

MINUTES – BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES

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LAKE COUNTY

THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the office of the Town Clerk, 359 Merrill Ct., Libertyville Illinois, on Thursday, August 13, 2015.

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

Anne Hansen-----CLERK

Phil Collins-----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 except Trustee Nield. Also present were Martin Neal, Highway Commissioner, Pam Milroy, Financial Director and Gloria Dail, Administrative Assistant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 23, 2015

A motion by Trustee O'Connor to approve the Board meeting minutes of July 23, 2015, seconded by Trustee White, all in favor, aye. Motion carries.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

The Board reviewed the expenditures from the General Assistance Fund for the month of May, 2015.

TOWN FUND

Motion by Trustee Collins with a second by Trustee O'Connor to approve the expenditures from the **Town Fund** in the amount of **\$6,940.22**. On roll call vote: Trustee White, aye, Trustee O'Connor, aye, Trustee Collins, aye, Supervisor O'Connor, aye. Motion carries.

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

Motion by Trustee White and a second by Trustee O'Connor to approve the expenditures from the **Road and Bridge Fund** in the amount of **\$14,854.84**. On roll call vote: Trustee White, aye, Trustee O'Connor, aye, Trustee Collins, aye, Supervisor O'Connor, aye. Motion carries.

OPEN SPACE FUND

Motion by Trustee O'Connor and a second by Trustee Collins to approve the expenditures from the **Open Space Fund** in the amount of **\$1,597.61**. On roll call vote: Trustee White, aye, Trustee O'Connor, aye, Trustee Collins, aye, Supervisor O'Connor, aye. Motion carries.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS: None

TOWNSHIP REPORTS:

ASSESSOR – Absent

CLERK – None

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

Highway Commissioner Martin Neal said the utilities relocation on Tanglewood, Rockland Road and Sunset Acres should be finished by the end of September.

Highway Commissioner Neal reported there is a culvert collapsing on Casey Road. Casey Road will be closed for 6 hours on August 25, 2015 to complete the repairs. Discussion ensued.

TRUSTEES – None

SUPERVISOR

Supervisor O'Connor made some general announcements regarding the Food Pantry. The Township received a generous donation of school supplies from Mowery & Schoenfeld, LLC.

RT 137 BULL CREEK CONNECTOR TRAIL – UPDATE

Supervisor O'Connor said the lease agreement with ComEd has been fully executed. The Township has received a copy of the preliminary construction schedule from Team Reil. The start date is scheduled for Monday, August 24. The Village has received a copy of the construction schedule. The website has been updated regarding the status of the project.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor O'Connor said 20 agencies have picked up applications for the social service grants. To date, we have received 8 completed applications. The applications are due Tuesday, August 18th. The Board will be discussing and awarding the allocations in September.

Supervisor O'Connor explained a large amount of land that makes up Liberty Prairie, Oak Openings and the farm fields of our Casey Road Land Use Project was at one time owned by Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley. These lands were part of their Windblown Hill Estate, the remainder of which is still sizable and owned by their descendants. The Township's understanding is that Mr. and Mrs. Donnelley enjoyed these lands for many years and took great pleasure in permanently protecting them through conservation easements and dedication as Illinois Nature Preserves before transferring them to the Libertyville Township Open Space District for long-term stewardship. They sold some parcels to the Township, but donated a sizable section at the corner of Route 45 and Casey Road. The Township's understanding is that they were great supporters of the Township's newly created Open Space District.

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Conserve Lake County recently applied to the Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation for \$200,000 grant for our Casey Road Project. The Foundation is one of the largest in Illinois annually distributing \$5.7 million. The Foundation seeks projects that lead to landscape-scale land preservation and stewardship. It also encourages strategic land conservation partnerships, and has provided significant support to Conserve Lake County over the years.

The Township is very hopeful about this proposal and expect to learn the decision on it in mid-December. Discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor O'Connor said the Township received notice that Craig Dowden has resigned his position on the Libertyville Fire Protection District. The District is in the process of finding a replacement.

Pam Milroy has announced her retirement for the end of August, 2015. Ms. Milroy has faithfully served the Township for 22 years as a trustee and as the Director of Finance. The Township is incredibly grateful for her many years of service.

The Township has hired Joy Bux as Ms. Milroy's replacement; her start date was August 5 and she will receive training during the entire month of August.

Supervisor O'Connor said there are still ongoing negotiations with Pace. Discussion ensued.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion by Trustee White seconded by Trustee O'Connor to adjourn the meeting, all in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Time: 7:28

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Hansen
Township Clerk