

Minutes of the Troy Township Board Meeting

Monday, May 19, 2014
Approximately 7:06 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 John Theobald.

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 Kimberly Anderson

Absent were:	Collector Sharon Cemen Hicks - A	EA – Excused Absence; L – Late Arrival
		A – Absent

Also in attendance: Jennifer Dylik, Administrator

Quorum is established.

Supervisor Baltz opened the meeting for citizen comments. Resident Jim Lynch commented that a Shorewood Glen resident will be participating in the Honor Flight on June 4, 2014. She is 91 years old and very much looking forward to attending the Honor Flight program. Mr. Lynch also reported that the Shorewood Glen Veterans Group Color Guard will participate in the Village of Shorewood's Memorial Day program to be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Towne Center park.

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

Motion made by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to accept the MINUTES of the April 21, 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:

- Letter from employee Rosemary Breen on recent accomplishments of Assessor Anderson.
- Email from Chris Reitz thanking the Highway Department for all of their hard work.
- Letter from Representative Tom Cross thanking the township staff for stopping by his office during Topics Day.
- Commercial Appeal Notices (100,000 or greater reduction requested):
 - Citgo Gas, 91 Airport Dr., Joliet
 - JP Morgan Chase, 1421 Route 59, Joliet

- Illinois Municipal Review magazine.
- Timbers of Shorewood Newsletter

CYBER NICHE REPORT: – Mr. Lynch reported that there were 5 attendees at the first session for the month of May. Volunteers are working on upgrading some of the computers to Windows 7.

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES / COMMITTEES:

TRUSTEE LARRY RYAN – No report.

TRUSTEE BRETT WHEELER – No report.

TRUSTEE JOHN THEOBALD – No report.

TRUSTEE DONALD WALDEN – Trustee Walden reported that the new trustee’s manual which is published by the TOI Trustee’s Division has been distributed.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT: Highway Commissioner Ward reported that crews have been working on culverts, having replaced 10 already this year. Ditch work is starting. Some tar and chip work will need to be done this year and will include areas on Mound Road, County Line Road, and Ingolsby Rd.

ASSESSOR’S REPORT: Assessor Anderson reported that staff is working on the 2014 reassessments and they are starting to see the market stabilize. Assessments will be lowered again this year but mostly based on sales. Not every neighborhood will be lowered and some will likely remain flat. Staff has been fielding phone calls and visitors inquiring about their tax bills. A six year history of the tax rates has been provided to staff so that residents can see that assessments are lowering but tax rates are increases. Some areas of the township have a tax rate in excess of 10%; something Assessor Anderson has never seen before. Field staff is out measuring new construction and picking up decks, patios, etc. Just fewer than 300 residents were assisted by the Assessor’s office with filing their senior exemptions. Assessor Anderson reported that she attend Topics Day and was very impressed by the responsiveness of the legislators who represent Troy Township.

TOWNSHIP COLLECTOR’S REPORT: Absent.

TOWNSHIP CLERK REPORT: Clerk Cross publically thanked Senator Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant and Senator Pat McGuire for the time they gave to the Township during Topics Day. They listened attentively and were responsive to the Township’s needs and concerns.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT: Supervisor Baltz reported that the community room schedule was distributed and the room usage remains very active.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: Administrator Dylik reported:

TOI District 5 Training – Information was recently distributed regarding TOI’s District 5 Training to be held in Lisle on Friday, June 20th.

Topics Day – On Wednesday, April 30th Administrator Dylik attended TOI Topics Day along with Assessor Anderson, Clerk Cross and Trustee Theobald. The following agenda items were reviewed with the Township’s five legislators:

- Capital improvements projects in Troy Township (roads, bridges, storm water management, etc.)
- Increases in senior exemptions.
- A possible increase in the income limit for the senior freeze, which we have since learned is currently off the table.

While attending TOI’s Topics Day lunch attendees learned of HB 5311 which TOI opposes and asked that every township express their opposition to the bill while meeting with their legislators. HB 5311 freezes the township property tax levy for one year in those townships with a population less than 100,000 and located in a county that has tax caps. It excludes the levies for roads and general assistance. That means that it would apply to our general town fund levy. This bill has passed the House and is currently in the Senate. As it is currently written the bill exempts the township of Orland, Bloom, Rich, Stickney, and Calumet. This bill would directly affect Troy Township and the general town fund levy and our opposition to it was discussed when meeting with Senators Bertino-Tarrant and McGuire. Since then we have learned that this bill is currently in assignment in the Senate. Senator McGuire and Bertino-Tarrant have sent a letter to the Senate Sponsor of the bill (Karen McConnaughay) and have asked that the townships of Channahon, DuPage, Jackson, Lockport and Troy be exempt from this bill.

Dylik commented that she finds Topics Day to be a very beneficial and significant opportunity for Troy Township to be represented in Springfield. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and also to those who have attended in years past to make sure Troy Township has a voice.

Memorial Day – The Supervisor’s office, Assessor’s office, Community Center and Highway Department will be closed on Monday, May 26th for Memorial Day.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Baltz presented **Resolution 14-15R-05 a resolution Adopting Township Officials of Illinois Risk Association (TOIRMA) Loss Control Policy**. Motion made by Trustee Theobald; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to approve Resolution 14-15R-01. Roll call vote: Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Aye; Walden-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Trustee Wheeler reported that Humana is the current carrier for health insurance of the Township. Quotes were received from other carriers and Humana’s renewal offer came in within the limits established by the Health Insurance Committee and as one of the lowest rate. As Chairman of the Health Insurance Committee, Trustee Wheeler recommends the township stay with Humana as the health insurance provider for the July 1, 2014 renewal.

Trustee Wheeler motioned; seconded by Trustee Walden for the Township to keep **Humana as their provider for health insurance and BlueCross BlueShield as the provider for dental**

insurance with no changes to the plan structure for the policy year beginning July 1, 2014. Roll call vote: Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Aye; Walden-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

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

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

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

CLOSED SESSION:

Supervisor Baltz asked if there was any business for closed session. No request to go into closed session was made.


ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Supervisor Baltz asked for any additional announcement.

Trustee Walden announced that the eternal flame located in downtown Joliet is having issues operating due to piping changes made by the gas company.

Motion made by Trustee Theobald; seconded by Trustee Walden to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:32p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Kristin Dawn Cross, Town Clerk

