



Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
Held at Winfield Township Office
130 Arbor Avenue
West Chicago, IL 60185
6/11/2018

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM by Supervisor Smith.

Clerk Prater called roll call. Trustee Voelz, Trustee Halley, Trustee Alekna, Trustee Guglielmi and Supervisor Smith were all present.

Also present: Assessor Mark Malay, Highway Commissioner John Dusza, and Clerk Nicole Prater.

Others present: Rick Tarulis, Ed Franckoviak, Bob Heipp, Ivory Peterson

Supervisor Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Smith entertained a motion for approval for the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held May 14, 2018. Motion made by Trustee Guglielmi . Second by Trustee Alekna. No discussion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Trustee Halley- Aye	Trustee Alekna- Aye	Trustee Guglielmi-Aye
Trustee Voelz-Aye	Supervisor Smith- Aye	

Audience participation: Don Voelz- Once Audience participation is done, there is no interruption of the meeting. Audience gets 5 Minutes to speak.

Ed Franckoviak- Nice to see the agenda posted online ahead of time. However, I do not see where there are any action words to be taken on anything on the agenda. Are there any votes being taken at this meeting? If so, I do not think this is a valid agenda or meeting.

Board Audit Report:

Town Fund: \$76,866.09

General Assistance: \$6,095.60

Equipment & Building Fund: \$0.00

Social Security Road Fund: \$2,656.10

General Road Fund: \$14,777.28

Permanent Road Fund: \$46,843.43

IMRF Road District Fund: \$2,786.18

Liability Insurance Fund: \$0.00

Total of all funds: \$149,223.30

Motion made by Trustee Halley to approve the Board Audit Report. Second by Trustee Guglielmi.

No Discussion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Trustee Alekna- Aye	Trustee Guglielmi-Aye	Trustee Voelz-Aye
Trustee Halley- Aye	Supervisor Smith- Aye	

Correspondence:

Highway Commissioner John Dusza received a thank you from Wayne Township to use our chipper and manpower for a day.



Unfinished Business:

Tax Objection Update: Trustee Guglielmi stated he has many questions. He does not know if his question should be asked now or in Executive Session with the pending court case. Lawyer Rick Tarulis advised it can be done in both Open Session and Executive Session. Rick Tarulis advised the Board the next hearing is 6/26. The Strategy discussion should be done during Executive Session. Supervisor Smith asked if there was anyone else who wanted to ask attorney Tarulis any further questions.

Trustee Voelz asked why it is taking so long. You just told us they are making a motion? Haven't motions already been made? Attorney Tarulis stated yes, for 17 years. These cases go back to 2001. It is the nature of the cases and the way DuPage County prosecutes them and the way the tax objectors prioritizes them. They go after the easy cases and most profitable cases first. And, we are neither. We are very small dollars compared to some cases and we are not rolling over so they are dealing with us last. So, most of the tax objections have been settled for the older years. The objectors just keep on continuing them for all those pending years. They do not want to withdraw or dismiss them and we do not want to settle them, so they continue to go on until last year where the court made trial dates for these. We were supposed to have hearings on 5/3, but the Judge had to go thru medical procedures. So, the next date everyone was available is 6/26.

Trustee Voelz advised he does not get it. If we are going to make a motion, why can't you just say if you are not there at the hearing, then the case is dropped.

Trustee Guglielmi advised that is what we will be discussing in Executive Session.

Supervisor Smith asked if there were any other questions or comments. Hearing none, moved on.

Monthly Financial and Investment Reports: For information only.

Minutes of the Town Budget Hearing: Trustee Halley made the motion to approve. Second by Trustee Guglielmi. No discussion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Trustee Guglielmi-Aye	Trustee Voelz-Aye	Trustee Halley- Aye
Trustee Alekna- Aye	Supervisor Smith- Aye	

Minutes of the Road Budget Hearing: Trustee Halley made the motion to approve. Second by Trustee Guglielmi. No discussion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Trustee Voelz-Aye	Trustee Halley- Aye	Trustee Alekna- Aye
Trustee Guglielmi-Aye	Supervisor Smith- Aye	

Supervisor Smith advises every June we are mandated by the State to pass the Prevailing Rate of Wages for both Town and Road. These are kept here and also given to the County and the state.

