

Minutes of the Troy Township Board Meeting

Monday, November 21, 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 Assessor Kimberly Anderson.

Roll call:

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

Absent were: Trustee John Theobald - EA EA = Excused Absence
A = Absent; L = Late Arrival

Also in Attendance: Administrator Jennifer Dylik

Quorum is established.

Supervisor Baltz opened the meeting for citizen comment and welcomed Samantha Young, AmeriCorps Vista Team Member for the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Ms. Young informed the Board on what the NIFB does, discussed the future opening of a distribution center in Will County, and discussed the need for food assistance and what type of help is needed at the local level. Supervisor Baltz thanked Ms. Young for her presentation.

Supervisor Baltz asked for citizen comments.

Jim Lynch commented on the good work that Hines Hospital does to help benefit the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

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

Motion made by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to accept the MINUTES of the October 17, 2016, Regular Board Meeting. Roll call vote: Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Absent; Walden-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

The TREASURER'S REPORT was placed on file by Supervisor Baltz. Motion made by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending October 31, 2016. Roll call vote: Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Absent; Walden-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Information received from the Village of Shorewood on a proposed TIF district at Jefferson St. at Route 59.

- Letter from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources regarding proposed revision of the floodway mapping and flood profiles of Hammel Creek in Will County by the Village of Shorewood.
- Clarke 2016 Mosquito Management Program Annual Service Report
- PACE Annual Report
- Township Perspectives, November 2016.
- TOIRMA 2016 Annual Report
- The Timbers of Shorewood November 2016 Newsletter
- Illinois Municipal League, November 2016
- Enbridge Safety Report to the Community

GADGET GURUS REPORT: -- Jim Lynch reported that the Gadget Gurus continue to work through their partnership with the Village of Shorewood, Shorewood-Troy Library, and Casanova Information Systems. There have been no individual requests for assistance but the coordinated classes are going well.

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES / COMMITTEES:

TRUSTEE LARRY RYAN – Trustee Ryan reported that the Board levy workshop went well and that he will report more under new business.

TRUSTEE BRETT WHEELER – No report.

TRUSTEE JOHN THEOBALD – Excused absence. No report.

TRUSTEE DONALD WALDEN -- Trustee Walden reported that the Annual TOI Educational Conference went very well and that townships should continue to promote the services which they provide. There was discussion at the conference that the legislature is still looking at townships for elimination.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT: Highway Commissioner Ward reported that crews have been very busy with the leaf vac program; which is a very costly program to administer. A joint purchase was made with Plainfield Township for a spreader. This year the Highway Department spent about \$250,000 on asphalt.

ASSESSOR’S REPORT: Assessor Anderson reported that the final count for Board of Review appeals for 2016 was 304; 32 were commercial or industrial and the remaining 272 were residential. 168 residential appeals were filed by American Homes for Rent and another 15 by Tyrell which are both home rental companies. There was also a company named TRG that appealed 51 vacant residential lots. Without those three companies there would have had 38 residential appeals which is below a typical season. No hearings were performed on these properties as these companies waived their hearings which mean the Board of Review will make their decisions based upon only the paper evidence submitted. We stipulated with 135 appeals and 8 were withdrawn. The Board of Review decisions will be made by the first part of January. Final number should be available to report at the February 2017 Board meeting.

The new rules and new filing procedures for this year’s appeal season went relatively well. There will be some changes made for next year. Assessor Anderson believes that the stipulations and withdrawals can be attributed to the fact that the appellant’s received the Assessor’s evidence 5 days prior to any scheduled hearing. This time frame made for some hectic days to provide the evidence before the 5 day deadline but overall this likely proved to be a benefit. The final hearings will be November 29th and 30th.

Assessor Anderson thanked her staff for how well they handled this year’s appeal season. Give the new rules coupled with the overall number of appeals, her staff did an outstanding job keeping track of the appeals, gathering compelling evidence to support the assessed values, as well as getting all of the

evidence completed and sent to the County in a timely manner. Overall Assessor Anderson feels that we will have another successful year in retaining much of our value. Every staff member went above and beyond the call of duty to make this year a success.

