

MINUTES – BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
LAKE COUNTY**

THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met virtually on Zoom on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The Zoom link was published with the agenda and posted on the Township website Tuesday, May 12, 2020.

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

Anne Hansen----- CLERK

Carol A. August----- TRUSTEE

Matthew A. Kovatch----- TRUSTEE

David Nield----- TRUSTEE

Terry A. White----- TRUSTEE

Supervisor O'Connor called the virtual Zoom meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge to the Flag, roll call and all Board Members were virtually present except Trustee White and Trustee August who were having some technical difficulties logging on to the site. Highway Commissioner Neal was also present. There were two members of the public also in attendance virtually.

The Board reviewed the General Assistance bills from March and April.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 30, 2020

A motion by Trustee Nield and a second by Trustee Kovatch to approve the April 30, 2020 Board Meeting minutes. All in favor, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

TOWN FUND

Motion by Trustee Nield and a second by Trustee Kovatch to approve the expenditures from the **Town Fund** in the amount of **\$2,816.52**. There was no additional discussion. On roll call vote: Trustee Nield, aye, Trustee Kovatch, aye, Supervisor O'Connor, aye. Motion carried.

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

Motion by Trustee Kovatch and a second by Trustee Nield to approve the expenditures from the **Road and Bridge Fund** in the amount of **\$35,406.72**. There was no additional discussion. On roll call vote: Trustee Nield, aye, Trustee Kovatch, aye, Supervisor O'Connor, aye. Motion carried.

Trustee August joined the Board at 7:04 p.m.

OPEN SPACE FUND

Motion by Trustee August and a second by Trustee Kovatch to approve the expenditures from the Open Space Fund in the amount of **\$17,005.17**. There was no additional discussion. On roll call vote: Trustee Nield, aye, Trustee August, aye, Trustee Kovatch, aye, Supervisor O'Connor, aye. Motion carried.

Trustee White joined the Board at 7:06 p.m.

Citizens' Comments

Citizens were invited on the website to send questions or concerns via email. There was one public comment received from Mr. Rob Eckmann. The email was read aloud by the Supervisor.

TOWNSHIP REPORTS:

Assessor's Report

Supervisor O'Connor said Assessor Feeney was not able to join the meeting. She reported their office has been very busy with phone calls regarding tax bills and problems with the Senior Freeze. Trustee Nield asked some questions about the revised budget. Supervisor O'Connor said Assessor Feeney reduced their budget but would like the ability to hire someone in the future. Trustee August said they may need to hire during the particularly busy times during the year.

Clerk's Report – None

Highway Commissioner's Report

The Road District has been approved to receive a grant from Lake County Stormwater Management Commission which will pay for approximately 80% of a Countryside Manor drainage project. Trustee August said the work has made a positive impact with neighborhood drainage issues.

Trustees' Report – No Report

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor O'Connor thanked the Township staff for their assistance with the food pantry.

APPROVAL OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FROM CLARKE ENVIRONMENTAL MOSQUITO MANAGEMENT, INC. FOR THE 2020 SEASON – DISCUSSION & VOTE

The Core Larval Control Service includes inspecting potential breeding sites (ponds, swales, ditches, etc.) and controlling the mosquito immature stages before they emerge as flying adults. The agreement includes 6 adult sprayings at \$1,973.00 per application.

A motion by Trustee Kovatch and a second by Trustee White to approve the Professional Services Agreement from Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management in the amount of

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\$32,838.00. Trustee Kovatch asked about the number of sprayings per year. Supervisor O'Connor said typically there are 4 sprayings per year. The sprayings are coordinated so they coincide with the surrounding communities. On roll call vote: Trustee White, aye, Trustee Nield, aye, Trustee August, aye, Trustee Kovatch, aye, Supervisor O'Connor, aye. Motion carried.

2020-2021 DRAFT TOWN FUND BUDGET – DISCUSSION

Supervisor O'Connor reviewed the Draft Budget. If the Shelter in Place is extended, the Township will need to evaluate current operations. The Board will vote at the May 28th meeting. The draft budgets are available for the public to view. Supervisor O'Connor said the County approved payment of property taxes in 4 installments. The Township is expecting the first tax distribution this week: \$81,600 for Town and \$47,000 for Road. Additional discussion ensued.

2020-2021 DRAFT ROAD & BRIDGE BUDGET – DISCUSSION

NOTE: PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING & BOARD VOTE 5.28.2020

Highway Commissioner Neal reviewed the Budget and discussion ensued.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor O'Connor reported the roof project was completed on Thursday, May 14, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

On Thursday, May 14, 2020, the Township received a request from Land and Water Resources, Inc. to sell off-site mitigation credits at Atkinson Road Property. Supervisor O'Connor explained the compensation to the Township under the Atkinson Road Property Mitigation Bank contract. With the proposed sale of off-site mitigation credits, LAWR, Inc. has proposed the Township receive \$6,000 per credit and 10% of all sales made. Supervisor O'Connor asked the Board to consider the request as it will be on the May 28th agenda. Some discussion ensued.

Highway Commissioner Neal thanked the Supervisor and staff for their help with a difficult tree removal situation.

Trustees Nield and Kovatch asked if the Trustees can return a portion or their entire compensation to the Township. She stated the Township is required to issue the paycheck but an individual can donate those dollars back to the Township. In response, the Township would send an acknowledgment of the donation received.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn by Trustee August and a second by Trustee White. All in favor, aye. Motion carried. **Time: 7:38 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,


Anne Hansen, Township Clerk