30, 2011.
- Community Action News (Will County Center for Community Concerns)
- IMRF FUNDamentals
- TOIRMA News
- Township Perspective
- 2011 Annual Report to Investors Will County CED

CYBER NICHE REPORT: – Jim Lynch reported that the Cyber Niche is plugging along with a few more people but he expects for it to slow down over the holidays.

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES / COMMITTEES:

TRUSTEE LARRY RYAN – No Report.

TRUSTEE JIM MCFARLAND –No Report.

TRUSTEE CHERYL SEIL – No Report.

TRUSTEE DONALD WALDEN – Trustee Walden reported that there is still one person receiving VA assistance in Troy Township and that there is still a lot of support for the various veterans programs. Trustee Walden also made note of a special guest in the audience who is associated with the American Legion Post 1080 and welcomed home Marine Matt Muentnich.

TOWNSHIP COLLECTOR'S REPORT: No Report.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Assessor Gabrielson reported they are finished with hearings and had 211 appeals. She will give a final report in January.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT: Highway Commissioner Ward reported December has been a forgiving month as far as snow.

TOWNSHIP CLERK REPORT: No Report.

TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS REPORT: Supervisor Baltz commented that a memo was distributed with an update on the mosquito abatement discussion, the community room calendar was distributed and an update contact list of Troy Township Elected Officials was distributed.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Administrator Dylik reported that Supervisor Baltz asked that she prepare a memo to the Board detailing the research that has been done by the township with regards to the impact of the City of Joliet making cuts to their **mosquito abatement** program. The memo has been distributed to the Board for their information.

Senior Program – Administrator Dylik reported that she received notification from Senior Services Center of Will County that the State of Illinois is substantially behind on their payments to the center. Because of the lack of funding, effective the week of January 2nd, Senior Services will be shutting down all of their nutrition sites every Wednesday until further notices. Our seniors will be voting this Wednesday to determine if they would like to move their Wednesday program to another day of the week or if they would like to continue to come on Wednesdays and bring brown bag lunches.

Save the Date – Dylik announced that the township will be hosting a retirement party to honor retiring Clerk George Muentnich and Highway Commissioner Dan Ward. The event will be on the evening of Friday, February 10th at Heroes West in Joliet. A formal invitation to all elected officials will follow.

Shorewood Chamber Community Business Expo – Dylik announced that the township will once again be participating in the Shorewood Chamber's Community Business Expo scheduled from 10am to 2pm on Saturday, February 11th. The booth will be staffed by township employee Lisa Imbody and Dylik. All other township staff and elected officials are invited and welcome to attend to help staff the booth.

Newsletter – Dylik reminded that it is time again to start preparing for the spring 2012 edition of the Township Communicator. Articles or ideas for article topics should be submitted to me by January 31st. The target mailing date is the week of Monday, March 19th.

Shredding Events – Dylik announced that the dates have been set for our 2012 Shredding Events. They will be held on Saturday, April 21st and Saturday, October 13th. She will remind everyone of those dates as they get closer.

Administrator Dylik gave some general announcements:

- Office and Community Center will be closed on
 - Monday, December 26th for the Christmas Holiday
 - Monday, January 2nd for the New Year's Day Holiday
 - Monday, January 16th for the Martin Luther King Holiday

Trustee McFarland asked if there was a way to get a list of the people in Troy Township that will be affected by the Meals on Wheels program not being available on Wednesday's. Administrator Dylik commented that to her knowledge the shut down was affecting the nutrition sites and not the home delivery and that she will be working with Senior Services to research other options to provide a nutritious meal on Wednesdays to our seniors.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion made by Trustee McFarland; seconded by Trustee Seil to accept the **TOWN FUND BILLS** as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Ryan to accept the **ASSESSOR'S BILLS** as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Seil to accept the **GENERAL ASSISTANCE BILLS** as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee McFarland; seconded by Trustee Seil to accept the **ROAD AND BRIDGE BILLS** as presented. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Supervisor Baltz asked for any old business.

Trustee Walden asked if the mosquito abatement memo could be addressed under old business. Supervisor Baltz commented that the township needs to wait to hear what Joliet ends up doing. He commented that he, Trustee Walden and Trustee McFarland have all been trying to work with Joliet City Counsel Members to encourage them to not cut the program. Joliet currently spends \$295,000 on the mosquito control program with Joliet Township and the Village of Rockdale. Supervisor Baltz also noted that the township has confirmed with the Village of Shorewood that they are committed to continuing the program, as is Troy Township, but without the City of Joliet the program could be substantially different. Trustee McFarland commented that the memo indicated that there is approximately 110 miles of road that would be affected by the cut and that the cost estimate is about \$7,000.00 per spraying. Administrator Dylik confirmed that yes, \$7,000.00 is for a one-time spraying. Trustee McFarland asked what the Troy Township program is currently and how many sprays are done in the unincorporated areas. Dylik commented that there are several throughout the mosquito season. Supervisor Baltz commented that it is usually three or four sprays and sometimes, we have even paid for a 5th spraying. Trustee Ryan asked if there are some areas that get treated differently. Supervisor Baltz said yes, depending on if it is wetlands or not. Supervisor Baltz also noted that it is too cost prohibitive to have Road and Bridge do the treatments because of the special training, licenses and equipment that is needed so that is not an option.