The annual Supervisor of Assessments meeting will be held on December 14th at the County building. At that time, preliminary factors for the 2017 reassessments will be distributed and we will begin our reassessment process in January.

TOWNSHIP COLLECTOR'S REPORT: Collector Kopman wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

TOWNSHIP CLERK REPORT: Clerk Cross reported that Troy School District 30-C will be rededicating Troy Crossroads Elementary School as Troy Cronin Elementary School and asked that the Township please plan on participating in the September 2017 rededication.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Baltz deferred to Administrator Dylík.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator Dylík reported:

The Troy Township Senior Open House held on October 18th was successful. There was a nice steady flow of traffic during the two hour event. Attendance was estimated at about 50. Thank you to Trustee Don Walden and his wife Carol for coming by.

Early voting was very busy. Staff assisted 994 people. Thanks to Angela Scaggs, Shane Kelly, and Sue Jones who all worked early voting.

RSVP's for the Seniors Christmas party on December 6th at Syl's is due by Wednesday, November 30th.

The Troy Township Office and Highway Department holiday lunch will be on Tuesday, December 20th at noon. Please RSVP by Wednesday, December 14th.

The Troy Township Offices, Highway Department, and Community Center will be closed Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th for Thanksgiving.

Supervisor Baltz complimented the staff on how smooth the early voting process went.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Supervisor Baltz presented the 2017 Board Committees and Members. Motion by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Walden to approve the 2017 Board Committees and Members. Roll call vote: Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Absent; Walden-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.
- b) Supervisor Baltz presented the 2017 Troy Township Planning Commission Members. Motion made by Wheeler; seconded by Walden to approve the 2017 Troy Township Planning Commission Members. Roll call vote: Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Absent; Walden-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.
- c) Supervisor Baltz presented the Pace Paratransit Local Share Agreement for the term beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017 for approval. Administrator Dylík reviewed cost and usage history. Motion made by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to approve

the 2017 Pace Paratransit Local Share Agreement. 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 Resolution 16-17R-15 a resolution adopting the estimate of the 2016 tax levy for Troy Township Road District to be paid in 2017. Trustee Ryan as Finance Committee Chairman noted that the proposed levy was discussed at a recent Board workshop. At the workshop, attendees discussed the fact that the full levy which is extended is not always received, that there was an overpayment of Corporate Personal Property which will likely need to be repaid in the near future, and that although the levy is filed at 104.9% over last year's extension it will be limited down closer to 102.6%. As Finance Committee Chairman, Trustee Ryan recommended approval of the levy estimate.

Motion made by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to approve Resolution 16-17R-15 a resolution adopting the estimate of the 2016 Tax Levy for Troy Township Road District to be paid in 2017 at \$1,291,000.00. 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 Resolution 16-17R-16 a resolution adopting the estimate of the 2016 tax levy for Troy Township to be paid in 2017. Trustee Ryan as Finance Committee Chairman echoed his previous comments and also noted that although the Town Fund levy has increased over the years, the ending cash balance (reserves) of the Town Fund has correspondingly increased and recommended the Board approve the estimated Town Fund levy. Collector Kopman noted that the actual tax rate should go down.

Motion made by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Walden to approve Resolution 16-17R-16 a resolution adopting the estimate of the 2016 tax levy for Troy Township to be paid in 2017 at \$1,094,108.00. Roll call vote: Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Absent; Walden-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion made by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Walden to accept the **TOWN FUND & ASSESSOR'S BILLS** for **November 21, 2016**, as presented totaling \$14,924.66. Roll call vote: Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Absent; Walden-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Walden; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to accept the **GENERAL ASSISTANCE BILLS** for **November 21, 2016**, as presented totaling \$1,740.97. Roll call vote: Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Absent; Walden-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to accept the **ROAD AND BRIDGE BILLS** for **November 21, 2016**, as presented totaling \$15,522.41. Roll call vote: Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Absent; Walden-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

No items for closed session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Supervisor Baltz had the following announcements:

- a) The offices, Highway Department, and Community Center will be closed on Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- b) The next Board Meeting will be on Monday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Walden to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Absent; Walden-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristin Dawn Cross, Clerk

