

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TOWN ELECTORS

April 13, 2021  
7:00 p.m.

Clerk Kristin Cross called the 171<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of Troy Township to order at 7:00 p.m. on April 13, 2021. The pledge to the flag was recited led by George Muentnich.

Clerk Cross announced that legal notifications of the Annual Town Meeting were published by the required minimum of 15 days in advance and was published in the March 24, 2021, edition of the Shorewood Sentinel, was posted at the Troy Township Community Center, and was posted at three public locations around the township: Village of Shorewood Towne Center, Shorewood-Troy Public Library, Joliet Public Library on Black Road. The Annual Meeting notice was published on the Township website at [www.troytownship.com](http://www.troytownship.com), information was emailed out to all email addresses on file with the Township via Constant Contact, and information was posted to the Township's Facebook page.

Clerk Cross announced that the first item of business was the election of a Town Moderator and called for nominations.

A motion was made by Tom Ward that George Muentnich act as Moderator. Nancy Baltz seconded the motion. There were no further nominations. Motion carried.

The following oath was administered to the Moderator. "I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of Moderator at this Township Meeting to the best of my ability, so help me God."

Moderator Muentnich instructed that the minutes from the December 21, 2020, Annual Town meeting be approved. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Kim Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Jim Lynch. Motion carried.

Moderator Muentnich then announced that the following items of business would be acted upon at this meeting.

- a. Accounts of the Supervisor
- b. Financial statements of the Supervisor
- c. Accounts of the Highway Commissioner
- d. Financial Reports
- e. Disposition of Surplus Items
- f. Motion to Pay Moderator
- g. Town Meeting Announcement

Supervisor Baltz announced that he would be covering items a, b, c, and d and with that placed on file the Preliminary Supervisor's Annual Treasurer's Report, Financials ending March 31, 2021, and the current inventory reports of the Township.

Moderator Muentnich announced that the financial reports are placed on the head table and available for distribution to the electors. They are also available at [www.troytownship.com](http://www.troytownship.com).

Supervisor Baltz reported that this was his 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Meeting acting as Supervisor for the Township. He recognized George Muentnich, former Troy Township Elected Official, for also

having attended 35 of those Annual Town Meetings with Supervisor Baltz only missing one due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Supervisor Baltz thanks Mr. Muentnich for all his years of service and support.

Supervisor Baltz also thanked Clerk Cross for her years of service to the Township.

Supervisor Baltz then gave a summary of the past year for the Township (attached).

Moderator Muentnich asked if there were any items to declare surplus. No items were brought forward.

Moderator Muentnich asked for a motion to pay the moderator. Jerry Nudera motioned to pay the Moderator \$75.00; seconded by Joe Baltz. Motion carried.

Moderator Muentnich announced that the next Annual Town Meeting would be Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Moderator Muentnich asked for any citizen comments or announcements. No comments were made.

Moderator Muentnich asked for a motion to adjourn. Johnnie Greenwood made a motion for adjournment; seconded by Kim Anderson. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Cross  
Town Clerk

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**Troy Township Year in Review**  
**171<sup>st</sup> Annual Town Meeting**  
**April 13, 2021**  
**Report from Supervisor Joseph D. Baltz**

When thinking back on the Township's 2020-2021 fiscal year I could not help but to be brought right back to the beginning of the pandemic of what everyone now knows all too well as "Covid-19". Our fiscal year began April 1<sup>st</sup>, exactly two weeks after our office was shut down and closed on March 18<sup>th</sup> due the Governor's Mandatory Stay at Home order. I did a 'year in review' article in the Spring 2021 Troy Township Communicator that I think says it best. I would like to read an excerpt from it.

*"2020 was quite a year. Covid-19 became a new everyday word in our vocabulary along with words like masks, social-distancing, mitigations, and phrases like "with an abundance of caution". Covid-19 has changed our residents' lives forever. You had to learn an entirely new way to live and work and so did the Township.*

*Within days of the mandatory stay-at-home order being issued by the Governor in March, our dedicated office staff transitioned seamlessly to a remote work from home scenario and our Highway Department continued to operate on the front lines with new PPE and precautions in place.*

*I am proud to say that our residents were always taken care of and we facilitated requests for help in all departments: Assessor's, Supervisor's, General Assistance, and our Highway Department.*

*Staff was never more than a phone call or email away. Office phones were answered on personal cell phones, emails were always returned, durable medical equipment was loaned out, our micro pantry stayed stocked, and residents' needs were always met.*

*After time, the office staff transitioned back into the office with restricted/limited access by the public for in-person assistance.*

*Not only did we work with our staff to make sure they were provided with adequate PPE, but we also worked to make our work environment a safer one. Two new air purification systems were added to the Township office building which have been proven to help stop the spread of viruses. This provides a safer environment for our employees and visitors.*

*Throughout the pandemic the Township has been able to keep our regular monthly board meeting schedule by either zoom or in-person, always open to the public with guidelines in place. We were even able to induct 2 veterans into the Donald D. Walden Veterans Honor Roll via Zoom. As of February 22, 2021, we have inducted 46 Troy Township veterans into the Veterans Honor Roll.*

At this time, I would like to commend our Assessor, Kim Anderson, and her staff. Not only did they seamlessly transition to a remote work environment, but they continued to adjust with ease as we transitioned back to some in-office work. Additionally, during the 2020 appeal season she and her staff prevailed in all but one residential appeal. Kim and her entire department work

diligently on behalf of our residents to make sure the Township's assessments are fair and adequate. They should all be complimented for their hard work.

Our Highway Commissioner, Thomas R. Ward, and his staff are top notch as well. They weathered a couple of significant storms in the summer of 2020 that required what I am sure felt like an endless amount of debris cleanup. Those events were then followed by an endless number of days with winter snow and ice removal. Our crews always excel and do a great job taking care of our residents. Lastly, the Highway Department is pleased to report that Phase 1 Engineering for the replacement and realignment of the Shepley Road Bridge over the DuPage River began in early 2020. This is a multi-year project, but we are all excited to see it get started.

Financially the Township continues to remain in excellent financial health.

In the 2020-2021 fiscal year all three funds performed better than budgeted and both the Town Fund and Road Fund were able to add to their carry over balances<sup>1</sup>.

- The Road and Bridge Funded increased its carry over balance by \$67,615.14; for an ending total of \$968,561.16.
- The Town Fund increased its carry over balance by \$188,375.80; for an ending total of \$996,455.54.
- The General Assistance Fund decreased its carry over balance by \$2,328.08; for an ending total of \$35,799.00.

I would like to mention that the increase of \$188,375.80 for the Town Fund was due in part to good budgeting, mindful spending, and projects coming in under budget, but it sadly is also directly due to Covid-19 and reduced expenditures. Because of Covid-19, additional staff was not hired as planned, the Pace Bus Dial-A-Ride usage was down significantly, our community shredding event was cancelled, and our community center regular activities like our Township senior program had to be suspended.

We are truly looking forward to the 2021-2022 fiscal year as we attempt to return to some normalcy. Our shredding event is scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup> and our staff is actively planning for a return of our seniors and other community center events.

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<sup>1</sup> Note: The carry over balance of all three funds is within the limits established by Public Act 100-0474 which became effective September 8, 2017. This act amended the Township Code 60 ILCS 1/85-65 by adding Section 85-65 stating: Accumulation of funds: Township funds, excluding the township's capital fund, shall not exceed an amount equal to or greater than 2.5 times the annual average expenditure of the previous 3 fiscal years.