

Minutes of the Troy Township Board Meeting

Monday, May 21, 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 Highway Commissioner Thomas. R. Ward.

Roll call:

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

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

Also, in Attendance: Administrator Jennifer Dylak

Quorum is established.

Supervisor Baltz opened the meeting for guest and citizen comment.

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

Supervisor Baltz presented the Donald D Walden Veteran's Honor Roll certificates of appreciation to the following Honor Roll Inductees:

- a) George Anthos – Sergeant Heavy Weapons Platoon Leader, United States Army
- b) Robert Doyle – Specialist Third Class, United States Army

Motion made by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to accept the **MINUTES** of the April 16, 2018, **Public Hearing**. Roll call vote: Kopman – Aye; Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Absent; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Kopman; seconded by Trustee Ryan to accept the **MINUTES** of the April 16, 2018, **Regular Board Meeting**. Roll call vote: Kopman – Aye; Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Absent; 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 Ryan; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to accept the **Treasurer's Report** for the month ending **April 30, 2018**. Roll call vote: Kopman – Aye; Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Absent; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Thank you note for the care package sent through donations collected via the Township's collection drive for Operation Care Package.
- Joliet Area Community Hospice Memorial Day Ceremony and Veterans Memorial Garden Dedication on Friday, May 25th.
- Abraham Lincoln Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 28th.
- Will County Circuit Clerk fine money for the month of March 2018, totaling \$40.63.
- PTAB \$100,000 Notice for LIT Industrial (Heartland).
- Will County Center for Community Concerns 2017 Service Summary for Troy Township.
- Kiwanis Club of Shorewood 7th Annual Casino Night
- The Timbers of Shorewood May 2018 Newsletter
- Village of Shorewood Parks and Recreating Summer 2018 Guide
- Forest Preserve District of Will County 2017 Progress Report
- Township Perspectives Magazine May 2018
- Illinois Municipal League Review May 2018

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES / COMMITTEES:

TRUSTEE LARRY RYAN – No report.

TRUSTEE BRETT WHEELER – Trustee Wheeler will report under new business items b and c.

TRUSTEE JOHN THEOBALD – Excused absence. No report.

TRUSTEE BRYAN W. KOPMAN – Trustee Kopman asked for the Topics Day attendees to report on what they learned and accomplished at the event.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT: Highway Commissioner Ward reported that crews replaced a 60" culvert on Shepley Road. Road plans for the summer include levelbinder for Ingolsby Road then cover with chip seal this summer or next. Timberline subdivision, which is Rollingwood and Westridge, will be resurfaced. Shepley Road and Canal Road will be chip seal.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Assessor Anderson reported that LIT Industrial (Heartland) filed with PTAB for both 2016 and 2017. The Township did prevail at Board of Review. Troy 30C obtained an appraisal to help at PTAB. LIT has an appraisal at \$29,000,000. The assessment is at \$32,000,000. The appraisal obtained by Troy 30C is at \$40,000,000.

Staff continues to be busy with exemptions. With the tax bills having been mailed out, the traffic has increased. To date she and her staff have assisted 518 taxpayers versus 442 at this same time last year.

The 2018 reassessments have been completed and the data was sent to Will County. As reported last month the factor for Troy Township increased from 4.97% to 5.12%.

Field staff has been out weekly picking up new construction. Several subdivisions have seen an increase in the building of new homes, so staff will continue to be out for the next several months.

Assessor Anderson reported that she along with Administrator Dylik, Clerk Cross, Trustee Theobald, and Collector Muentnich attended Topics Day last month in Springfield. Legislators were very busy during

the visit, but she and the Troy Township attendees were able to speak with Mark Batinick and Larry Walsh Jr. regarding current house bill legislation of concern. The Troy Township attendees left packets of information for our Senators and they did acknowledge receipt.

TOWNSHIP CLERK REPORT: No report.

TOWNSHIP COLLECTOR'S REPORT: No report.

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator Dylík expanded on Assessor Anderson's comments on Topics Day, noting that the Legislators' schedules vary every year and some visits are more difficult than others to meet with them. One-on-one time was had at 2018 Topics Day with both Representative Batinick and Representative Walsh. Both met with the Township attendees in the hallway outside of the House Chamber, so they could step back into session for votes when needed. Regarding the packet of information that is prepared for each of the Township Legislators, it is rather extensive. A pdf copy will be sent to each Board member. The packet includes a summary letter of township services which also discusses the positive impact that townships have on residents of the state of Illinois. The packet also provides a list of specific bills or issues that are of concern and detail why we are in support of or against the specific bill or issue. Articles and documentation are provided that support the good that townships do and discuss how taxpayers will likely not save any money if townships are eliminated. Assessor Anderson provides extensive details about why it is not good to continue to increase exemptions. Information was also included regarding the Dark Store Theory and why this has a negative impact on EAV and the distribution of the tax burden throughout the State. Dylík reported that she believes it has a very positive affect when the Township representatives meet the Legislators on their own turf. The 2018 Topics Day attendees felt very positive about the amount of time spent with Representative Batinick and Representative Walsh this year.

