

Minutes of the Troy Township Board Meeting
Monday, April 18, 2016
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 Trustee Donald Walden Highway Commissioner Tom Ward Clerk Kristin Dawn Cross	Trustee Larry Ryan Trustee Brett Wheeler Assessor Kimberly Anderson
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Absent were:	Trustee John Theobald - EA Collector Bryan Kopman - 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.

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 March 21, 2016, **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:

- PTAB 100,000 Notice for First Midwest Bank at 3800 Rock Creek Blvd., Joliet
- Levy certification report from Will County Clerk's office.
- Troy Township Communicator Spring 2016 Edition
- Illinois Municipal Review April 2016
- Township Perspectives Magazine

GADGET GURUS REPORT: – Rolland Bossert report on behalf of Jim Lynch that the Gadget Gurus cut back to a once per month walk in session date and are focusing on more classroom style seminars. Mr. Bossert stated that a meeting was held with the Gadget Gurus, Troy Township, the Shorewood-Troy Library, and Casanova Information Systems to discuss ways to partner together on various seminars. The Gadget Gurus will be holding a Windows 10 Seminar on Wednesday, May 17th.

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES / COMMITTEES:

TRUSTEE LARRY RYAN – No report.

TRUSTEE BRETT WHEELER – No report.

TRUSTEE JOHN THEOBALD – Excused absence. No report.

TRUSTEE DONALD WALDEN – Trustee Walden reported that he attended Topics Day. Unfortunately many of our State Legislators were in session or in committee meetings and were unable to meet. The statue of Abraham Lincoln at the National Cemetery should be coming to completion in the near future.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT: Highway Commissioner Ward reported that streets being resurfaced include Theodore St. (Longleat), Rooney Dr., Sheila Dr., George St. (all in Rooney Heights) and Camelot. Paving costs are coming in less expensive than in prior years. A truck driver hit the guardrail at the Shepley Road bridge. A police report was filed and TOIRMA will be trying to get reimbursement from their insurance.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Assessor Anderson reported that staff has been busy assisting Senior's with the senior freeze paperwork as well as all other exemptions and renewals. To date over 200 people have been in for assistance with this paperwork. A representative from the Will County Supervisor of Assessments office was in on Thursday, April 14th to assist; a total of 78 freeze applications were processed just on that day.

The final factor for 2016 was received at a meeting with Rhonda Novak last week. Troy Township has to increase the total assessed value by 6.14% which will add just over \$60 million dollars. Staff has been working on reassessments since January and they will be finalized in the next few weeks.

Staff has been out in field picking up new construction now that the weather has broken.

Assessor Anderson attended topics day along with Clerk Cross, Trustee Theobald, and Trustee Walden. Meetings were had with Senator's McGuire and Bertino-Tarrant. Senator McGuire was able to meet for a short time as he was on his way to a committee meeting. Representatives Manley, Batinick, and Walsh Jr. were all in committee meetings. The Capital was packed with people trying to get in to see their representatives. Each Troy Township Legislator was left a packet of information regarding the services provided Troy Township as well as House and Senate bills that the township is not in favor of. Those bills included the elimination or consolidation of township government, changes in exemptions, and changes to rules for the Board of Review filings.

At Topics Day, the lack of a State budget was also discussed. Different answers were received from everyone who was spoken to. Some legislators are hoping to have a budget as early as August while others say it could go undone until the next election. When asked if there was anything citizens could do to help get a budget done, they answered that the best way is for citizens to report to legislators the negative way the budget impasse is affecting people the (using specific examples). The entities suffering are state colleges and human services.

Assessor Anderson spoke with Senator Steve Stadleman from Rockford who put together a Senate bill regarding the "dark sales approach" in appraisals. Other states have put thru legislation saying that the "dark sales" cannot be used in the appeal process. Assessor Anderson had previously forwarded information on this subject to Senator McGuire. Senator McGuire was able to find Senator Stadleman to address this issue in our state.

Topics Day attendees attended the TOI reception at the state library and were able to briefly speak with Representative Walsh and members of TOI.

