

MINUTES - BOARD of TOWN TRUSTEES

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TYPE OF MEETING HELD: Regular

LASALLE COUNTY,

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TIME MEETING BEGAN: 5:00pm

TOWN of BRUCE

TIME MEETING ENDED: 5:32pm

The June 8, 2016 meeting of the Bruce Township Board of Trustees opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Highway Commissioner John M. Barton was in attendance. The meeting was conducted by Mr. Henry Araujo as chairman and recorded by Clerk Sheryl Sedlock.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING'S MINUTES:

The first order of business was to read and approve the minutes from the May 11, 2016 Regular Meeting.

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Steve Biroshchik

2nd BY: Trustee Jerry Christensen

That the minutes of the May 11, 2016 Regular Meeting be approved. No further discussion was required.

Aye's: 5

Nay's: 0

Motion: Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments raised at the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF BILLS

A summary of the bills was distributed for review.

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Christensen

2nd BY: Trustee Biroshchik

That the bills be allowed and paid.

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

Trustee Bob Harrison: Aye

Trustee Jerry Christensen: Aye

Trustee Randy Baumrucker: Aye

Trustee Steve Biroshchik: Aye

Supervisor Henry Araujo: Aye

Aye's: 5

Nay's: 0

Motion: Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR'S:

Supervisor Araujo shared with the board that he had received a request for donation from the University of Illinois's 4H fair program. There was a brief discussion on the merit of the program and whether the township should be providing such donations. Trustee Biroshchik expressed concerns with donating tax payer money for any cause. The board was unanimous in the view that we should decline the request for donation at this time.

Supervisor Araujo distributed copies of a letter he had received from the LaSalle County Assessment Office dated May 12, 2016 regarding Resolution #16-45. It stated that on April 14, 2016, Resolution #16-45 was passed by the LaSalle County, County Board to bill the township boards for any costs incurred by the Supervisor of Assessments for completing township assessments as required by law. Supervisor Araujo does not believe this will affect Bruce Township given Assessor Mary Sullivan's efforts to complete the approximate 7,000 assessments. However, he wanted to the board to be aware of the notice.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S:

Highway Commissioner Mike Barton gave the board an update on the activities related to the Marilla Park Road embankment reinforcement project which included trimming trees and stacking the blocks. Efforts will continue for the next couple of weeks.

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Highway Commissioner Barton shared that he has gathered information on what it will take to become certified for spraying weeds. He still needs to go through the information in more detail but he understands that classes are offered several times a year and they are done for this year. A self study option may be available to prepare for the required test. This option may work better for his team for this year.

Highway Commissioner Barton was asked if the section of Golf Road, which was affected by recent sewer line work, affected Bruce Township roads. Highway Commissioner Barton indicated that the portion of the road affected was annexed by the City of Streator earlier this year when property in the area was annexed by the city. Highway Commissioner Barton shared what he knew about the City of Streator's plans for the road repair in that area. He has an agreement with the City of Streator concerning the work that had been planned to oil and chip that road prior to the annexation. A brief discussion followed concerning plans for Bruce Township roads this year.

ASSESSOR'S:

Assessor Sullivan was unable to attend the meeting.

TRUSTEE'S:

There were no reports offered.

OTHER:

There were no other reports presented.

REPORTS BY SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

HEALTH BOARD:

Supervisor Araujo informed the board that a follow up article in The Times in the June 2, 2016 edition indicated that the property at 611 West 3rd Street had been sold by Douglas Johnson in 2013. The transfer of the deed was not recorded at the time of the sale so there was no way to know of the new ownership. The deed was recorded recently showing the transfer of ownership to Clarence Benson in 2013. In the article it was stated that it appears that someone has started to mow the grass at this property and the broken windows have been boarded up. There was a brief discussion on the issue. Highway Commissioner Barton and Supervisor Araujo confirmed that they had observed that there has been some progress on the lawn but there was still work to be done primarily in the backyard.

OLD BUSINESS:

It was noted that the Agenda had a typo and the Prevailing Wage item is actually an Old Business not New Business topic. A draft version of the Bruce Township Ordinance - Prevailing Wage, Ordinance 2016C was distributed. The ordinance indicates that Bruce Township and Bruce Township Road District will adhere to the same prevailing rate of wages for construction work in LaSalle County area as determined by the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois as of June 2016. There was a brief discussion.

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Christensen

2nd BY: Trustee Bob Harrison

That the Bruce Township Ordinance – Prevailing Wage, Ordinance 2016C be adopted. No further discussion was required.

Aye's: 5

Nay's: 0

Motion: Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk Sedlock distributed copies of the Township Officials of Illinois (TOI) 2015 Township Salary Survey results. This information may be helpful in the board's efforts to set the salaries for the Elected Officials for the term beginning in May 15, 2017 (January 1, 2018 for the Assessor). The salaries must be set no later than November 16, 2016 (which is 180 days prior to the beginning of the term). The board agreed to bring proposals in to the September regular meeting, discuss the proposals and make any required changes in the October regular meeting and vote on the final version of the salaries in the November regular meeting. This schedule will meet the required November 16, 2016 deadline.

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MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Biroschik
That the meeting be adjourned.

2nd BY: Trustee Harrison

Aye's: 5

Nay's: 0

Motion: Carried

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