

Minutes of the Troy Township Board Meeting

Monday, July 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 Brett Wheeler.

Roll call:

Present were:	Supervisor Joseph D. Baltz	Trustee John Theobald
	Trustee Donald Walden	Trustee Brett Wheeler
	Highway Commissioner Tom Ward	Clerk Kristin Dawn Cross
	Collector Bryan Kopman	

Absent were:	Trustee Larry Ryan - EA	EA – Excused Absence; L – Late Arrival
	Assessor Kimberly Anderson - EA	A – Absent

Also in Attendance: Administrator Jennifer Dyluk

Quorum is established.

Supervisor Baltz opened the meeting for citizen comment.

Supervisor Baltz introduced Mr. John Greuling, President and CEO of the Will County Center for Economic Development. Mr. Greuling gave a report on the CED's activities and accomplishments over the past few years and included updates on potential projects in Troy Township including the Cullinan Properties project just east of I55 & Frontage Rd. south of Rt. 52 and north of I80, and the Houbolt Road Bridge to Centerpoint. Mr. Greuling answered questions from the Board and also committed to attending future Troy Township Board meetings at the Board's request. Supervisor Baltz thanked Mr. Greuling for his time and noted that the Board will vote on the 2016-2020 investment pledge under new business.

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

Motion made by Trustee Theobald; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to accept the **MINUTES** of the June 20, 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:

- Village of Shorewood Party in the Park flyer.
- Thank you card from the Troy Seniors for the 30th anniversary lunch.
- Fine money totaling \$46.72 from the Office of the Circuit Clerk.
- Clarke June 2016 report.
- Will County Center for Community Concerns 2015 Annual Report

- The Timbers of Shorewood July 2016 Newsletter
- July 2016 Illinois Municipal Review
- IMRF Fundamentals

GADGET GURUS REPORT: – Jim Lynch reported that the Gadget Guru’s assisted one person who attended the password management class and also helped one person who called in for help. The Gadget Gurus are working with Casanova Information Systems, Village of Shorewood and the Shorewood-Troy Public Library to try and coordinate efforts and share program ideas.

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES / COMMITTEES:

TRUSTEE LARRY RYAN – Excused absence. No report.

TRUSTEE BRETT WHEELER – No report.

TRUSTEE JOHN THEOBALD – Will provide his report under new business.

TRUSTEE DONALD WALDEN – Trustee Walden reported that the statue of Abraham Lincoln will be dedicated on September 11th at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT: Highway Commissioner Ward reported that crews are busy trimming trees, mowing, and performing ditch work.

ASSESSOR’S REPORT: Administrator Dylík reported on behalf of Assessor Anderson:

The publication date for the 2016 reassessments has been changed to Wednesday, August 3rd. They will be published in the Joliet Herald News. The appeal deadline of September 6th has not changed. Because this is not a quadrennial year, notices will only be mailed to those who have a change in value. Evening hours for the appeal season will be on Thursdays (August 11th, 18th, 25th and September 1st), to assist taxpayers with their reassessment questions. Office hours on these days will be extended to 7:00 p.m.

On July 6th Sue Jones joined the Assessor’s staff and began working three days per week as an Office Clerk. Sue has previous assessment experience and is a great addition to our office.

Assessor Anderson will return to the office on Monday, July 25th. If you need assistance, please contact her staff.

TOWNSHIP COLLECTOR’S REPORT: Collector Kopman voiced his support of the CED and encouraged the Board to take advantage of the programs offered by the CED.

TOWNSHIP CLERK REPORT: No report.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT: Supervisor Baltz echoed Collector Kopman’s supportive comments of the CED. Supervisor Baltz also thanked Administrator Dylík and Administrative Assistant Angela Scaggs for their hard work on the senior’s 30th anniversary lunch.

