

MINUTES – BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES

STATE OF ILLINOIS

LAKE COUNTY

THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the office of the Town Clerk, 359 Merrill Ct., Libertyville Illinois, on Thursday, January 26, 2017.

Kathleen M. O'Connor-----SUPERVISOR

Anne Hansen-----CLERK

Lawrence W. Falbe-----TRUSTEE

David Nield-----TRUSTEE

Robin M. O'Connor-----TRUSTEE

Terry A. White-----TRUSTEE

Supervisor O'Connor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge to the Flag, roll call and all Board members were present. Also present were Marty Neal, Highway Commissioner, and Mike Zorn, Highway Department Maintenance Manager, Damon Cederberg and Jon Happ, Open Space Field Coordinators, Joy Bux, Accounting and Financial Specialist, and Gloria Dail, Administrative Assistant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 12, 2017

A motion by Trustee Falbe to approve the Board meeting minutes of January 12, 2017, seconded by Trustee White, all in favor, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

TOWN FUND

Motion by Trustee White and a second by Trustee O'Connor to approve the expenditures from the **Town Fund** in the amount of **\$5,162.48**. On roll call vote: Trustee White, aye, Trustee O'Connor, aye, Trustee Falbe, aye, Trustee Nield, aye, Supervisor O'Connor, aye. Motion carried.

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

Motion by Trustee O'Connor and a second by Trustee Falbe to approve the expenditures from the **Road and Bridge Fund** in the amount of **\$17,381.61**. On roll call vote: Trustee White, aye, Trustee O'Connor, aye, Trustee Falbe, aye, Trustee Nield, aye, Supervisor O'Connor, aye. Motion carried.

OPEN SPACE FUND

Motion by Trustee Falbe, and a second by Trustee O'Connor to approve the expenditures from the **Open Space Fund** in the amount of **\$154.87**. On roll call vote: Trustee White, aye, Trustee O'Connor, aye, Trustee Falbe, aye, Trustee Nield, aye, Supervisor O'Connor, aye. Motion carried.

Citizens' Comments

Pam Lee of 18407 Casey Road, Libertyville stated her concerns regarding the 33,000 square foot structure that is going to be developed for 16 horses on private property in her neighborhood. The structure is massive and obstructs the rural views homeowners' value in the area. Ms. Lee expressed concern the runoff from the horse manure will overwhelm the retention pond. Trustee Falbe said the Township should be concerned if the runoff effects the Open Space, however, the Township has limited jurisdiction. It was noted the project falls under the jurisdiction of Lake County, and the owner attained the appropriate permits. Ms. Lee said she is certain the natural areas will be impacted and encouraged the Board to go and see the project's plans. Ms. Lee said she hopes the County will test the retention pond on a regular basis, and restrict usage if the levels are deemed unacceptable. Carol August of Libertyville said Ms. Lee should obtain a FOIA request to obtain project construction documents from the County. Ms. Lee said the County would not release property documents to her. Supervisor O'Connor said she will obtain more information from the County.

TOWNSHIP REPORTS:

Assessor's Report – Absent

Clerk's Report – None

Highway Commissioner's Report

Highway Commissioner Marty Neal said the Road District has been busy inspecting the roads for resurfacing and patching. On Wednesday, March 8, 2017, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. a public meeting is scheduled for Phase I Casey Road project.

Trustees' Report – None

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor O'Connor said Lake County held one of the 4 kick-off community meetings at the Township for Paratransit Market Analysis. The 35 residents/elected officials/municipal staff in attendance provided feedback on transit needs in Lake County. Supervisor O'Connor strongly encouraged the Board to attend the next meeting.

The Township received \$3,000 in reimbursements from the Trees Forever Grants. These were grants which assisted in the improvements to bird/wildlife habitat on our Bull Creek Trail Corridor. The grants were a joint effort between the Township and the Lake County Audubon Society.

Supervisor O'Connor attended the Lake County Leadership Round Table Discussion on Wednesday, January 25, 2017. Mental Health concerns and transportation were identified as priorities for Lake County.

APPROVAL OF THE NATURAL AREAS RESTORATION TECHNICIAN POSITION – Discussion and Vote

Supervisor O'Connor said with the amount of restoration work the Township is doing, additional support is needed throughout the year. It is recommended one of the seasonal

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positions become full-time. The township will reduce the number of seasonal hires from 6 to 4. The position will be posted on the website.

A motion by Trustee Falbe, seconded by Trustee White to approve the Natural Areas Restoration Technician position. On roll call vote: Trustee White, aye, Trustee O'Connor, aye, Trustee Falbe, aye, Trustee Nield, aye, Supervisor O'Connor, aye. Motion carried.

LINDHOLM PARK BALL FIELD USAGE POLICY – Discussion & Vote

Supervisor O'Connor said Rick Mittelman, Township Attorney, has reviewed the policy. Trustee Falbe suggested changing "No subleasing" to "Permits are not assignable". The Board agreed.

A motion by Trustee O'Connor, seconded by Trustee White to approve the Lindholm Park Ball Field Usage Policy with the noted change. On roll call vote: Trustee White, aye, Trustee O'Connor, aye, Trustee Falbe, aye, Trustee Nield, aye, Supervisor O'Connor, aye. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor O'Connor said she and Sarah Surroz attended the Illinois Nature Preserve Commission Meeting held in Springfield. The Township was given preliminary approval for the addition of buffer to the Liberty Prairie Nature Preserve. The final approval will occur in May 2017.

Damon Cederberg and Jon Happ, Open Space Field Coordinators, provided an update with photographs on the Casey Road Restoration Project.

Supervisor O'Connor reported on the status of the Casey Road Restoration Feasibility Study.

Supervisor O'Connor reviewed the ridership data of the Ride Lake County Program. Approximately 50% of the rides provided are for employment.

NEW BUSINESS – None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn by Trustee Falbe and a second by Trustee White. All in favor, aye, Motion carried. **Time: 7:58p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Hansen, Township Clerk