

Minutes of the Troy Township Board Meeting
Monday, December 16, 2024
7:20 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 7:20 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Township Trustee, Jerry Nudera.

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	Assessor Kimberly Anderson	Collector Dawn Damiani
	Administrator Jennifer Dylak	

- Hwy. Commissioner Thomas R. Ward attending a Memorial Service; report submitted.

GUESTS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Supervisor Baltz opened the meeting for the introduction of guests and citizen comments. After asking a third time, and hearing none, Baltz closed the meeting for citizen comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Baltz presented the minutes from the **November 18, 2024, Regular Board Meeting**, for approval. No further discussion or items were presented, and a motion was made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Greenwood to approve the corrected **MINUTES** of the **November 18, 2024, 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 **November 30, 2024**, was placed on file by Supervisor Baltz. 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 **November 30, 2024**.

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:

- Legal firm filing a “Tax Objection” on an annual basis to multiple governmental entities. They claim that the Township’s holdings are 2.5 times of the assets. This is an inaccurate statement and has been referred to the Township Attorney for review.
- IL Municipal League periodical December 2024
- TOIRMA Periodical-Winter 2024. Covering subjects such as snowplowing, safety, claim procedures, etc.
- T.O.P.S., a not-for-profit organization that utilizes the community room during business hours donation and “Thank you” to the Township & Staff.

REPORTS OF TRUSTEES / COMMITTEES:

TRUSTEE JOHNNIE GREENWOOD – No report. Wishing everyone a Safe & Joyous Holidays

TRUSTEE BRYAN W. KOPMAN – Reflected on the earlier Levy Hearings that the Board passed for the Road & Bridge and Town respectively. Merry Christmas wishes.

TRUSTEE JERRY NUDERA – No report. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

TRUSTEE BRETT WHEELER – No report.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT: Administrator Dylik presented the following on behalf of Hwy. Commissioner Ward:

- Leaf pick-up services have officially ended today. Leaf equipment will be removed, cleaned, and placed into storage. Residents are encouraged to neatly bag any remaining leaves for pick up.
- Equipment will be focused on snow removal services.
- Weather permitting, pending tree removal from the July storm will be performed over the winter months. Pricing and availability are competitive during this season.
- February 2025 is forecasted for Ingolsby Road closure for replacement of box culverts (under I-80 as well).
- River Road Bridge over I-80 is now open.
- Merry Christmas.

ASSESSOR’S REPORT: Assessor Anderson reported on the following:

- Assessor and Deputies attended the annual Supervisor of Assessments meeting held on December 10th. Highlights from the meeting include:
 - The 2024 tentative abstract projects Will County’s Market Value to be \$100 billion +
 - Troy Township’s 2024 share of that total = \$6.6 billion +
 - Troy Township’s 2011 value = \$4.4 billion +
 - 2025 Troy Township increase factor is 13.53%. The average span for Townships is between 11.11% - 16.22%.
 - County “sales numbers” have declined Vs. “market values” show minimal decrease.
- Merry Christmas to all.

TOWNSHIP CLERK REPORT: Larry Ryan - No report. Merry Christmas.

TOWNSHIP COLLECTOR’S REPORT: Dawn Damiani – Extended a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and hope to see everyone next year.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Baltz reflected on the following:

- Staff and Elected Officials should be commended for the positive results of this past year. The Township is well run and continues to have an impact on the community.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator Dylik reported on the following:

- Distributed a summary of Township Services administered for November.
- The Township's Community Mental Health program with Thriveworks launched on November 25th. Information was distributed through email contacts, Facebook pages, and local paper press releases. Police & Fire agencies that serve the Township were notified of the service, and we intend to promote the program in the upcoming 2025 Spring Communicator.
- Admin. Dylik and Community Services Director Cindy Stasell participated in the Everbridge notification system training today. This will be a great too to share information with residents.
- Preparation of the 2025-26 fiscal year budget has begun. Any questions or input in advance of the budget proposal should be directed to Admin. Dylik prior to the release in February.
- Merry Christmas.

OLD BUSINESS: Supervisor Baltz asked for any old business. After asking a third time, and hearing none, Baltz closed the meeting for old business.

NEW BUSINESS: Supervisor Baltz presented the following items:

- a) Approval of the Pace Paratransit Local Share Agreement for the term beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025.
Administrator Dylik briefly gave a history of the PACE program, partnering Townships and municipalities, and the funding equation. PACE funds the program with grants and the remaining deficit balance is split amongst the partners based upon ridership percentages. Dylik relayed & graphed a few scenarios in the handout and displayed a need for planning in the upcoming budget. The Board and Admin. Dylik discussed the Township owning and operating their own bus and the financial impact of such in addition to Will County's expanding Will Ride program and the possibility of Will Ride absorbing the Central Will Dial-a-Ride program.
A motion was made by Trustee Kopman; seconded by Trustee Nudera to approve **the Pace Paratransit Local Share Agreement for the 2025 term** as presented.
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 for approval:

Motion made by Trustee Greenwood; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to accept the **TOWN FUND & ASSESSOR'S BILLS for December 16, 2024**, as presented totaling **\$18,059.80**. 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.

No action or motion needed for **GENERAL ASSISTANCE BILLS for December 16, 2024**, as presented total = **\$0**. No other questions or discussions were presented.

Motion made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Greenwood to accept the **ROAD AND BRIDGE BILLS** for **December 16, 2024**, as presented totaling **\$151,676.31**.

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) The Troy Township Offices and Highway Department will be closed:
 - Wednesday, December 25, 2024, for Christmas Day
 - Wednesday, January 1, 2025, for New Year's Day
 - Monday, January 20, 2025, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- B) Next Regular Board Meeting – Monday, January 27, 2025, at 7:00p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Trustee Kopman; seconded by Trustee Greenwood, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:49 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