Ordinance 2018-03 Town Prevailing Rate of Wages - Trustee Guglielmi made the motion to approve.

Second by Trustee Voelz. No discussion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Trustee Halley- Aye	Trustee Alekna- Aye	Trustee Guglielmi-Aye
Trustee Voelz-Aye	Supervisor Smith- Aye	

Ordinance 2018-04 Road Prevailing Rate of Wages: Trustee Halley made the motion to approve. Second by Trustee Alekna. No discussion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Trustee Alekna- Aye	Trustee Guglielmi-Aye	Trustee Voelz-Aye
Trustee Halley- Aye	Supervisor Smith- Aye	



Supervisor Smith advised every June we have a resolution for Depositories for Winfield Township Resolution 2018-5 - Depositories for Funds for Winfield Township. Trustee Halley made the motion to approve. Second by Trustee Guglielmi. No discussion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Trustee Guglielmi-Aye Trustee Voelz-Aye Trustee Halley- Aye
Trustee Alekna- Aye Supervisor Smith- Aye

Audit Contract:

Supervisor Smith advised Selden Fox can start next week and get it done at the deadline. Klein and Hall - \$9,500. Lauderbach and Amen - \$8500.00; 3-year contract and first year late with the following 2 years on a different schedule and increase ever year. Trustee Alekna asked the other two is \$8,250 for the first year with no commitment beyond that. So, only Lauderbach says 3 years, but only the first year would be at this rate and the first year would be late. Supervisor Smith advised correct and that she would like to remove Klein and Hall from the running since their rate is the highest. Trustee Guglielmi advised that leaves us with just one to choose from. Trustee Alekna wanted to understand why he thought that. Trustee Guglielmi advised Lauderbach and Amen would be a 3-year contract and it would be late to be turned in. That is not OK. Supervisor Smith made the motion to use Selden Fox as our auditor in the amount of \$8250. Second by Trustee Guglielmi. Trustee Voelz stated, on the back page of Selden Fox's proposal, he wants to know who all of those people are? Trustee Halley advised, I can see your concern, but they have points of contact on their references. I think we are OK. No further discussion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Trustee Voelz-Aye Trustee Halley- Aye Trustee Alekna- Aye
Trustee Guglielmi-Aye Supervisor Smith- Aye

Supervisor Smith advised there is nothing to report on Citizens Corps at this time.

Department Reports:

Supervisor Smith - Ride DuPage is moving along. West Chicago and Warrenville are partnering together. Winfield is not interested. We will be meeting again next month to work out more details and review the IGA being drawn up by PACE. The hope is to start advertising in September for the program that will be starting 1/1/2019.

Also, there is a new copy of the 2018/19 budget. When the Budget was being entered into the computer, we saw that 1.06 could not be used for the New Clerk Section of the budget, so we needed to give it a new number, which changed pages one and three. On the advice of the County Clerk's office, they said to redo the two pages and bring them in for them to restamp and replace the old pages.

Assessor Mark Malay - Working on 2018 assessments and working with many seniors on the senior's exemptions.

Supervisor Smith advised Assessor Malay that his staff is remarkable in working with the seniors.

Highway Commissioner John Dusza - Drainage in Woodland Subdivision is ongoing.

Contract was let with Brothers Asphalt \$100,008,000. They want to start tomorrow, so they might start mid-July and they are willing to wait for the check. Regional trail has been paved. Warrenville Ave Road repair and landscaping restored.

Blackwell Physical Plant - Mack Road work still continues

Blackwell water Installation- Waiting on IGA; work competed.

