

Minutes of the Troy Township Board Meeting
Monday, February 24, 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 Trustee Larry Ryan.

Roll call:

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

Absent were:	Collector Sharon Cemen Hicks - EA	EA – Excused Absence; L – Late Arrival A – Absent
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Also in Attendance: Administrator Jennifer Dylik

Quorum is established.

Supervisor Baltz opened the meeting for citizen comments and noted that Senator Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant will be unable to attend but will reschedule for a future date.

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 January 27, 2014, **Regular 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:

- Compliment from a resident of Rooney Heights on the exceptional job that Highway Commissioner Ward and crew do taking care of the roads.
- Fine money totaling \$602.44 from the Office of the Circuit Court Clerk for the period of January 1, 2014 - January 31, 2014.
- Letter from Joliet City Councilman At-Large Jim McFarland summarizing some of the initiatives the council and he have taken since April 2013.
- Letter from Senior Services Center of Will County summarizing the number of services provided to residents of Troy Township in 2013.
- Newsletters from:
 - Will-Grundy Center for Independent Living
 - Will County Center for Community Concerns

- UCP Connections
- Illinois Municipal Review February 2014.
- Township Perspectives for both January 2014 and February 2014.

CYBER NICHE REPORT: – No report.

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES / COMMITTEES:

TRUSTEE LARRY RYAN – No report.

TRUSTEE BRETT WHEELER – No report.

TRUSTEE JOHN THEOBALD – Trusted Theobald announced that he personally servers on the Shorewood Crossroads Fest committee. The committee is actively looking for food vendors and sponsors at this time.

TRUSTEE DONALD WALDEN – Trustee Walden informed that the Township Officials of Illinois will be having local training for elected officials in Lisle in June.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT: Highway Commissioner Ward reported that repairs will be needed on the Shepley Road Bridge. Repairs are estimated at \$300,000. The Township can petition Will County for aide to pay for half of the project but in order to do so the Township must have levied to the maximum allowable rate for the prior two levies filed. Since this has not been done, Highway Commissioner Ward cautioned the Board to take this into consideration when filing the next levy. It is a considerable expense to the Township if we cannot access this aide. Commissioner Ward reported that to-date overtime expenses for this fiscal year are totaling approximately \$35,000. Most of the overtime is from the flood, leaf vacuuming and extreme winter weather.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Assessor Anderson distributed a report showing the Commercial/Industrial appeal Board of Review results for 2013. The report highlights property information, the assessed value that was being requested in the appeal, what the assessment for 2013 was and the results of the appeal. The total requested reduction in assessed value was \$25,038,971. After Board of Review and the stipulations/agreements the final reduction was \$6,410,866; a savings of \$18,628,105. Assessor Anderson is very proud of the work that went into these appeals and the money saved.

Assessor Anderson updated that the intergovernmental agreement that was being discussed with the taxing bodies within Troy Township is not moving forward. The taxing bodies declined to move forward after reviewing the cost benefit analysis provided by the County. The purpose of the IGA was to secure appraisals and combat appeals filed with PTAB by entities like Walgreens and Chase.

Assessor Anderson complimented her staff for their patience and cooperation as they had to deal with significant disturbances as work is completed to repair the damage suffered as a result of the frozen pipe and water damage. She also complimented and thanks Administrator Dylik for her efforts coordinating the repair work.

Lastly, staff is beginning the 2014 reassessment process and field staff will be going out to measure when weather breaks.

TOWNSHIP COLLECTOR'S REPORT: Excused absence.

Township Clerk Report: Clerk Cross reported that early voting will be starting in March and that new voting equipment has been received. The new equipment provided by the Will County Clerk's office will greatly reduce waste as ballots are now printed on demand. This will be a time savings for Township staff and a cost savings for the County Clerk's office.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Baltz reported that the Community Center remains busy. Supervisor Baltz thanked Assessor Anderson and her staff for their patience as the damage from the frozen pipe has been repaired.

Administrator's Report: Administrator Dylik reported the following:

- Spring 2014 Newsletter is done being drafted and is in production. We are still on track to have the newsletter in resident's mailboxes the last week in March and the first week in April.
- The Troy Township Medical Closet is officially open and residents will see an article about it on the front page of our newsletter. Additional promotion through eblasts and press releases will be published around the same time that the newsletter will drop.
- Troy Township will be participating in the Shorewood Glen Expo on Saturday, March 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All elected officials are welcome to attend and help staff the booth.
- The AARP Free Tax Prep program is in full swing for the Senior Services Center of Will County. To date 24 appointments have been completed at our site. When it is all said and done we will have conducted a total of 88 appointments at our site alone.
- Elected Officials have until April 1st to confirm their attendance at TOI's Topics Day in Springfield on April 30th. This is a great opportunity for the Township to visit with our local legislators in Springfield and discuss our township's needs/concerns.
- Early voting begins at the Township on Monday, March 3rd and continues through Friday, March 14th. Township residents can participate in early voting Monday thru Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. The new early voting equipment will streamline the process and improve efficiency all around. The new ballot box will ease some resident's concerns about voting early and the security of their ballot.
- The next shredding event will be on Saturday, April 26th.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

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

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Baltz presented **Resolution 13-14R-18 a resolution for the transfer of appropriations for the Troy Township Road District for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.** Administrator Dylak reported that transfers are needed in the line items of Salaries, FICA, Utilities and Gas & Oil. Each item is over budget as a result of both the April flood disaster and the extreme winter weather conditions. Crews have been working almost non-stop since early December to keep our Township roads safe. This directly affects wages, taxes, equipment use and building use. Funds are being transferred from Capital Outlay R&B Roads. Motion by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Ryan to approve Resolution 13-14R-18. Roll call vote. Ryan – Aye; Theobald – Aye; Walden – Aye; Wheeler – Aye; Baltz – Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Resolution 13-14R-18 has passed.

