

Minutes of the Troy Township Board Meeting
Monday, September 21, 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 Trustee Donald Walden.

Roll call:

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

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

Also in Attendance: Administrator Jennifer Dylík

Quorum is established.

Supervisor Baltz opened the meeting for citizen comment and introduced guest speaker Mr. Barry Kolanowski, Executive Director of Senior Services Center of Will County. Mr. Kolanowski gave the Board an update on the Senior Services Center of Will County and the progress that has been made within the organization over the past few months.

Resident Jim Lynch complimented the Township on the most recent version of the Troy Township Communicator that was recently distributed electronically.

Supervisor Baltz asked for any additional comments then closed the meeting for citizen comment.

Motion made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Ryan to accept the **MINUTES** of the August 17, 2015, **Regular Board Meeting**. Motion carried.

The **TREASURER'S REPORT** was acknowledged by Supervisor Baltz and placed on file. Administrator Dylík reported that the former sweep accounts were all converted to regular checking accounts because Chase Bank had eliminated the sweep account option. Savings accounts have been opened for all three funds and all funds are held in the savings account. Funds are only moved into the respective checking accounts to cover bills that are paid.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Thank you note from Paul Kalafut of Edward Jones for being able to speak to the Troy Township seniors.
- Compliment from resident Susan Fredericks on the great work the Troy Highway Department does.

- Invitation from Illinois State Senator Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant to her upcoming legislative town hall meeting.
- Letter from Illinois State Representative Larry Walsh, Jr. regarding the State not distributing motor fuel tax funds since a budget has not been passed by the State.
- Fine money received from the Office of the Circuit Court Clerk totaling \$46.72 for the period of August 1, 2015 to August 31, 2015.
- Clarke Mosquito August report.
- Flyer from the Village of Shorewood for their Oktoberfest to be held on Saturday, October 10th.
- TOIRMA Newsletter
- Township Perspectives Magazine
- CASA of Will County Newsletter
- The Timbers of Shorewood Newsletter
- Illinois Municipal Review

GADGET GURUS REPORT: – Jim Lynch reported that the voicemail and email systems are working fairly well. The recent class on iCalendars was well attended. Mr. Lynch further reported that participation in the one-on-one instruction and walk-in session is still down. Supervisor Baltz commented that the newsletter will be distributed soon and hopefully that will generate some interest.

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES / COMMITTEES:

TRUSTEE LARRY RYAN – No report.

TRUSTEE BRETT WHEELER – No report.

TRUSTEE JOHN THEOBALD – No report; excused absence.

TRUSTEE DONALD WALDEN – Trustee Walden reported that he will be attending the TOI Trustee's Division meeting on Saturday, September 26th. The Trustee Board will be preparing for the TOI Annual Conference in November.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT: Highway Commissioner Ward reported that crews have been working on storm sewers and piping in some of the older subdivisions. Many of the older subdivisions have drainage issues and crews have been working on improving that.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Assessor Anderson reported that appeal season is in full swing. Hearings started today and will most likely continue until mid-December.

Since the reassessment notices went out, the Assessor and her staff has dealt with 284 properties with contact ranging from just a conversation to actual evidence submitted for us to review. A total of 104 pieces of evidence have been received for hearings since the September 4th deadline (51 commercial and 53 residential). New evidence is received daily.

There is new legislation (Public Act 99-0375) that affects the Disabled Veterans Homestead Exemptions. A reduction in EAV of \$2,500 is granted if the veteran's service connected disability is at least 30% but less than 50%. A reduction in EAV of \$5,000 is granted if their percentage is at least 50% but less than 70%. A total exemption from property taxes is granted if their percentage is at least 70%. The qualifications are:

- be a veteran;
- the EAV on their home cannot exceed \$250,000;

- have a service connected disability of at least 30%; and
- own and occupy a single family residence on January 1st of the assessment year or lease and occupy a single family residence and be liable for the payment of property taxes.

If a veteran has not already filed for this exemption, the deadline is December 1st of 2015. Multiple locations are set up at various veteran organizations to assist them with the paperwork or veterans can always receive assistance at the Troy Township Assessor's office or at the Will County SOA office.

TOWNSHIP COLLECTOR'S REPORT: No report; excused absence.

