

**MINUTES - BOARD of TOWN TRUSTEES**

**STATE of ILLINOIS**

**TYPE OF MEETING HELD: Regular**

**LASALLE COUNTY,**

**SS.**

**TIME MEETING BEGAN: 5:00 pm**

**TOWN of BRUCE**

**TIME MEETING ENDED: 5:27 pm**

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The February 10, 2021 meeting of the Bruce Township Board of Trustees opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Highway Commissioner John M. Barton and Assessor Mary Sullivan were in attendance. The meeting was conducted by Mr. Henry Araujo as chairman and recorded by Clerk Marsha Johnston.

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING'S MINUTES:**

The first order of business was to read and approve the minutes from the January 13, 2021 Regular Meeting.

**MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Orban**

**2<sup>nd</sup> BY: Trustee Harrison**

That the minutes of the January 13, 2021 Regular Meeting be approved. No further discussion was required.

**Aye's: 5**

**Nay's: 0**

**Motion: Carried**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Trustee Harrison thanked everyone for the plant that was sent to his family in memory of his mother, Jean Harrison who passed away at the age of 99 years old on January 21, 2021 She served as Bruce Township secretary for 28 years.

**TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF BILLS**

A summary of the bills was distributed for review.

**MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Christensen**

**2<sup>nd</sup> BY: Trustee Baumrucker**

That the bills be allowed and paid for TOWNSHIP

No further discussion was required. Clerk Johnston took the roll call vote:

Trustee Randy Baumrucker: aye

Trustee Jerry Christensen: aye

Trustee Bob Harrison: aye

Trustee Scott Orban: aye

Supervisor Henry Araujo: aye

**Aye's: 5**

**Nay's: 0**

**Motion: Carried**

**MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Christensen**

**2<sup>nd</sup> BY: Trustee Harrison**

That the bills be allowed and paid for GENERAL ASSISTANCE

No further discussion was required. Clerk Johnston took the roll call vote:

Trustee Randy Baumrucker: aye

Trustee Jerry Christensen: aye

Trustee Bob Harrison: aye

Trustee Scott Orban: aye

Supervisor Henry Araujo: aye

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Aye's: 5

Nay's: 0

Motion: Carried

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Orban

2<sup>nd</sup> BY: Trustee Baumrucker

That the bills be allowed and paid for ROAD and BRIDGE

No further discussion was required. Clerk Johnston took the roll call vote:

Trustee Randy Baumrucker: aye

Trustee Jerry Christensen: aye

Trustee Bob Harrison: aye

Trustee Scott Orban: aye

Supervisor Henry Araujo: aye

Aye's: 5

Nay's: 0

Motion: Carried

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### SUPERVISOR'S:

Spring Simmons was hired to replace Art Watson as office manager when Art retires at the end of March. John from AARP will not be doing taxes for senior citizens in the hall this year. Because of Covid 19, he is picking up resident's taxes at the Supervisor Araujo's office and will return them within two weeks. This is only available for a short time.

#### HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S:

Commissioner Barton spoke about the road shared with Otter Creek Township and Bruce Township. The agreement would have Bruce Township responsible for the maintenance of E 18<sup>th</sup> Rd (North Otter Creek Rd) beginning from the location of the Bruce Township Rd Department garage (1620 N Otter Creek Rd) and proceeding north on E 18<sup>th</sup> Rd for approximately 3.5 miles to the intersection of E 18<sup>th</sup> Rd and N 18<sup>th</sup> Rd. The engineer from LaSalle County said it would not affect the mileage between the two townships as far as Motor Fuel Tax.

Concerns about plowing the end of 12<sup>th</sup> Street were brought up to the board. The last houses are not in the city limits and are the township's responsibility.

#### ASSESSOR'S

The assessor's office has been busy helping the senior citizens from Bruce Township with paperwork concerning the Homestead Exemption. They have asked that the residents file by mail, if possible, and are encouraged to call if they have questions. Anyone who does come in has their temperature taken and must wear a mask. No notary is needed because of Covid 19.

#### TRUSTEE'S:

None

#### OTHER:

Clerk Johnston stated that the petitions were certified with LaSalle Clerk's office and also no write-ins filed with the County Clerk's office. The deadline for Bruce Township voters to request items be put on the agenda for the April Annual Meeting is March 1, 2021. Clerk Johnston also asked the board to get the word out about scholarships available for seniors from the Townships of Illinois. Deadline is March 1, 2021.

### REPORTS BY SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

#### HEALTH BOARD:

None

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Clerk Johnston read the Loss Control Policy for 2021. It was signed by the trustees, Supervisor Araujo, Clerk Johnston, Assessor Sullivan, and Road Commissioner Barton and will be put on file.

**MOTION MADE BY:** Trustee Christensen  
That the meeting be adjourned.

**2<sup>nd</sup> BY:** Trustee

**Aye's:** 5

**Nay's:** 0

**Motion:** Carried

