

Minutes of the Troy Township Board Meeting
Monday, January 27, 2014
7:00 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 Highway Commissioner Thomas R. Ward

Roll call:

Present were:	Supervisor Joseph D. Baltz	Clerk Kristin Dawn Cross
	Trustee Larry Ryan	Trustee Brett Wheeler
	Highway Commissioner Tom Ward	Assessor Kim Anderson

Absent were:	Trustee John Theobald – EA	EA – Excused Absence; L – Late Arrival
	Trustee Donald Walden – EA	A – Absent
	Collector Sharon Cemen Hicks - EA	

Also in Attendance: Administrator Jennifer Dylik

Quorum is established.

Supervisor Baltz opened the meeting for citizen comments.

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

Motion made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Ryan to accept the **MINUTES** of the December 16, 2013, **Regular Board Meeting**. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Ryan to accept the minutes of the December 16, 2013, **Closed Session**. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Theobald to make public the Closed Session minutes of December 16, 2013. 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:

- Email received from a staff member of a local municipality complimenting the Highway Department on a great job clearing the roads.
- Compliment from John Metrick of Oak Lane for the Highway Department on the good work they do.
- Compliment from a resident living off of Rock Run for the Highway Department on the good work they do.

- Email received from Jan Udovich complimenting the Assessor's department on their responsiveness and professionalism.
- Letter from Assessor Kimberly Anderson regarding reductions in assessments for Walgreen's and Chase Bank in Troy Township.
- Bonnell 2014 Calendar showing Troy Township Highway Department's truck as the photo for March.
- TOI Perspective Magazine.
- Joliet Township High School Annual Report 2012-2013
- The Timbers of Shorewood Newsletter
- Illinois Municipal Review

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

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

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

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

CYBER NICHE REPORT: – No report.

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES / COMMITTEES:

TRUSTEE LARRY RYAN – No report.

TRUSTEE BRETT WHEELER – Trustee Wheeler reported that he has received compliments on the great work that Highway Department does on plowing.

TRUSTEE JOHN THEOBALD – Excused absence.

TRUSTEE DONALD WALDEN – Excused absence.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT: Highway Commissioner Ward reported this winter has brought a harsh reality to the budget. Last year we used a total of 300 tons of salt. So far this year we have used over 800 tons. Salt is only effective to a certain temperature. Once the temperature drops below a certain degree, the salt is no longer effective. Supervisor Baltz thanked Highway Commissioner Ward for all of his hard work and asked him to please express the Board's thanks to his staff.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Assessor Anderson reported that the Board of Review decisions have been received. A quick review showed that none of the assessed values had changed which means that the Assessor's office prevailed at the hearings. Assessor Anderson complimented her staff on their hard work. The down side now is that many of the commercial appeals will go on to PTAB. A complete report will be submitted in February.

On Thursday, January 3, 2014, Assessor Anderson and Administrator Dylík attend an informational meeting with other taxing bodies to discuss the possibility to banding together to combat some of the larger properties that are going on to PTAB. The concept was encouraged by the County and the purpose would be for the groups to share the cost of getting an appraisal and attorney to fight the appeals at PTAB. As it stands, PTAB will always side in favor of an appraisal, regardless of the quality or accuracy of the appraisal. Therefore the only way to combat an appraisal is with our own appraisal. A discussion was had to form a Consortium through an Inter Governmental Agreement (IGA). Administrator Dylík added that the Will County Supervisor of Assessment's office was putting together a cost benefit analysis which would break down the potential cost impact for each taxing body. The breakdown in cost would be based on each taxing district's tax rate and their percentage of the whole. Once the cost benefit analysis is complete then each taxing district can determine if they are interested in this type of Consortium and IGA.

Assessor Anderson reported in 2013 we had 94 new home starts. In 2012 we had 47 and in 2011 we had 50. The growing neighborhoods are Fields of Shorewood, Shorewood Glen, River Crossing, Stansberry Farm, Fall Creek and Cumberland South.

Assessor Anderson distributed her tentative budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

TOWNSHIP COLLECTOR'S REPORT: Excused absence.

TOWNSHIP CLERK REPORT: Clerk Cross thanked Highway Commission Ward and his crews for keeping the streets clean and safe.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Baltz reported that the Community Center remains busy. Supervisor Baltz thanked Assessor Anderson for her assistance when the frozen pipe burst the weekend prior. Luckily it was found before too much damage was sustained.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Dylík reported that the spring 2014 newsletter is scheduled to be delivered to residents during the last week of March and the first week of April. Content to be included in the newsletter should be submitted by January 27th.

Troy Township will be an exhibitor at the Shorewood Glen Expo on Saturday, March 8, 2014. Dylík and staff member Lisa Imbody will staff the booth. All elected officials are invited to participate.

The 2014 shredding dates have been scheduled for Saturday, April 26th and Saturday, October 4th. The Shorewood Police Department will participate on both dates with the medication collection/disposal.

The Township Offices and Community Center will be closed on Wednesday, February 12th for Lincoln's Birthday and Monday, February 17th for President's Day.

Dylík reported that the application she and Highway Commissioner Ward submitted for crossing gates at Shepley Road via the 2014 Local Rail Highway Crossing Project has been approved. The project is 100% federally funded with zero cost to Troy Township. The initial program applications have been submitted to IDOT. Per IDOT, it could possibly take up to one year for the project to be completed.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Baltz asked three times for any new business.

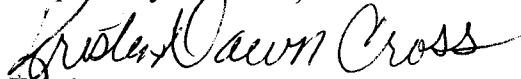
No new business presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Supervisor Baltz opened the meeting for general announcements.

Motion made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Ryan to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristin Dawn Cross

Town Clerk