Supervisor Baltz distributed the Supervisor’s Annual Treasurer’s Reports for the Road Fund, Town Fund, and General Assistance Fund for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016. Administrator Dylík confirmed that these reports will be filed with the County Clerk and posted to the Troy Township website.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator Dylik reported that Building Maintenance Coordinator Bob Grey has given his resignation. Bob is moving to Texas. Recruitment efforts are underway to fill the position.

It is time again to start working on the next edition of the Troy Township Communicator. Articles for the fall newsletter will be due by Friday, August 12th. The newsletter is slated for delivery in resident's mailboxes the last week in September.

The Crossroads Festival Parade is on Sunday, August 7th. Please RSVP to Angela if you would like to join the parade with the Highway Department. The parade kicks off at noon with line-up at 10:00 a. m. If you would like to ride one of the highway department vehicles/trailer over to the line-up spot, please be at the Highway Department by 9:45 a.m.

Clarke will be spraying for mosquitos Monday, July 18th weather permitting. Clarke informed us that a mosquito tested positive for the West Nile virus in Shorewood. The July 18th spraying will be the Township's 3rd of our three contracted sprayings. Given the upcoming heat the Township should prepare for the fact that additional costs will likely be incurred this year for extra sprayings. The 2016-2017FY budget does account for two extra sprayings.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Supervisor Baltz presented the 2016-2020 Campaign Pledge Annual Contribution of \$1,200.00 to the Will County Center for Economic Development for approval. Motion by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Walden to approve the 2016-2020 Will County CED Campaign Pledge. Roll call vote. Ryan – Absent; Theobald – Aye; Walden – Aye; Wheeler – Aye; Baltz – Aye. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.
- b) Supervisor Baltz presented the audit report performed by Gassensmith & Associates, Ltd., dated June 2, 2016, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016 for acceptance. Motion by Trustee Theobald; seconded by Trustee Walden to accept the audit report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016. Roll call vote. Ryan – Absent; Theobald – Aye; Walden – Aye; Wheeler – Aye; Baltz – Aye. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.
- c) Supervisor Baltz presented Resolution 16-17R-14 – A Resolution Setting the Compensation of Troy Township Officials for the Terms Beginning May 15, 2017 and on January 1, 2018 for approval.

A summary of the proposed salaries and benefits are attached.

Trustee Theobald reported that the minutes of the June 20, 2016 Salary Committee meeting were distributed prior to the board meeting and that the memo summarizing the events of the Salary Committee meeting was included in the Board Packet. Trustee Theobald asked for questions. Administrator Dylik summarized the memo stating that the Salary Committee approved the salary resolution as it is presented to the Board and that the Committee had some questions at the June 20th meeting about IMRF and the hours needed to qualify as well as the process for removing a class or classes of elected officials from IMRF. Dylik reported that IMRF suggested having the Board to a three to four month tracking of their hours and once complete, evaluate each position for its eligibility. This process will be done with the new Board when they take office in May of 2017.

Administrator Dylik reported that she did receive some questions and concerns from Trustee Ryan and that she distributed said questions and answers to the Board. His questions and concerns were about using CPI as an increase for the Assessor and Highway Commission as opposed to a flat percentage, the resolution containing verbiage regarding IMRF when the board may consider at a later date to remove a class or classes of elected officials from IMRF, and the actual costs incurred by the Township to provide benefits (health, dental and vision) for the Supervisor, Assessor, and Highway Commissioner. In her report, Dylik provided the requested benefit cost history and reported the response she received from IMRF with regards to removing a class or classes of elected officials:

It is our opinion that the inability to continue IMRF participation for a current Board member would not be an impermissible decrease in compensation during the term of office. The Illinois Supreme Court has ruled that pension coverage that begins or is increased during a term of office is not considered to be additional compensation (People vs. Wright, 379 Ill. 328, 40 N.E.2d 719; McFarlane et al. vs. Hotz, 401 Ill. 506, 82 N.E.2d 560). If pension coverage that begins during a term of office is not an impermissible increase in compensation, then the termination of pension coverage would not be an impermissible diminishment.

