# Minutes of the Troy Township Board Meeting Monday, January 27, 2025 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 Township Collector, Dawn Damiani.

#### 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	
Hwy. Commissioner Thomas R	. Ward	Administrator Jennifer	Dylik	

#### **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 December 16, 2024, scheduled **Public Hearing** for the **2024 Road and Bridge Levy Ordinance.** After no questions were raised, a motion was made by Trustee Kopman; seconded by Trustee Nudera to approve the **MINUTES** of the **December 16, 2024**, **PUBLIC HEARING for the 2024 ROAD and BRIDGE LEVY**.

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

Supervisor Baltz presented the minutes from the December 16, 2024, scheduled **Public Hearing** for the **2024 Town Fund Levy Ordinance.** After no questions were raised, a motion was made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Greenwood to approve the **MINUTES** of the **December 16, 2024**, **PUBLIC HEARING for the 2024 TOWN FUND LEVY**.

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

Supervisor Baltz presented the minutes from **December 16, 2024, Regular Board Meeting,** for approval. No further discussion or items were presented, and a motion was made by Trustee Nudera; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to approve the corrected **MINUTES** of **December 16, 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 **December 31, 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 Greenwood to accept the **TREASURER'S REPORT** for the month ending **December 31, 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:

- Will County Supervisor of Assessments Tax Exempt Application for 2415 McDonough St.
- Clarke Mosquito Abatement 2024 Statement/Recap.
- T.O.I. Lobby Day Invite and Notification.
- T.O.I. Perspective December 2024.
- Thank you note from the "Troy Seniors" directed to Cindy Stasell, Oriana Bravato, & Staff for the Senior Holiday Party
- IL Municipal League periodical January 2025

#### REPORTS OF TRUSTEES / COMMITTEES:

**TRUSTEE JOHNNIE GREENWOOD** – No report.

TRUSTEE BRYAN W. KOPMAN – No report.

TRUSTEE JERRY NUDERA - No report.

**TRUSTEE BRETT WHEELER** – No report. Happy New Year to all.

# **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT**: Highway Commissioner Ward presented the following:

- Recent snow removal events with minimal accumulation are a nuisance and require a fair amount of salt for de-icing.
- In between events, equipment maintenance is ongoing, and some units are being painted.
- Weather permitting routine tree trimming is being performed by in-house crews. Instances
  requiring contractor removal/trimming include height, location, and size issues. Some of the
  work is related to the July 2024 storm.
- February 3<sup>rd</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup> is the duration forecasted for Ingolsby Road closure for replacement of box culverts (under I-80 as well).

#### **ASSESSOR'S REPORT**: Assessor Kimberly Anderson reported on the following:

- The 2025-26 Assessor's proposed budget is distributed to the Board. It reflects a modest increase over last year and looking forward to future discussions at upcoming Finance Committee meetings. As always, please reach out directly with questions or concerns regarding the proposed budget.
- Outcomes from the recent "appeal season" were received from the Board of Review. The Staff
  had success on all appeals except for one small residential equity complaint.
  Annette Craven, Commercial Deputy, is updating the spreadsheet report to be distributed at the
  February meeting.
- Updates within the new system are ongoing, and Staff will begin looking at neighborhoods for possible assessment changes.

• The tentative increase multiplier for Troy Township is projected at 13.53%.

**TOWNSHIP CLERK REPORT:** Larry Ryan - No report.

**TOWNSHIP COLLECTOR'S REPORT:** Dawn Damiani – No report.

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

• Deferred his report and comments after the Administrator's report.

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

- Distributed a summary of Township Services administered for December 2024.
- In compliance with the Public Act known as the "Pesticide Application on Rights-of-Way Notification Act, the Township will provide information in the newsletter, on the website, and in the offices where public notices are posted for review. The Act requires written notice at least 24 hours in advance of any pesticide application to public rights-of-way.
- The Everbridge notification program is now live. An informational flyer was distributed and contains a QR code to sign up for all alerts from Troy Township. Elected officials are encouraged to participate in the mass texting program.
- The Township Officials of IL have released the 2025 educational and district events schedule, as well as information on the 2025 Lobby Day on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Correspond with Admin. Dylik to attend any of the sessions. The Township will pay for any registration fees, meal per diems, hotel costs, and acceptable travel expenses.

**<u>OLD BUSINESS</u>**: 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 Facility License Agreement between Troy Township and the Community Nutrition Network and Senior Services Association (CNNSSA) to provide Meals on Wheels Services at the Township Community Center from January 1, 2025, to September 30, 2028. Administrator Dylik distributed a decades long history of the Meals on Wheels program at the Township. AgeGuide, which oversees the grant funds supporting the program, is requesting the licensing agreement.

Supervisor Baltz commented on the combined efforts of our law firm, Admin. Dylik, and Community Services Director Cindy Stasell, for editing & reviewing the terms of the license agreement. No further discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Trustee Wheeler; seconded by Trustee Nudera to approve **the Facility License Agreement between Troy Township and the CNNSSA** as presented.

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

# b) Approve the Selection of Audit Services for the Fiscal Years ending March 31, 2025 through March 31, 2027.

Administrator Dylik presented the Board with the findings from the Request for Proposals. The three audit firms that responded were checked for references, experience, and pricing for the designated three-year term. Additionally, an eleven history of the Township's audit firms & expenditures were charted.

Comments from the Board (Baltz, Greenwood, Kopman) included the need to change firms every four to six years to promote a "fresh" review of the Township finances. Also, consent on the selection of Lauterbach & Amen, LLP even though their costs are slightly higher than the other quotes. No other discussion or concerns were presented.

A motion was made by Trustee Kopman; seconded by Trustee Greenwood to approve the selection of Lauterbach & Amen, LLC for Audit Services for the Fiscal Years ending March 31, 2025 through March 31, 2027.

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 Nudera; seconded by Trustee Wheeler to accept the **TOWN FUND & ASSESSOR'S BILLS** for **January 27, 2025,** as presented totaling \$57,389.23. 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 Greenwood to accept the **GENERAL ASSISTANCE BILLS** for **January 27, 2025**, as presented totaling **\$875**. No other 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 Nudera; seconded by Trustee Kopman to accept the **ROAD AND BRIDGE BILLS** for **January 27**, **2025**, as presented totaling \$35,945.72. 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.

**CLOSED SESSION:** No items presented for closed session.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Supervisor Baltz presented the following announcements:

- A) The Troy Township Offices, Community Center, and Highway Department will be closed:
  - Wednesday, February 12, 2024, for Lincoln's Birthday
  - Monday, February 17, 2025, for President's Day
- B) Next Regular Board Meeting Monday, February 24, 2025, at 7:00p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion made by Trustee Nudera; seconded by Trustee Greenwood, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:35 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