Dylík further reported:

- The ComEd pole relocation project is complete. There was very little cost to the Township for this relocation. ComEd's contractor Dynamic Solutions moved the service.
- The parking lot project was scheduled to start Monday, May 21st but was delayed one day due to the rain. Work is expected to begin tomorrow. Trustee Ryan and Highway Commissioner Ward are overseeing the work.
- The shredding event and medication disposal on May 5th was successful. There were 343 cars that came through ranking the event as our third highest for attendance. The record was set for the "best weather day" for this event. Dylík gave special thanks to everyone who came about to assist that day including:
 - Supervisor Baltz
 - Highway Commissioner Ward
 - Trustee Ryan
 - Assessor Anderson and her husband Dan
 - Clerk Cross and her boyfriend Greg,
 - Township employees, Shane Kelly and Kyle Burmeister, and
 - Administrator Dylík's husband, Bob.
- The Troy Township Offices, Community Center, and Highway Department will be closed on Monday, May 28th for Memorial Day.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **Supervisor Baltz presented the renewal of the Medical Assistance Catastrophic Insurance Program (MACI) for General Assistance Effective July 1, 2018 at a cost of \$2,360.00 for approval.** Administrator Dylik reported that she wanted to bring this coverage and payment back up under new business to ensure the Board had ample time to discuss what the coverage was and to allow her time to answer any questions the board may have about the coverage. Dylik prepared a memo to the Board (attached) which was read aloud. Dylik further reported that she spoke to Steve Barret from Allied Benefits who administers the MACI program. He responded with the following points in support of the MACI coverage:
- The law in Illinois still makes the township first and foremost liable for General Assistance medical costs.
 - Medicaid expansion clearly states Medicaid shall be payor of last resort meaning the state could deny coverage on that basis leaving your township exposed to potentially large claims.
 - There could be situations where medical benefits are denied because they're not covered by Medicaid.
 - If you discontinue coverage and anything happens to Medicaid expansion and you find it necessary to re-enroll in MACI any GA recipients you had on your rolls would have a pre-existing conditions exclusion for 1 year.

A discussion was held reviewing the pros and cons of such coverage including the high cost of the coverage, the low demand for General Assistance at the Township, the coverage offered to General Assistance clients because of the Affordable Care Act, and the current financial stability of the Township. Supervisor Baltz commented that he believes the coverage is prudent and as with any insurance, you hope to never need it. Supervisor Baltz reminded that this is a one-year policy that will be reviewed again next year.

Motion by Trustee Kopman; seconded by Trustee Ryan to approve the Medical Assistance Catastrophic Insurance Program (MACI) for General Assistance effective July 1, 2018 at a cost of \$2,360.00. Roll call vote: Kopman – Aye commenting that he is risk averse; Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Absent; Wheeler-No; Baltz-Aye. 3 Ayes, 1 Nay, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

- b) **Supervisor Baltz presented the Secondary Supplemental Vision Coverage through Humana effective July 1, 2018 for cancellation.**

Trustee Wheeler, Finance Committee Chairman, reported that he would address the new business agenda items b and c and that he along with Administrator Dylik had been working with Steve Orlando from the Candos Agency on the renewal of the Township health insurance policy effective July 1, 2018. In summary, the Township budgeted for a potential increase of 15% in health insurance premiums. The initial renewal offer from Humana was at a 9.9% increase. Steve Orlando from the Candos Agency was able to negotiate on our behalf to get the increase reduced from 9.9% to 6.63%. After being able to get the increase to 6.63%, Trustee Wheeler did not feel it was necessary to hold a committee meeting. Trustee Wheeler reminded the Board that the Humana supplemental vision and Humana supplemental life insurance was added in 2017 to get additional rate relief from Humana on the health insurance rates. The 2017 rate relief offered outweighed the cost of the supplemental coverage, so it was added. With the 2018 renewal, Humana is not offering any additional rate

relief to keep the supplemental policies in place. Because the Township already has vision insurance with EyeMed, Trustee Wheeler and Administrator Dylik, are requesting the supplemental vision policy be cancelled. Since rates for the supplemental life insurance are fixed until July 1, 2019 they recommend keeping the life insurance in place and evaluating it at the next renewal. Lastly, after reviewing several other carriers, plans, and plan structures, the plan offered by Humana at the 6.63% increase is the best available option for Troy Township and as Chairman of the Health Insurance Committee, Trustee Wheeler is recommending that the Board cancel the secondary Humana vision policy and to renew the Humana health insurance plan at the 6.63% increase.