TOWNSHIP CLERK REPORT: No report.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Baltz reported that the Community Center remains very active and the calendar of events is available on the Troy Township website under the calendar of events tab.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator Dylík reported:

- Electronic versions of the newsletter were distributed last Friday. Printed copies should start arriving in resident's mailboxes this coming weekend or early next week.
- ComEd has finished installing the meter for power for the gates and lights at the Shepley Road tracks. The installation of the flashing light and gates is scheduled for September 24th.
- The south office roof replacement project is approximately 98% complete. All that is remaining is the installation of the railings around the roof hatch which is expected to be completed this week or next. Upon completion of the railings, a final walk will be performed with our representative from Garland and with Coleman Roofing. Larry Schlaw from Garland was on-site every day to inspect and document Coleman's work. Larry took photos to document all of the work that was completed and will supply the Township with copies of all of the photos and documentation. For this roof project, we budgeted \$80,000 plus a 15% contingency of \$12,000. There were no overages on this job and the total cost will come in at the bid price of \$78,526.00.
- On Tuesday, September 14th Lisa Imbody, Community Services Director for Troy Township, and Phil Morel from Troy Fire started teaching their second Matter of Balance course. The Matter of Balance program is designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults. Participants learn to set realistic goals to increase activity, change their environment to reduce fall risk factors, and learn simple exercises to increase strength and balance. Classes are two hours in length and run for 8 weeks. The program is proving to be quite popular with our senior community.
- On Monday, October 5th our Troy Township seniors are taking a bus trip to Starved Rock for lunch.
- AARP will be hosting a Medicare 101 seminar at the Township on Tuesday, October 6th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Illinois State Senator Jennifer Bertino-Terrant will be a guest speaker at the seminar.
- The Illinois Secretary of State's office will be out to the Township on Tuesday, October 27th for another Super Senior Event for 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The rules of the road class will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

- RSVP for the TOI Annual Educational Conference is due by October 1st.
- The next shredding event and medication disposal will be on Saturday, October 3rd from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed.
- The Supervisor's office, Assessor's office, Highway Department and Community Center will be closed on Monday, October 12th for Columbus Day.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Administrator Dyluk reported that the Clarke Mosquito contract will expire on December 31, 2015, but that the Board does has the option to allow the contract to auto renew for a period of one year. Dyluk reported that over the past five years the Township only experienced a total of a 2.7% price increase. Any price increase for the upcoming year would be capped at 5% but would likely be closer to CPI. Motion by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to approve the Clarke Mosquito contract one year auto renewal commencing January 1, 2016. Roll call vote: Ryan-aye; Theobald-absent; Walden-aye; Wheeler-aye; Baltz-Aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carried.
- B. Motion by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to approve the 2016 Troy Township Holiday Schedule for the Highway Department. Motion carried.
- C. Motion by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to approve the 2016 Troy Township Holiday Schedule for the Assessor's Office, Supervisor's Office & Community Center. Motion carried.
- D. Motion by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Ryan to approve the 2016 Troy Township Board meeting schedule. Motion carried.
- E. Motion by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to reschedule the December regular meeting of the Troy Township Board from December 21, 2015, to December 14, 2015. Motion carried.

Supervisor Baltz reported that on September 21, 2015, he received a written resignation from Collector Sharon Cemen Hicks effective immediately. Motion by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Walden to accept Collector Hicks resignation. Motion carried.

No other new business presented.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion made by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to accept the **TOWN FUND & ASSESSOR'S BILLS** for **September 21, 2015** as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to accept the **GENERAL ASSISTANCE BILLS** for **September 21, 2015** as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to accept the **ROAD AND BRIDGE BILLS** for **September 21, 2015** as presented. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION:

No items for closed session.

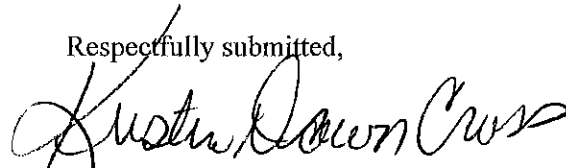
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Supervisor Baltz reminded that Board that their assistance is needed at the upcoming shredding event on Saturday, October 3, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Ryan to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristin Dawn Cross
Clerk

