

Minutes of the Troy Township Board Meeting
Monday, February 25, 2013
7 p.m.

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 Trustee Ryan.

Roll call taken.

Present were:	Supervisor Joseph D. Baltz	Clerk Jim McFarland
	Trustee Larry Ryan	Trustee Brett Wheeler
	Trustee Donald Walden	Trustee John Theobald
	Assessor Kim Anderson	Highway Commissioner Tom Ward
	Collector Kristin Ethridge	

Absent were: NONE
EA – Excused Absence; L – Late Arrival

Also in Attendance: Administrator Jennifer Dylik

Quorum is established.

Supervisor Baltz opened the meeting for citizen comments.

After asking three times for any citizen comments, Supervisor Baltz closed the meeting for citizen comment.

Motion made by Trustee Theobald; seconded by Trustee Ryan to accept the **MINUTES** of the January 28, 2013, **Board meeting**. Motion carried.

The **TREASURER'S REPORT** was acknowledged by Supervisor Baltz and placed on file.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Annual Report from Will County Senior Services Center of Will County.
- Newsletter from Will County Center for Independent Living.
- Newsletter from Will County Center for Community Concerns.
- Township Perspective

CYBER NICHE REPORT: – No report.

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES / COMMITTEES:

TRUSTEE LARRY RYAN –No report.

TRUSTEE BRETT WHEELER – Trustee Wheeler will report under New Business for the Planning Commission item. Trustee Wheeler had no other report.

TRUSTEE JOHN THEOBALD – Trustee Theobald commented that the Shorewood Crossroads Festival will be held on August 3rd, 4th and 5th and that the Shorewood Area Chamber of Commerce is still looking for sponsorships for the festival. Supervisor Baltz asked that Trustee Theobald please keep the Township in mind for possible festival events where the Township can partner with the Chamber.

TRUSTEE DONALD WALDEN – Trustee Walden reported that the new VA facility at the old Silver Cross Hospital is scheduled to open in March of 2013.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT: Highway Commissioner Ward reported that he has two newer trucks; a 2009 International and a 2008 International. The next truck in line is a 1997. In the past, Trustee Ryan and Highway Commissioner Ward had discussed possible financing lease programs available through the state bid process. Highway Commissioner Ward reported that it is time to start upgrading equipment and views the lease program as a way of upgrading without depleting reserves. Commissioner Ward asked that the Board give consideration to the lease program and to please contact him with any questions.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Assessor Anderson reported that the Assessor's office is operating status quo, as reported over the last several months. Final Board of Review numbers regarding the assessment hearings, which were held in the fall of 2012, have been received. Scott Koca and Assessor Anderson attended 29 hearings. Of the 29 hearings, 13 were residential, nine were commercial and seven were industrial. The Township received favorable decisions by the Board of Review on all but four hearings. From the four unfavorable decisions, an adjustment in value from 2011 to 2012 was a mere 8,110 in assessed value. This figure was much less than the appellants were seeking. Assessor Anderson stated that she is very proud of the hard work that was put into these hearings, especially to receive an adjustment of only \$8,110 versus the millions requested and in a down market.

The Supervisor of Assessments is hosting a "Senior Forum" in our Township at the Joliet Public Library on Black Road on March 8th. Sessions are from 9a.m. -12 p.m. and 1p.m.- 4 p.m. There will be guest speakers to address household exemptions, tax payment options and low income services. Seating is limited and the morning session is already full. As of this afternoon, there were 60 seats open for the afternoon session. Interested parties should call 815-740-4648 for more information.

TOWNSHIP COLLECTOR'S REPORT: Collector Ethridge reported that she distributed spreadsheets containing the final figures of the 2011 distributed levy for the Town Fund and Road Fund.

TOWNSHIP CLERK REPORT: No report.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Baltz reported that the Township hosted the Will County Supervisor's Association meeting on Wednesday, February 20, 2013. In attendance were supervisors from across Will County as well as Township Officials of Illinois Executive Director Bryan Smith, and one of TOI's Township Perspective contributing attorneys, Jeff Jergens.

Supervisor Baltz reported that after the election, the first day of office for the newly elected officials will be Monday, May 20, 2013. Supervisor Baltz appointed himself, Highway Commissioner Tom Ward and Administrator Jennifer Dylak to a Swearing In Committee to schedule a date and time for a

swearing in ceremony to be held the week of May 13th. Friends and family will be invited to this ceremony.