After asking again for any old business, he moved to new business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Baltz introduced Resolution 11-12R-09 offered by Trustee Walden; a Resolution of the Township of Troy, Will County Illinois, Honoring Matthew Muentnich. Motion made by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Seil to approve Resolution 11-12R-09 A Resolution Honoring Matthew Muentnich. Roll Call Vote: Walden-Aye; McFarland-Aye; Seil-Aye; Ryan-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 5 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent. Resolution 11-12R-09 has passed.

Supervisor Baltz presented a Budget Transfer for the General Assistance Fund moving \$250.00 from the line item salaries to the line item mileage and travel. Motion made by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Walden to approve the budget transfer for the General Assistance Fund. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Baltz presented the 2012 Planning Commission Members noting that current member Tom Ward has recommended that Lorri Ferbend, a Shorewood resident, take his position on the commission effective January 1, 2012. Lorri has resided in Shorewood for the last 25 years with her husband and two children. She attended Troy School District for her grade school and junior high school years and looks forward to serving on the Troy Township Planning Commission. Supervisor Baltz commented that the 2012 Planning Commission Members will be made up of Bryan Kopman-Chairman, Lisa Imbody-Secretary, Tom McCoy, George Muentnich, Lorri Ferbend and Cheryl Seil-Board Liaison. Motion made by Trustee McFarland; seconded by Trustee Seil to accept the 2012 Planning Commission Members. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Baltz announced that the 2012 Board Committees will be as follows:

- Finance Committee – Trustee Ryan
- Seniors & Veterans Committee – Trustee Walden
- Public Relations, Services & Outreach Committee – Trustee Theobald
- Planning Commission Liaison – Trustee Seil

Supervisor Baltz presented the travel policy for the 2012 year noting the only change was adding the language “per IRS guidelines”. Motion made by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Seil to accept the 2012 Travel Policy. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Baltz presented the 2012 Board Meeting dates for adoption and publication. Meetings will be held the third Monday of every month, 7:00pm, in the community center of Troy Township. Motion made by Trustee McFarland; seconded by Trustee Ryan to adopt the 2012 Board Meeting dates. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Baltz presented the 2012 Troy Township Office Holiday Closure Schedule for adoption. Motion made by Trustee Seil; seconded by Trustee Walden to approve the 2012 Troy Township Office Holiday Closure Schedule. Motion Carried.

Township Clerk George Muentnich administered the oaths of office, swearing in the following individuals into office:

- Thomas Ward – Highway Commissioner
- Brett Wheeler – Collector
- John Theobald – Trustee
- Jim McFarland - Clerk

Supervisor Baltz congratulated all four individuals on their appointments which are effective January 1, 2012. Supervisor Baltz commented that Clerk Muentnich has been his right hand man for almost 30 years and has done a great job for the township both as a Trustee and a Clerk. Supervisor Baltz commented that Muentnich did his job as Clerk so well that he received the Clerk of the Year Award from the Township Officials of Illinois a few years back. Supervisor Baltz congratulated Daniel Ward on his retirement as well and his family’s long standing history of serving and giving back to Troy Township. A member of the Ward family has served as Highway Commissioner for almost 50 years. Supervisor Baltz noted that when asked recently by a reporter about the Ward history as highway commissioner he commented that the Ward Way must be pretty good because they keep getting elected. Supervisor Baltz complimented Tom Ward on taking the reigns, following in his father’s footsteps after spending 17 years working with his father at the highway department.

Supervisor Baltz commented that this is the most turnover he has seen since taking office in 1984 and welcomed again the new appointments for Jim McFarland, John Theobald, Tom Ward and Brett Wheeler. Supervisor Baltz noted that with this new board he truly feels that the township has been and will continue to be in good hands.

Supervisor Baltz asked for any other new business.

Trustee McFarland asked to first thank his family for being there and for encouraging him from a very young age to start giving back. He noted that he was blessed to have a mother who was a social worker and who taught him about giving back. Giving credit to one of his mentors who recently passed away, Mayor Art Schultz, who taught him that your word is your bond and in politics that is all that you have if you use it the right way. He also gave credit to Clerk Muentnich who has been like a father figure to him giving him guidance; committed to making him proud; over the next year seeing what he does to follow in George's footsteps; and getting re-elected in 2013. Lastly, McFarland thanked George for asking him to take the Clerk's position and welcomed the other new individuals to the Board and noted that he will have an open door policy just like George and that the board will work together.

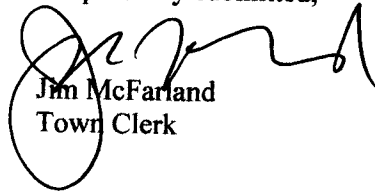
Before closing the meeting, Supervisor Baltz introduced some local dignitaries that were in the audience:

- Larry Walsh, Will County Executive
- Nancy Schultz Voots, Will County Clerk
- Ray Nash, Judge
- Don Gould, Will County Board Member

Supervisor Baltz asked if there was any other new business. After asking twice he asked for a motion to adjourn.

A **motion to adjourn** was made by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Seil. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Jim McFarland
Town Clerk

