

Minutes of the Troy Township Board Meeting
Monday, November 20, 2023
7:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Troy Township Board of Trustees was held at the Troy Township Community Center, 25448 Seil Road, Shorewood, Illinois.

Supervisor Baltz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Johnnie Greenwood.

Roll call:

Supervisor Joseph D. Baltz – Present	Trustee Johnnie Greenwood – Present
Trustee Bryan W. Kopman – Present	Trustee Jerry Nudera – Present
Trustee Brett Wheeler – Present	

Quorum is established.

Also, in Attendance:

Clerk Larry Ryan		Collector Dawn Damiani
Highway Commissioner Thomas R. Ward	Administrator Jennifer Dylik	

*Assessor Kim Anderson notified unable to attend

GUESTS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Supervisor Baltz asked for public comment three times, and hearing none moved on to Agenda Item V.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Baltz presented the minutes from the **October 16, 2023, Regular Board Meeting**, for approval. A motion was made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Greenwood to approve the **MINUTES** of the **October 16, 2023, REGULAR BOARD MEETING**.

Roll call vote: Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Aye; Nudera-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye.
5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The **Treasurer's Report** for the month ending **October 31, 2023**, was submitted by Supervisor Baltz, and placed on file. After asking for discussion, no questions were raised, a motion was made by Trustee Kopman; seconded by Trustee Nudera to accept the **TREASURER'S REPORT** for the month ending **October 31, 2023**.

Roll call vote: Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Aye; Nudera-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye.
5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Baltz reviewed the following correspondence with the Board:

- Thank you from the Lightways Organization (formerly Joliet Hospice), on behalf of former Twp. Bookkeeper Mary M. Lucas who passed away at 106 years of age.
- PACE Bus 2024 Operating Budget proposal.

- TOI Perspective December 2023 issue.
- IL Municipal League November 2023 periodical.

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES / COMMITTEES:

TRUSTEE JOHNNIE GREENWOOD – No report and Happy Thanksgiving.

TRUSTEE BRYAN W. KOPMAN – Relaying Finance Committee Meeting recommendations under the New Business portion of the meeting. Happy Thanksgiving wishes.

TRUSTEE JERRY NUDERA – No report and Happy Thanksgiving.

TRUSTEE BRETT WHEELER – No report.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT: Highway Commissioner Ward presented the following:

- Leaf pick-up is ongoing but nearing 90% complete. Utilizing one vac unit for the remainder will allow for trucks to be prepped for snow removal.
- Recently purchased a “newer/used” leaf vacuum, and this unit is left-handed. The advantages of this unit are efficiency and safety. The position of the vac operator is on the same side as the truck driver for coordination, and it operates against the normal flow of traffic which safeguards/shields the vac operator from traffic approaching from the rear.
- Shepley Road Bridge over I-80 was slated for November 2023 completion. The bridge pour experienced rainfall, and core samples have been sent to a lab for quality control and analysis. Upon acceptance by IDOT, the bridge will officially open.
- As mentioned previously, there was additional asphalt overlay by D Construction from the Shepley Rd. bridge (I-80) approach west to County Line Rd. and east to S. Ingolsby Rd. Even though the IDOT pricing unit was \$92/ton, the contractor honored \$72/ton from the Road District contract earlier in the year (Timberline Dr., etc.)

ASSESSOR’S REPORT: Administrator Dylik presented the following report on behalf of Assessor:

- One new appeal brought the total to 60 appeals for the quad-year.
- Appeals hearings began on October 16 and will conclude on November 2. Several hearings are scheduled throughout the next few weeks.
- To date, a total of 23 agreements have been reached on both residential and commercial appeals respectively.
- A spreadsheet was distributed that notes all assessed value appeals that exceed \$100,000+.
- The “new construction” deadline was Friday, October 6 and all properties were input.
- Field Staff will gather information on the 2023 permits to prepare for next year.

TOWNSHIP CLERK REPORT: No report and Happy Thanksgiving.

TOWNSHIP COLLECTOR’S REPORT: No report and Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT: Supervisor Baltz presented the following:

- The General Assistance standard payment level was \$375, and the Troy Township Payment Level was set at \$375. With proper documentation, the Supervisor’s Office is setting the new payment level at \$475, after research with the IL Department of Human Services.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator Dylik presented the following:

