

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TOWN ELECTORS

April 11, 2023
7:00 p.m.

Clerk Larry Ryan called the 173rd Annual Meeting of Troy Township to order at 7:00 p.m. on April 11, 2023. The pledge to the flag was recited, led by Township Trustee Johnnie Greenwood.

Clerk Ryan 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 21, 2023, edition of The Herald News, 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, 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 Ryan announced that the first item of business was the election of a Town Moderator and called for nominations.

A motion was made by Jerry Nudera that Bryan Kopman act as Moderator. John Greenwood seconded the motion.

After asking for any other nominations for moderator, and hearing none, Clerk Ryan closed the floor for nominations.

Clerk Ryan called for a vote on the motion for Bryan Kopman to act as Moderator. 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 Kopman instructed that the minutes from the April 12, 2022, 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 Jerry Nudera. Motion carried.

Moderator Kopman 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

Township Administrator Dylik announced to the Moderator and Clerk that she will present items a, b, c, and d on behalf of Supervisor Baltz. Also, at that time the following items were placed on file: the Preliminary Supervisor's Annual Treasurer's Report & Financials ending March 31, 2023 for the **Town Fund / General Assistance Fund / and Road & Bridge Fund**, and the current inventory reports of the Township.

Moderator Kopman 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.

On behalf of Supervisor Baltz, Township Administrator Dylik gave a summary of the past year for the Township (attached).

Moderator Kopman asked if there were any items to declare surplus.

No motions for surplus items were brought forward.


Moderator Kopman asked for a motion to pay the moderator. John Greenwood motioned to pay the Moderator \$75.00; no second was presented. Motion expired due to lack of a second.

Moderator Kopman announced that the next Annual Town Meeting would be Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Moderator Kopman asked for a motion to adjourn. Jerry Nudera made a motion for adjournment; seconded by John Greenwood. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Larry Ryan
Town Clerk

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Troy Township Year in Review
173rd Annual Town Meeting
April 11, 2023
Report from Supervisor Joseph D. Baltz

The Township continues to remain in excellent financial health adding a total of \$250,305.00 to the overall total of all three fund balances for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.

In the 2022-2023 fiscal year all three funds performed better than budgeted and both the General Assistance Fund and Road Fund were able to add to their carryover balances. In summary:

- The Road and Bridge Funded increased its carryover balance by \$487,107.95; for an ending total of \$1,599,142.69.
- The Town Fund decreased its carryover balance by \$246,465.02; for an ending total of \$982,816.41.
- The General Assistance Fund increased its carryover balance by \$9,662.07; for an ending total of \$36,661.23.

The Road Fund budget performed very well. Receiving \$439,122.39 in Corporate Personal Property (compared to the budgeted amount of \$171,225.00), receiving a damage reimbursement from ComEd for roadwork repairs, and keeping expenses down all attributed to this fact. This strong financial position allows the Highway Commissioner to move forward with some long overdue projects in the 2023-2024 fiscal year including:

- Updating the exterior of the main office building and garage including new windows, new siding, and a new roof.
- Ron Lee Estates storm water improvements with the help of some ARPA grant funds.

As always, our Highway Department is focused on service. They go above and beyond by performing added services such as the annual spring cleanup, tree branch pickup, leaf pickup, recycling drop-off, and branch drop-off. They do all of this in addition to taking care of our township roads. Thank you, Highway Commissioner Ward and your crews, for all that you do. As always, job well done.

Regarding the Town Fund, as you can see our building looks quite different. During the 2022-2023 fiscal year, a significant interior renovation project was completed. The goals of the project included:

- Creating a main entrance at the Community Center door with a reception area.
- Creating secure back-office space for staff.
- Reorganizing and updating the office space in the Assessor Department.
- Creating a dedicated server room.
- Expanding the employee lunchroom.
- Performing minor space reorganization on the supervisor side.
- Updating technology in the community center.
- Installing new carpet and paint throughout.

Throughout the project we were able to keep the inconvenience to the visiting public minimal. The building was always open to assist residents and we only had to suspend our community center activities for a two-week period while carpet and paint was completed in that space.

While the interruption to the public was minimal, the interruption to our staff was anything but minimal. All of our office staff should be commended for their patience and support during this project. At some point during the project, each and every employee had to be relocated to a temporary workspace. At the beginning, we had three employees working in the old (smaller) employee kitchen. During the second phase we had three employees housed in half of the community center (along with all of the furniture from the Supervisor's department).

But the inconveniences were all well worth it. We are very pleased with how the renovation came together. Positive comments have been received not only from staff but also on a regular basis from visitors.

In the upcoming fiscal year, the exterior of the offices and community will get a facelift. Damaged, cracked, and deteriorating dryvit will be repaired. Rust will be removed from columns to prevent further deterioration. The dryvit will then be refinished and all painted surfaces will get a new coat of paint. The whole exterior will have a new color scheme and new look that will complement the new color scheme of the Highway Department's main office building and garage.

Throughout the interior renovations Assessor Anderson and her staff continued to work diligently valuing over 20,000 parcels, helping residents with exemption paperwork, and handling assessment appeals. Thank you to Assessor Anderson and her staff for all that you do.

The Supervisor's department continued running the regular community center events, issuing handicapped placards, loaning medical equipment, stocking the micro-pantry, and of course performing the day-to-day business operations of the Township seamlessly.

I am further happy to report that all of these renovations are being done without the issuance of any debt.

As the 2022-2023 fiscal year was coming to a close, I found myself reflecting on Covid and the effects of the past three years. I am pleased to say that the Township is back to all pre-pandemic activities. Our senior program is back in full-swing, we added new programs like Bingocize and Tai-Chi in a Chair by partnering with Catholic Charities, seminars are back, community center rentals are returning, and life is feeling like normal.

Just like last year, I will close by saying that I truly believe Troy Township is the best township around thanks to our hard working and dedicated staff; backed by the support and guidance of our elected officials. Thank you all for what you do to make Troy Township a great place to call home.