Collector Kopman suggested changing the title of Section 1, item h from *Retirement Compensation* to *Pension Coverage* and fixing the typographical error changing the word extend to extent in the same item h.

Motion made by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Theobald to approve Resolution 16-17R-14 – A Resolution Setting the Compensation of Troy Township Officials for the Terms Beginning May 15, 2017 and on January 1, 2018 with the change in the title of Section 1, item h to Pension Coverage and in said item h change the word extend to extent. Roll call vote. Ryan – Absent; Theobald – Aye; Walden – Aye; Wheeler – Aye; Baltz – Aye. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

Supervisor Baltz asked three times for any other new business. No other new business presented.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

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

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

CLOSED SESSION

No items for closed session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Supervisor Baltz announced:

- Crossroads Festival Parade – Sunday, August 7, 2016.
- Next Board Meeting – August 15, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Theobald announced:

- Crossroads Festival runs from Friday August 5th to Sunday August 7th at Four Seasons Park.

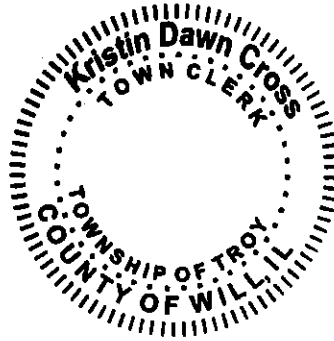
ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Trustee Theobald; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Dawn Cross
Kristin Dawn Cross, Clerk

Gregory Dylak
Deputy Clerk



**2017-2021 Troy Township Elected Officials
Salaries and Benefits Pursuant to Resolution 16-17R-14**

Elected Official	Annual Salary	Health Insurance ¹	Vision Insurance	IMRF ⁴	Additional Benefits
Supervisor	\$ 35,000.00	Yes	Yes	Eligible	None
Treasurer of Road & Bridge	\$ 1,000.00	None	None	Eligible	None
Clerk	\$ 15,000.00	None	None	Eligible	None
Highway Commissioner ²	\$ 67,000.00	Yes	Yes	Eligible	Vehicle
Assessor ^{3,5}	\$ 67,000.00	Yes	Yes	Eligible	\$300 per month for mileage
Trustees (4)	\$ 6,000.00	None	None	Eligible	None
Collector ⁵	None	None	None	N/A	None

Footnotes:

1: Health Insurance is offered to the Supervisor, Highway Commissioner and Assessor and their spouse and dependents if elected by these individuals and is only for their term(s) in office. The eligible elected official contributes two percent (2%) of gross pay towards this coverage. Health insurance includes health and dental coverage. Vision coverage is offered to the Supervisor, Highway Commissioner and Assessor and their spouse and dependents if elected by these individuals and is only for their term(s) in office. Vision insurance is offered at no cost to eligible elected official.

2: Highway Commissioner's Annual Cost of Service Adjustment:

Commencing on May 21, 2018 and annually thereafter, the compensation shall be increased by the lesser of 3% or CPI based upon the Consumer Price Index All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) U.S. City Average All Items December - December Percentage Change.
 (i) The December 2017 CPI rate will be used when calculating the increase effective May 21, 2018.
 (ii) The December 2018 CPI rate will be used when calculating the increase effective May 20, 2019.
 (iii) The December 2019 CPI rate will be used when calculating the increase effective May 19, 2020.

3: Assessor's Annual Cost of Service Adjustment:

Commencing on January 1, 2019 and annually thereafter, the compensation shall be increased by the lesser of 3% or CPI based upon the Consumer Price Index All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) U.S. City Average All Items December - December Percentage Change.
 (i) The December 2017 CPI rate will be used when calculating the increase effective January 1, 2019.
 (ii) The December 2018 CPI rate will be used when calculating the increase effective January 1, 2020.
 (iii) The December 2019 CPI rate will be used when calculating the increase effective January 1, 2021.

4: IMRF: All paid Elected Officials may participate in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) to the extent which they are eligible.

5: Term: The term for the Assessor and the Collector begin on January 1, 2018.