

## Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes Held at Winfield Township Office 130 Arbor Avenue West Chicago, IL 60185 03/09/2020

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

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

Also present: Highway Commissioner John Dusza and Clerk Nicole Prater.

Others present: None

Supervisor Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Smith entertained a motion for approval for the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held February 10, 2020. Motion made by Trustee Voelz. Second by Trustee Halley. No discussion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Trustee Halley-Aye

Trustee Alekna- Absent

Trustee Guglielmi-Absent

Trustee Voelz-Aye

Supervisor Smith-Aye

Supervisor Smith entertained a motion for approval of the Budget Workshop held February 10, 2020. Motion made by Trustee Halley. Second by Trustee Voelz. No discussion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Trustee Alekna- Absent

Trustee Guglielmi-Absent

Trustee Voelz-Aye

Trustee Halley- Aye

Supervisor Smith-Aye

Audience participation: None

Correspondence: Supervisor Smith provided the Board with the new Township Officials of Illinois Handbook. Supervisor Smith advised the lawyer fees have increased \$5.00 an hour. Highway Commissioner John Dusza received a thank you letter from Vicki Weeden Grounds Management from the Forest Preserve for clearing snow from the roads.

Board Audit Report:

Town Fund: \$ 125,316.91 General Assistance: \$ 5,656.33

Equipment & Building Fund: \$105,697.74 Social Security Road Fund: \$1,115.91 General Road Fund: \$13,021.33

Permanent Road Fund: \$37,325.58 IMRF Road District Fund: \$2,804.89

1,115.91 Liability Insurance Fund: \$50,000.00

Total of all Funds: \$340,938.69

Motion made by Trustee Halley to approve the Board Audit Report. Second by Trustee Voelz. No discussion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Trustee Voelz-Ave

Trustee Halley- Aye

Trustee Alekna- Absent

Trustee Guglielmi- Absent

Supervisor Smith-Aye



Unfinished Business: None

**New Business:** 

Monthly Financial and Investment Reports - For information only

Approval of CERT Intergovernmental Agreement 2020/2021.

Supervisor Smith advised the agreement is worded exactly how it was worded last year. It is split between the Road District and the town. Motion made by Trustee Halley. Second by Trustee Voelz. No discussion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Trustee Guglielmi-Absent

Trustee Voelz-Aye

Trustee Halley- Aye

Trustee Alekna- Absent

Supervisor Smith-Ave

Approval of Annual Town Meeting Agenda -

Supervisor Smith asked for a motion to approve. Motion made by Trustee Voelz. Second by Trustee Halley. No discussion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Trustee Guglielmi-Absent Trustee Voelz-Aye

Trustee Halley- Aye

Trustee Alekna- Absent

Supervisor Smith-Aye

## Ongoing Business:

Ride DuPage – In November, 32 rides 5 riders; in December, 24 rides 5 riders, so there are a couple more people using Ride DuPage. Supervisor Smith was able to talk with the individual who was having issues with Ride DuPage and s/he is not utilizing Ride to get to work any longer - just for extra activities, but the service is getting better. Our Winfield Township bus for the month of February had 136 stops with 61 riders. With PACE, we are working on a resolution and an amendment for next meeting to enter into another yearly agreement.

Trustee Halley asked for how long the bus will hold up. Highway Commissioner John Dusza advised the bus is in really good shape for another 5 years easily.

## Tax Objections-

Both attorneys for the Objector and the State's Attorney failed to show for 2/28/2020 court date. Case has been continuing until 8/10/2020. Clerk Prater asked would the case then get dismissed? Supervisor Smith advised, apparently not. Trustee Halley stated normally when a lawyer misses court, the case is dismissed. Supervisor Smith advised, our lawyer stated the case is borderline; it could go either way. They contacted State's Attorney's Office to see what the objector believes the total fund liability is from the Township. Assuming it may be a couple thousand dollars, they suggest we settle.

Trustee Voelz asked if he can go back to the Annual Town Meeting Agenda for a moment. At our last meeting, we discussed to add something for the Highway Department. Highway Commissioner John Dusza stated nothing can be done until my budget is approved. You cannot request a surplus on a budget that does not exist. Clerk Prater stated you can, however, request a special meeting for a particular topic and date and time. Trustee Voelz stated thank you.

Trustee Halley asked, regarding the tax objections, we are just waiting for the State's Attorney to get back to our lawyers with the total of what the charges are because the objector could not make it to court, wasting time and monies. Supervisor Smith stated, that is correct. Trustee Halley asked, did you ask if the case can be dismissed? Supervisor Smith advised since the State's Attorney was not there, the case could not be dismissed.



## **Department Reports:**

Supervisor Smith – Filling out time slots for AARP; Interested in the final numbers for the Open House. I had a wonderful time and good feedback from the public.

Assessor Mark Malay – Done with 2019 Assessments; looking to work on 2020. Good job on the open house!

Highway Commissioner John Dusza – 175 people in attendance for the Open House with 22 elected officials. We collected 50 lbs. of food; 133 glasses; 17 flags; 6 cell phones and 2 phone chargers. Ongoing pothole patching, cutting trees and trimming brush, as needed; Working on paving bid and new leaf pickup bid; would like to go out for bid in May; Working on budget; Preforming maintenance on equipment; Salt purchase complete and shed is full; ordered 800 tons for 2020/2021; Spoke in front of County Board on 2/28/2020 in regard to Pulte Construction. Due to excessive traffic that already occurs, there are going to be some traffic changes and road improvements done to Purnell that should improve the situation. Meeting with the WestWin Homeowners Association and Development Committee will be on 3/19/2020. Subdivision passed the County Board. Thank you!

Trustee Voelz – Good job, Highway Commissioner John Dusza, on the Open House. A lot of new faces; it was really nice. Could we think about starting meeting at 6:30PM? Supervisor Smith advised, not this year.

Trustee Halley – Open House was great. Good job, Highway Commissioner John Dusza and your staff. I also noticed that your roads are always the cleanest, so thank you. See you all next month.

Trustee Alekna – Absent

Trustee Guglielmi – Absent

Clerk Prater – I was very pleased with the Open House turnout. Thank you to Highway Commissioner John Dusza and his staff for setting up the Road District for the Open House. I am also looking forward to the Annual Town Meeting next month.

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

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Meeting adjourned at 7:23PM.

Trustee Voelz- Aye

Trustee Halley-Aye

Trustee Alekna- Absent

Supervisor Smith-Aye

Nicole Prater, Clerk

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