Supervisor Baltz presented **Resolution 13-14R-19 a resolution for the transfer of appropriations for the Troy Township Town Fund for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.** Administrator Dylak reported that transfers are needed in the line items of Printing & Publishing and Building Maintenance. Funds are being transferred from Capital Outlay to each of these line items. Building Maintenance is over budget because of the damage caused by the frozen pipe, painting rusted steel on the exterior of the building and completing required roof repairs. Motion by Trustee Theobald; seconded by Trustee Walden to approve Resolution 13-14R-19. Roll call vote. Ryan – Aye; Theobald – Aye; Walden – Aye; Wheeler – Aye; Baltz – Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Resolution 13-14R-19 has passed.

Supervisor Baltz presented **Resolution 13-14R-20 a resolution for the transfer of appropriations for the Troy Township General Assistance Fund for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.** Motion by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to approve Motion 13-14R-20. Roll call vote. Ryan – Aye; Theobald – Aye; Walden – Aye; Wheeler – Aye; Baltz – Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Resolution 13-14R-20 has passed.

Supervisor Baltz asked twice for any other new business. No other new business presented.

CLOSED SESSION:

Motion made by Ryan; seconded by Theobald to go into closed session for the purpose of doing the required six month review of minutes and to determine if there is still a need for them to remain closed. Motion carried.

Supervisor Baltz brought the meeting back into regular session.

Motion made by Ryan; seconded by Wheeler to **release and make public the closed session minutes from February 20, 2012; May 21, 2012; August 20, 2012; February 25, 2013; August 19, 2013; and November 18, 2013.** Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

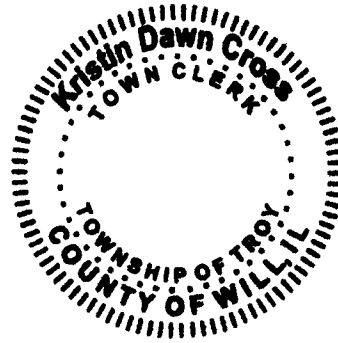
Supervisor Baltz opened the meeting for general announcements. Trustee Theobald commented that the Shepley Rd. and River Rd, bridges will see increased traffic as the Des Plaines River Bridge construction resumes. Supervisor Baltz also noted construction on the I-55 and Route 6 interchange will begin in June; further compounding the traffic issues.

Highway Commissioner Ward announced that from June 21st to June 26th the railroad crossings at County Line Road will be closed as the railroad makes improvements.

Motion made by Trustee Theobald; seconded by Trustee Walden to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Kristin Dawn Cross, Town Clerk



Minutes of the Troy Township Board

Closed Session

February 24, 2014

Approximately 7:43 p.m.

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

Present were: Supervisor Joseph Baltz Trustee Larry Ryan
 Trustee John Theobald Trustee Donald Walden
 Trustee Brett Wheeler Clerk Kristin Dawn Cross
 Administrator Jennifer Dylik

Supervisor Baltz stated the purpose of the closed session is to review minutes from February 20, 2012; May 21, 2012; August 20, 2012; February 25, 2013; August 19, 2013 and November 18, 2013 to determine if there is a need for these minutes to remain closed.

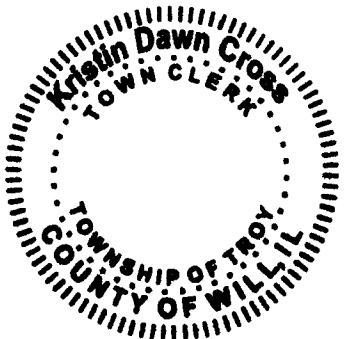
Administrator Dylik summarized the case. A resident, Mr. Caslavsky, had claimed that portions of his property has been incorrectly measured resulting in increased property tax bills. Mr. Caslavsky asked for a settlement from the Township and threatened legal action when that settlement did not occur. He also filed a complaint with the Illinois Attorney General in April of 2012. The complaint has yet to be answered by the Illinois Attorney General's office.

On February 7, 2014, Attorney David Silverman reviewed all of the above closed session minutes and has recommended that they be released. Attorney Silverman no longer foresees any litigation on the horizon with Mr. Caslavsky.

Dylik clarified that the minutes from August 19, 2013, and November 18, 2013, also discuss the Rulec case. The Rulec case closed session minutes were made public by the Board on December 16, 2013; they were not released at that time because they also contained information about the Caslavsky case. Therefore, it is recommended that the Board release and make public the closed session minutes as listed above.

Motion by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Theobald to make public the closed session minutes from February 20, 2012; May 21, 2012; August 20, 2012; February 25, 2013; August 19, 2013 and November 18, 2013. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Walden to adjourn the closed session and to go back into regular session. Motion carried.



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