Motion by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Ryan to cancel the Secondary Supplemental Vision Coverage through Humana effective July 1, 2018. Roll call vote: Kopman – Aye; Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Absent; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

- c) Supervisor Baltz presented the renewal of the Humana Health Insurance Plan Effective July 1, 2018 with an approximate 6.63% increase in premium for approval. Motion by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Kopman to approve the renewal of the Humana Health Insurance Plan effective July 1, 2018 with an approximate 6.63% increase in premium. Roll call vote: Kopman – Aye; Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Absent; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 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 Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Ryan to accept the **TOWN FUND & ASSESSOR'S BILLS** for **May 21, 2018**, as presented totaling **\$37,339.22**. Roll call vote: Kopman – Aye; Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Absent; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Kopman; seconded by Trustee Ryan to accept the **GENERAL ASSISTANCE BILLS** for **May 21, 2018**, as presented totaling **\$329.48**. Roll call vote: Kopman – Aye; Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Absent; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Kopman to accept the **ROAD AND BRIDGE BILLS** for **May 21, 2018**, as presented totaling **\$70,152.52**. Roll call vote: Kopman – Aye; Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Absent; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

No items for closed session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The following announcements were made:

- a) Office Closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 28, 2018.
- b) The parking lot will be closed for several weeks for reconstruction.
- c) Next Board Meeting – Monday, June 18, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Baltz asked for any other announcements.

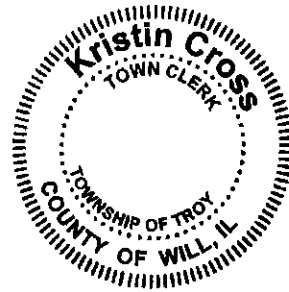
No other announcements were made.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Trustee Ryan; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:57 p.m. Roll call vote: Kopman – Aye; Ryan-Aye; Theobald-Absent; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Cross, Clerk



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Date: May 1, 2018
To: Troy Township Board
CC: Joseph Baltz, Supervisor
From: Jennifer Dylík, Administrator
Subject: GA Medical – MACI Coverage

It has been brought to my attention that after our Monday, April 16th Board meeting a few questions arose regarding the GA payment to MACI for the medical assistance catastrophic insurance program which was approved in the 2018-2019 budget and on the April 16, 2018 bill sheets.

The purchase of this insurance was covered on page 45 of the 2018-2019 Budget Proposal distributed to the Board initially on February 26, 2018 which stated:

Insurance \$2,400.00 Allows for the renewal of Medical Assistance Catastrophic Insurance. According to the General Assistance guidelines, the Township is responsible for a General Assistance Client's medical expenses. This insurance will help cover costs of significant medical expenses of a client, should the need arise.

The Township operates under the rules adopted by the Township Supervisor as set forth in the Township Supervisors of Illinois General Assistance Handbook (see attached Section 10 of the General Assistance Handbook attached to this memo). Pursuant to this handbook, the Township must provide medical coverage for General Assistance clients unless we have specifically denied them GA Medical coverage. Section 10.03 details the reasons why you can deny someone for GA Medical. Prior to the Affordable Care Act townships were at much greater risk for having to provide GA Medical as many clients were uninsured. As you know, the cost of just one significant medical event can add up quickly. Because of this, MACI was established. MACI is a catastrophic policy and does not begin coverage until the client's claim with the township has reached the \$25,000 deductible. The coverage is on a per client basis and can cover multiple medical events for one client. Recovering from a \$25,000 medical claim with a client could be difficult enough for a township. Imagine if MACI is not in place and the Township is responsible for the entire claim for a significant medical claim or multiple medical claims.

When purchasing any kind of insurance, you must weigh your risk for need of such insurance. With the invention of the Affordable Care Act we are at less of a risk. Technically all our GA clients should be either on the state insurance or presumptively eligible for the state insurance. Therefore, they would be denied for GA Medical coverage. We also have a very low caseload with regards to General Assistance.

However, Steve Barret who administers the MACI coverage through Allied Benefit Systems reported to me:

“there is still an unfunded mandate imposed on townships by the State that says your township is legally liable for a General Assistance recipients medical expenses. While it is true townships use the expanded Medicaid to lessen their exposure to medical claims, the danger lies in the fact that Medicaid statute clearly states the that Medicaid shall be payer of last resort. This means if there is any other coverage available that coverage should be the primary payor. Right now the State hasn't caught on that township General assistance medical claims has other benefits available, but when they do you're going to want the MACI coverage in force.”

This is just one point in support of this coverage. There are other ambiguous parts to this equation. What happens if for some reason a client loses their coverage with the State while they are our client? Yes, we could argue that we could deny them coverage because they are “presumptively” eligible for the coverage through the State but I’m not sure I want Troy Township to be the first court case to set precedent on this issue.

While our risk of a GA Medical claim is very low, I personally do not believe that I would be doing my job well if I advised the Board to cancel this coverage and take on this risk. The cost of the coverage is \$2,360.00 per year. When looking at the total appropriations of the Town Fund and General Assistance Fund this equal 0.19% of all budgeted expenditures. Remember the Town Fund funds General Assistance via the levy and must continue to fund General Assistance should GA funds run out.

I have not mailed the check to renew this coverage. We will present this payment under new business at the May 2018 Board meeting so that the Board can review and discuss this risk and determine if they feel coverage is necessary.