Cutting trees, second mowing complete;



250 Helmets handed out at Touch a Truck on 6/2.

Trustee Voelz – Wanted to confirm we are not doing any parades for this year. Highway Commissioner John Dusza confirmed he was not. Trustee Voelz also wanted to have another bus ride scheduled for the Board so that they can see Whiskey Creek to see how high the water is. Highway Commissioner John Dusza advised it would not be until October. Trustee Voelz also wished everyone a happy 4th of July!

Trustee Halley – Happy 4th of July! And enjoy the weather.

Trustee Alekna- Enjoy the summer.

Assessor Malay- Have a nice summer.

Highway Commissioner John Dusza - Working with Mike Fortner. The State of Illinois is denying ownership of the big ditch thru Woodland subdivision. So Mike Fortner is trying to help us get grant money to help repair their ditch. They file tax exemption for the property every year, so we will see whose responsibility it is. People retire and they lose the paperwork; it is just convenient for the state. Supervisor Smith asked about the flood area in Whiskey Creek. Have you heard from the County? Highway Commissioner John Dusza stated no, he has not received any information. He has a meeting with Greg Phelps tomorrow and will find out.

Trustee Guglielmi – Clerk, please put these comments into the Minutes verbatim: “As I alluded to last meeting, the process for next year’s levy and budget is underway, and I have found information that is very concerning. Last year, I conducted a Salary Analysis for staff positions of other townships in DuPage County. I found that our employees were grossly over-compensated in relation to comparable positions around DuPage County. Due to that information, I prepared the budget using the previous year’s actuals for salaries to indicate a “Wage Freeze.” The raises are put in on April 1. Since they had already been presented to the employees, it would be poor business practice to remove them. Therefore, during our meeting on budget prep, I informed Dona & Mark that going forward the intent would be a “Wage Freeze.” Today I am reiterating that information publically and urge the board to stand behind a “Wage Freeze” when compiling next fiscal year’s budget. During the budget preparation before last month’s meeting I conducted more research around the raises in the two previous fiscal years. All 5 employees received different percentage amount raises. Why? I asked Dona and Mark to provide me with the individual reviews for each employee and my answer was that they do not have any documented reviews. Since they work closely with those employees, they do performance reviews orally. This is completely unacceptable due to all of these salaries being paid for by constituents’ hard earned tax dollars. There must be accountability going forward. The average percentage of raises over the previous 2 years is 6.02%, ranging from 4.2% up to 8.9% individually. I do not know of any individuals and I am sure there are very few constituents, if any, that have received that percentage of raises in the past two years. As Trustees, we are the representatives of the taxpayer’s dollars to make sure they are spent correctly and responsibly. This cannot continue any longer.” Supervisor Smith asked to see the documentation on that and who received 8.4%.

Clerk Prater – I had my first Bid letting and that went well. I am looking forward to filing the prevailing wages. Everyone have a happy 4th of July! I will be walking in some parades.



Supervisor Smith - Proposed the Board go into Executive Session based on Section 2(s) 11 of Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussion of pending litigation or probable and imminent litigation which shall be specifically identified in the executive session minutes. Second by Trustee Halley. No discussion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Trustee Alekna- Aye Trustee Guglielmi-Aye Trustee Voelz-Aye
Trustee Halley- Aye Supervisor Smith- Aye

Executive Session from 7:29PM-8:12PM

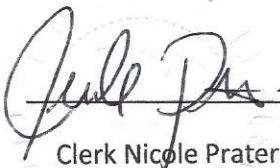
Clerk Prater called roll call. Trustee Voelz, Trustee Halley, Trustee Alekna, Trustee Guglielmi and Supervisor Smith were all present.

No action to be taken from Executive Session.

Motion for Adjournment was made by Trustee Halley. Second by Trustee Voelz. No further discussion. Motion carried on voice vote.

Trustee Guglielmi -Aye Trustee Voelz- Aye Trustee Halley-Aye
Trustee Alekna- Aye Supervisor Smith-Aye

Meeting adjourned at 8:14PM.


Clerk Nicole Prater


Supervisor Dona Smith