- The grant application paperwork was resubmitted at the request of the DCEO with a considerable amount of detail required. The capital improvement grant was secured by IL State Representative Larry Walsh, Jr. and was slated for the Township and Road District renovations.
- The Shepley Rd Bridge update from Willett Hoffman included a meeting with IDOT to review plan comments and responses. They addressed design variances and National EPA reports for federally funded projects.
- Assessor Anderson and I are working with the Township attorney to modify employee handbook policy to comply with the "Paid Leave for All Act" 2024. This goes into effect on January 1, 2024, and the proposed handbook policy change involves personal leave, PLFAW, and vacation hours.
- Reminders of the Senior's Holiday Party and the Office and Highway Department holiday lunch. December 5th at Al's for the Senior's - RSVP with Cindy by tomorrow November 21, 2023. December 21st for the Department's - RSVP with Jen by December 13, 2023.
- A "coat drive" to benefit the Shorewood Kiwanis Club is sponsored by the Troy Township Seniors. Donations could include new or gently used coats, hats, gloves, scarves, and socks.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Baltz asked for any items to be addressed under old business. After asking for a third time, no old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: Supervisor Baltz submitted the following:

- A) **Resolution 23-24R-08**, A Resolution Adopting the Estimate of the 2023 Tax Levy for Troy Township Road District to be paid in 2024 at \$1,722,344.00. Finance Committee Chair Kopman commented that the meeting on November 1st sparked good discussion, explanations, and unanimous support. Commended Admin. Dylik on the Levy presentation and asked if there were any questions. After hearing none, a motion made by Trustee Kopman; seconded by Trustee Nudera to accept **Resolution 23-24R-08 to adopt the Estimate of the 2023 Tax Levy for Troy Township Road District to be paid in 2024 at \$1,722,344.00.**

Roll call vote: Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Aye; Nudera-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye
5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

- B) **Resolution 23-24R-09**, A Resolution Adopting the Estimate of the 2023 Tax Levy for Troy Township to be paid in 2024 at \$1,453,595.00. Committee Chair Kopman commented that the Levy Estimate was approved unanimously, and highlighted the fact that both Levy amounts reflect a reduction in effective tax rate. Even though assessed valuation is increasing, Trustee Wheeler commented that it is a Board trend in past years to reduce the tax rate percentage. No other questions were presented, and a motion was made by Trustee Kopman; seconded by Trustee Greenwood to accept **Resolution 23-24R-09 to adopt the Estimate of the 2023 Tax Levy for Troy Township to be paid in 2024 at \$1,453,595.00.**

Roll call vote: Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Aye; Nudera-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye
5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

- C) **Resolution 23-24R-10**, A Resolution Authorizing the Sale and Disposal of Certain Township Personal Property. After the presentation and correction in Section 4 from "eBay" to GovDeals, no further discussion was had, and a motion was made by Trustee Greenwood; seconded by

Trustee Wheeler to approve **Resolution 23-24R-10, A Resolution Authorizing the Sale and Disposal of Certain Township Personal Property.**

* Administrator Dylik presented a current inventory of used office equipment slated for sale and the avenues used to auction the items. Other units of local government, GovDeals, and eBay were options applied to date. Sections 1 – 7 defined the terms of the recent Resolution.

Roll call vote: Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Aye; Nudera-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye
5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

- D) Approval of an **Intergovernmental Agreement between Troy Township, Troy Township Road District, and Will County for Traditional Recycling Services.** After the presentation, a motion was made by Trustee Nudera; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to approve the **Intergovernmental Agreement between Troy Township, Troy Township Road District, and Will County for Traditional Recycling Services.**

*Administrator Dylik stated the similarities between the previous IGA and notable differences were no electronics and no expiration date. Instead, a 60-day notice in writing can terminate the IGA.

Roll call vote: Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Aye; Nudera-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye
5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Supervisor Baltz submitted the following bills:

Motion made by Trustee Greenwood; seconded by Trustee Kopman to accept the **TOWN FUND & ASSESSOR'S BILLS for November 20, 2023**, as presented totaling **\$47,757.88**. After review, no other questions were presented.

Roll call vote: Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Aye; Nudera-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye.
5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Kopman; seconded by Trustee Nudera to accept the **GENERAL ASSISTANCE BILLS for November 20, 2023**, as presented totaling **\$1,185.05**. After review, no questions or discussions were presented.

Roll call vote: Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Aye; Nudera-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye.
5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Greenwood; seconded by Trustee Nudera to accept the **ROAD AND BRIDGE BILLS for November 20, 2023**, as presented totaling **\$105,050.80**.

Roll call vote: Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Aye; Nudera-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye.
5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: No items presented for closed session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor Baltz presented the following announcements:

- A) Town Fund Decennial Committee Meeting – Monday, December 18, 2023, 5:45pm.
- B) Road and Bridge Fund Levy Public Hearing – Monday, December 18, 2023, 7:00pm.
- C) Town Fund Levy Public Hearing – Monday, December 18, 2023, 7:15pm.
- D) Next Board Meeting – Monday, December 18, 2023, immediately following the public hearings.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Trustee Kopman; seconded by Trustee Greenwood, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:29 p.m.

Roll call vote: Greenwood-Aye; Kopman-Aye; Nudera-Aye; Wheeler-Aye; Baltz-Aye.
5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Ryan, Clerk