

Minutes of the Troy Township Board Meeting
Monday, February 23, 2015
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 Assessor Kimberly Anderson.

Roll call:

Present were:	Supervisor Joseph D. Baltz	Clerk Kristin Dawn Cross
	Trustee Larry Ryan	Trustee Brett Wheeler
	Trustee John Theobald	Highway Commissioner Tom Ward
	Assessor Kimberly Anderson	Collector Sharon Cemen Hicks (arrived at 7:04 p.m)

Absent were:	Trustee Donald Walden - A	EA – Excused Absence; L – Late Arrival A – Absent
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Also in Attendance: Administrator Jennifer Dylk

Quorum is established.

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

Motion made by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Theobald to accept the **MINUTES** of the January 26, 2015, **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:

- Received fine money from the Office of the Circuit Court Clerk of Will County totaling \$170.85 for the period January 1, 2015 to January 31, 2015.
- Received the 2014 Certificate of Sustainability from Usagain.

Collector Hicks arrives at 7:04 p.m.

- Letter from the Forest Preserve District of Will County regarding their county wide bike path efforts.
- Newsletter from The Will-Grundy Center for Independent Living.
- Illinois Municipal Review magazine.
- Township Perspective magazine.

CYBER NICHE REPORT: – Jim Lynch reported that no one attended the Cyber Niche program again. Lynch reported that he will work with the other volunteers, Administrator Dylík and Supervisor Baltz to discuss possible changes or ways to increase attendance.

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES / COMMITTEES:

TRUSTEE LARRY RYAN – No report.

TRUSTEE BRETT WHEELER – Trustee Wheeler reported that the Health Insurance Committee had a committee meeting at 6:30 p.m. The results and recommendation of the committee meeting will be discussed under new business.

TRUSTEE JOHN THEOBALD – No report.

TRUSTEE DONALD WALDEN – Absent. No report.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT: Highway Commissioner Ward reported that when they are not plowing or salting, crews have been very busy sandblasting and painting equipment in addition to performing routine equipment and building maintenance.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Assessor Anderson reported that Senior Freeze Forms will be going out in the mail the end of March and will be salmon in color. Staff will be available any day during regular business hours to help seniors that need assistance filling out their form. As a special bonus day, a representative from Will County will be in our office on April 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to also assist seniors with filling out their forms.

Plats have been received for a few new home construction subdivisions. There will be 89 new homes in Edgewater South just off River Road, 65 in the Shorewood Towne Center and 7 in Cumberland South.

Staff is continuing to update our new system with sketches and footprint drawings for the website. Staff is also working on the 2015 assessments.

Assessor Anderson thanked Administrator Dylík for her assistance with a leak in the commercial assessment office. Without her help, the back office would have sustained a lot more damage due to the leak.

TOWNSHIP COLLECTOR'S REPORT: Collector Hicks inquired about the cuts in services at Senior Services Center of Will County and if those cuts were affecting the Township's senior program. Supervisor Baltz confirmed that the cuts had in fact affected the Township's program and that currently Senior Services was unable to provide the meals-on-wheels food on Wednesdays. Supervisor Baltz commented that the Township has seen these same kinds of cuts in past years and that hopefully the cuts are temporary. Supervisor Baltz further commented that the Township has been providing sub sandwiches for the seniors every other week while the Wednesday meals are not provided by Senior Services. Collector Hicks will discuss the possibility of Cemeno's Pizza donating food for the seniors with Administrator Dylík.

TOWNSHIP CLERK REPORT: Clerk Cross reported that she has secured the services of Tina Beard who is a local librarian, historian and genealogist. Ms. Beard will coordinate a project to scan and digitize the Township's records which date back to 1850. Ms. Beard will perform these services at no cost to the Township. The hope is that once the records are scanned and saved electronically, that some of the records can be displayed on our website and these electronic records can then be made readily available to the general public. Ms. Beard will also provide the Township with recommendations on

which records need new binding and preservation methods for the older records which cannot be re-bound due to their delicate nature. Clerk Cross further reported that the Township has purchased a fire proof safe to store the records. Clerk Cross put the Board on notice that there will be some costs associated with the preservation of the records and she will be bringing that information to the Board.

Clerk Cross reminded all elected officials that the Will County Clerk's office had recently mailed out the Statement of Economic Interest forms which need to be completed and returned to the County Clerk's office by May 1, 2015.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Baltz reported that the Community Center calendar has been distributed and remains very active; noting that activity in the Community Center has picked up with the AARP Tax Prep appointments. Supervisor Baltz further reported that he made a recent visit to Cranberry Township in Pennsylvania. The Cranberry Township newsletter was distributed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator Dylík reported:

- As Assessor Anderson had mentioned, there was a leak in the commercial office. A no-hub connector around the roof drain froze and failed causing a leak which resulted in some water damage. The claim has been submitted to TOIRMA.
- The Spring 2015 Communicator is now at the printer in the design/layout stages. We are still on target for delivery the last week of March, first week of April.
- The Township will be participating as an exhibitor at the 2015 Shorewood Glen Business Expo on Saturday, March 7th. The expo is from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and all elected officials are invited to attend and help staff the booth.
- Just a reminder to the officials who are attending the 2015 TOI District 5 Training, it is coming up on Friday, March 20th at the Marriott in Naperville.
- TOI's Topics Day will be held on Tuesday, May 5th. If you have not already done so, please let Administrator Dylík know as soon as possible if you wish to attend.
- The Township's next shredding event and medication disposal collection will be held on Saturday, May 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

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

Motion made by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Wheeler 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:

- a) Administrator Dylík reported that it was recently discovered that the benefit levels with the Blue Cross Blue Shield dental insurance dropped significantly at the July 1, 2014 renewal without the Township's knowledge. Trustee Wheeler reported that a Health Insurance Committee meeting was held immediately prior to the Board Meeting where Mr. Steve Orlando with the Candos Agency explained that due to the Affordable Care Act changes, BCBS mapped exiting plans to new plans that they felt best fit. At the committee meeting, Mr. Orlando presented quotes and plan options from other carriers including BCBS, Delta Dental, MetLife and Guardian. The Platinum plan from Delta Dental offered the best coverage levels for the best price. Dylík reported that the Delta Dental Platinum plan would cost a total of \$291.30 more per month. These increased costs are divided between the Town Fund budget, the Assessor's budget, the Road and Bridge budget and the employees who pay for dependent coverage. The Committee reviewed the plans and pricing and recommends to the full Board that the Township switch dental plans, effective March 1, 2015, from Blue Cross Blue Shield to the Delta Dental Platinum plan with \$1500 ortho coverage. Dylík reported that a 16 month rate lock will be requested of Delta Dental so that going forward, the dental coverage will renew at the same time as the township's health insurance coverage.

Motion made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Ryan to switch the Township's dental coverage from Blue Cross Blue Shield to Delta Dental's Platinum plan with \$1,500 ortho coverage effective March 1, 2015. Roll call vote. Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Aye; Walden-Absent; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Absent. Motion carried.

No other new business presented.

CLOSED SESSION:

No items for closed session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Supervisor Baltz announced that the next meeting will be on Monday, March 16, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Trustee Theobald; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristin Dawn Cross
Clerk

