

Minutes of the Troy Township Board Meeting
Monday, February 26, 2018
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 Larry Ryan.

Supervisor Baltz asked attendees to remain standing for a moment of silence in memory of Raymond Chapman, Troy Township founding member of the Cyber Niche, now Gadget Gurus, who passed away on Friday, February 23, 2018. Mr. Jim Lynch reported that the wake will be on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, at Fred C. Dames Funeral Home in Joliet.

Roll call:

Present were:	Supervisor Joseph D. Baltz	Trustee Bryan W. Kopman
	Trustee Larry Ryan	Trustee John Theobald
	Trustee Brett Wheeler	Highway Commissioner Tom Ward
	Assessor Kimberly Anderson	Clerk Kristin Cross

Absent were:	Collector George Muentnich - EA	EA = Excused Absence
		A = Absent; L = Late Arrival

Also in Attendance: Administrator Jennifer Dyluk

Quorum is established.

Supervisor Baltz opened the meeting for guest and **citizen comment** and introduced special guest Rita Facchina, Executive Director, CASA of Will County. Ms. Facchina gave a short presentation about CASA's services and distributed a copy of their annual report. Assessor Anderson presented Ms. Facchina with a donation which Township employees and Elected Officials had given as part of the "Jeans for Charity" program.

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

Motion made by Trustee Kopman; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to accept the **MINUTES** of the January 22, 2018, **Regular Board Meeting**. Roll call vote: Kopman – Aye; Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

The **TREASURER'S REPORT** was placed on file by Supervisor Baltz. Motion made by Trustee Theobald; seconded by Trustee Ryan to accept the **Treasurer's Report** for the month ending **January 31, 2018**. Roll call vote: Kopman – Aye; Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Email compliment for the Assessor's Office from Emily Conquest.

- Email compliment for the Highway Department from Ron Fredricks.
- Facebook Messenger compliment for the Highway Department from Mike Palya.
- Illinois Department of Natural Resources Public Notice for proposed dredging project on the Des Plaines River in Will County by Ketone Acquisitions, LLC.
- Illinois Department of Natural Resources Public Notice for proposed bridge over the Des Plaines River for the Houbolt Road Extension Project in Will County by DPR Extension, LLC.
- Illinois Department of Natural Resources Public Notice for proposed class III dam on Hamel Creek in the Village of Shorewood, Will County by the Turnstone Group.
- The Timbers of Shorewood Newsletter – February 2018
- Township Officials of Illinois Perspectives Magazine – February 2018

GADGET GURUS REPORT: – Mr. Jim Lynch reported that there has been no activity requesting assistance from the Gurus. Given the passing of Ray Chapman, Mr. Lynch will get with Rolland Bossert and reevaluate the program when Mr. Bossert returns from Arizona in the spring.

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES / COMMITTEES:

TRUSTEE LARRY RYAN – No report.

TRUSTEE BRETT WHEELER – No report.

TRUSTEE JOHN THEOBALD – No report.

TRUSTEE BRYAN W. KOPMAN – No report.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT: Highway Commissioner Ward reported that crews made it through the snow ok but did have a few breakdowns. Crews have been working on shouldering and ditching. The annual spring clean up is coming up in April.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Assessor Anderson reported that her office is currently working on 2018 reassessments. The tentative increase is 4.97% which equates to an approximate increase of assessed value for Troy Township of \$56 million.

Chief Deputy Tam Schwartz and Assessor Anderson are going through every neighborhood to see if any adjustments need to be made. Currently, Troy Township is broken down into 153 neighborhoods which make up just over 20,200 parcels.

The rest the Assessor's staff is working on new sales and website maintenance.

The senior freeze forms will be mailed from Will County. Since the freeze income level was raised to \$65,000 this year, the County is doing a special mailing to all seniors who currently have the Senior General Homestead Exemption. Currently there are 10,440 seniors in Will County that are receiving the freeze. The County estimates that with this increase, there could be up to 30,000 that will now be eligible. Assessor Anderson is prepared for a busy spring as she and her staff assist seniors with this paperwork. On Tuesday, April 17th a representative from Will County Supervisor of Assessment's office will be at Troy Township to assist with the completion of the senior freeze paperwork.

TOWNSHIP CLERK REPORT: Clerk Cross reported that the Troy 30-C School District will abate \$1,000,000 which abates \$0.09 in debt services to the District which, on average, will reduce a property tax bill by \$31.00.

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Baltz distributed the proposed 2018-2019 fiscal year budget.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator Dylík reported:

- Supervisor Baltz has distributed the proposed budget for review. Administrator Dylík will be working with Finance Committee Chairman Larry Ryan to review the budget and schedule a finance committee meeting. The date and time will be distributed as soon as possible. If anyone would like to schedule a one-on-one review of the budget, please let Administrator Dylík know. The goal is to have the necessary finance committee meeting(s) and have the full budget ready for the public hearing and approval at the April board meeting.
- The Spring 2018 Troy Township Communicator articles have been completed and the newsletter is at the printer. The newsletter is still on track for delivery to residents at the end of March.
- Senior Services & the AARP Free Tax Prep program that is conducted at the Township on Tuesdays is going well. A third preparer was added for 9 out of the 10 weeks. Appointments are completely booked and will be conducting a total of 106 appointments this year. Thank you to Supervisor Baltz and Clerk Cross for volunteering their offices for this program.
- Early voting for the March primary election will begin at Troy Township on Monday, March 5th and will continue through Friday, March 16th. Voting will be Monday thru Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Administrator Dylík and staff member Angela Scaggs will be conducting voting.
- Save the Date – The shredding event is scheduled for Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Supervisor Baltz presented the **travel approval request for Assessor Kimberly Anderson at the Will County Assessor's Association** lunch in New Lenox, IL on February 8, 2018, reimbursement is for two meals (Assessor plus 1 Staff Member). Total reimbursement to Assessor Anderson is \$24.61. Motion made by Trustee Kopman; seconded by Trustee Theobald to approve the travel request. Roll call vote: Kopman – Aye; Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Supervisor Baltz asked twice for any other new business. No other new business was presented.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion made by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Theobald to accept the **TOWN FUND & ASSESSOR'S BILLS for February 26, 2018**, as presented totaling **\$18,293.70**. Roll call vote: Kopman – Aye; Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Kopman; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to accept the **GENERAL ASSISTANCE BILLS** for **February 26, 2018**, as presented totaling **\$185.05**. Roll call vote: Kopman – Aye; Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Theobald; seconded by Trustee Ryan to accept the **ROAD AND BRIDGE BILLS** for **February 26, 2018**, as presented totaling **\$48, 290.73**. Roll call vote: Kopman – Aye; Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

No items for closed session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The following announcements were made:

- a) Next Board Meeting – Monday, March 19, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Baltz asked for any other announcements.

No other announcements were made.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Trustee Theobald; seconded by Trustee Ryan to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:29 p.m. Roll call vote: Kopman – Aye; Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Cross, Clerk