TOWNSHIP COLLECTOR'S REPORT: Excused absence. No report.

TOWNSHIP CLERK REPORT: Clerk Cross reported that she was pleased to have been able to attend Topics Day and meet with the legislators. The status of the State budget and the push to eliminate Township government, the government closest to the people, is very discouraging.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Baltz deferred to Administrator Dylik for his report.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator Dylik reported:

- The Illinois Conservation Police were successful in prosecuting a person who performed illegal dumping within the unincorporated area of Troy Township. The successful prosecution of this individual will include restitution to the Troy Highway Department for the cost of cleanup.
- 800 Magnolia Dr. – This home has been abandoned for many years and an on-going problem for the township and neighboring homes due with overgrown weeds, etc. Will County received approval from the court last year to move forward with demolition of the home using CDBG funding. The County is currently out to bid for the demolition. The hope is that once the structure is down and the property is back to a vacant lot, one of the purchasers of the past due taxes will take ownership of the property via a tax deed.
- Lisa Imbody resigned her position with the Township. Her last day was April 1st. Angela Scaggs will be joining the Township as our Administrative Assistant/GA Caseworker effective Wednesday, April 20th. Angela comes to us with a very strong administrative and customer service background and will be an asset to Troy Township. The position remains a part time position at 32 hours per week.
- The next shredding event will be held on Saturday, May 7th from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help staff the event.

Supervisor Baltz added that the Troy Township Communicator was well received.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Administrator Dylik gave a brief summary of the proposed Emergency Assistance program and the two corresponding resolutions. Resolution 16-17R-01 established the Emergency Assistance Program in Troy Township and Resolution 16-17R-02 establishes the income levels, benefit levels, and total funds available for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

- a) Resolution 16-17R-01 – a resolution establishing the Troy Township Emergency Assistance Program was presented by Supervisor Baltz. Motion by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to approve Resolution 16-17R-01. Roll call vote. Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Absent; Walden-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.
- b) Resolution 16-17R-02 – a resolution establishing the Troy Township Emergency Assistance Program total allocation for the 2016-2017 fiscal year and establishing emergency assistance benefit levels was

presented by Supervisor Baltz. Motion by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Ryan to approve Resolution 16-17R-02. Roll call vote. Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Absent; Walden-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

- c) Resolution 16-17R-03– a resolution approving an agreement between Township Supervisor Joseph D. Baltz and Highway Commissioner Thomas R. Ward approving three months of the Highway Commissioner’s Salary to be paid by the Road and Bridge Fund for the fiscal year 2016-2017 was presented by Supervisor Baltz. Motion by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Ryan to approve Resolution 16-17R-03. Roll call vote. Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Absent; Walden-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.
- d) Supervisor Baltz presented Ordinance 16-17-04 an ordinance to approve the Tentative Road and Bridge Budget for the 2016-2017 FY beginning April 1, 2016. Motion by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Ryan to approve Ordinance 16-17-04. Roll call vote. Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Absent; Walden-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.
- e) Supervisor Baltz presented Ordinance 16-17-05 an ordinance to approve the Tentative Town Fund Budget which includes Town, Assessor and General Assistance for the 2016-2017 FY beginning April 1, 2016. Motion by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to approve Ordinance 16-17-05. Roll call vote. Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Absent; Walden-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

No other new business presented.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Ryan to accept the **TOWN FUND & ASSESSOR’S BILLS** for **March 31, 2016** as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Ryan to accept the **ROAD AND BRIDGE BILLS** for **March 31, 2016** as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Ryan to accept the **TOWN FUND & ASSESSOR’S BILLS** for **April 18, 2016** as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Ryan to accept the **GENERAL ASSISTANCE BILLS** for **April 18, 2016** as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Walden to accept the **ROAD AND BRIDGE BILLS** for **April 18, 2016** as presented. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

No items for closed session.


ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Supervisor Baltz announced that the shredding event will be on Saturday, May 7th from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. The next board meeting and budget hearing will be on Monday, May 16, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,


Kristin Dawn Cross
Clerk