The Community Room calendar has been distributed and continues to be very active.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Administrator Dylik reported that the spring edition of, "The Communicator" newsletter is currently with the printer and is in the design/layout stages. It is on track for delivery to residents the week of March 25th.

As a reminder, the Township will participate in the Shorewood Glen Business Expo. The expo will be held on Saturday, March 23rd from 10a.m.- 1p.m. All elected officials are invited to attend and help staff the booth.

Troy Township will again partner with the Village of Shorewood to bring the community garden and rain barrel program back. The Township will also partner with the Village to host a Gardener's Open House on April 24th, which will feature a guest speaker as well and door prizes provided by Home Depot.

The Township's next shredding event and medication disposal is scheduled for Saturday, April 20th from 9-11a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Baltz asked twice for any old business. No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Wheeler summarized the Planning Commission has held two hearings to hear the request from Leisure Lakes Resort for a special use permit to add an additional 71 lots to their facility. At the first hearing, issues were brought up regarding fencing, clean-up and exposure along the Frontage Road. The first hearing on February 1, 2013, was tabled to allow Leisure Lake Resort to address the issues at hand. The second hearing was held on Wednesday, February 20, 2013, where the Planning Commission voted to approve the expansion with the condition that the applicant is required to make repairs to and maintain the property's existing perimeter fences and that the applicant be required to install a landscaping screen along the eastern boundary of the property. Further discussion was then had regarding requirements of the Troy Fire Protection District including adequate access for fire trucks and ambulances, ensuring the roads can support the weight of the equipment and lastly adding a dry hydrant to access water from the large pond.

Supervisor Baltz invited attorney Michael R. Martin, representing Leisure Lakes Resort and Leisure Lakes Resort Property Manager, Michael Leifert, to give a brief summary of the proposed changes and to answer questions from the Board. Attorney Martin confirmed the Resort's commitment to complying with all of the requests.

Motion made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded Trustee Walden to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission supporting Leisure Lakes Resort application for a special use permit with the Will County Land Use Department for the property located at 21900 S.W. Frontage Road in Joliet with the recommendation to repair the property's existing perimeter fence, to install a landscaping screen along the eastern edge of the property and to add a dry hydrant pursuant the request made by the Troy Fire Protection District. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Trustee Ryan asked about the legal bills coded to the Town Fund and when a transfer would be made since the expenses will go over budget. Supervisor Baltz noted that once a line item expense has gone over budget a transfer is typically proposed at the following month's board meeting.

Trustee Ryan asked, with regards to the legal bills, if it was standard protocol for a governmental body to secure legal counsel once an objection was filed.

Supervisor Baltz commented that once an objection was filed there were clear cut rules and regulations that must be followed by the Local Election Official who is the Clerk. Supervisor Baltz confirmed that it has been past practice to have legal counsel handle the objection process to ensure the proceeding remained non-partisan and that the Electoral Board and all hearings have followed all policies and procedures set in place by state statute.

Motion made by Trustee Theobald; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to accept the **TOWN FUND BILLS** for February as presented. Motion carried.

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

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

Motion made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Ryan to accept the **ROAD AND BRIDGE BILLS** for February as presented. Motion carried.

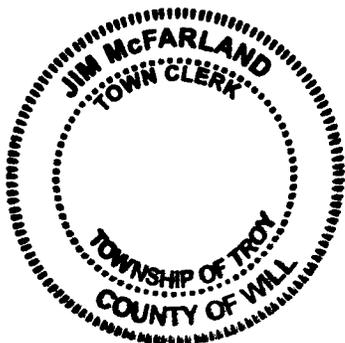
Supervisor Baltz asked twice for any other new business.

Supervisor Baltz requested a motion to go into closed session to review the minutes from the closed sessions held on Monday, February 20, 2012, Monday, May 21, 2012, and Monday, August 20, 2012, all which pertain to a potential litigation issue. Motion made by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Theobald to go into closed session at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Ryan to come back into regular session at 7:46 p.m. Motion carried.

Supervisor Baltz announced that no action will be taken as a result of the closed session.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Wheeler. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:47 p.m.



Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim McFarland".

Jim McFarland
Town Clerk