

**Minutes – Board of Town Trustees
October 15, 2015**

STATE OF ILLINOIS
Crawford County
Town of Robinson

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES met at the Robinson Township Office at 6:00 p.m. October 15, 2015.

The following official business was transacted. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry McCoy.

Clerk Vickie Gribben then called the roll.

PRESENT:	Larry McCoy	Township Supervisor
	Vickie Gribben	Township Clerk
	Dave Lachenmayr	Township Highway Commissioner
	Sue Roberts	Assessor
	Shirley Berry	Township Trustee
	Lori Hodge	Township Trustee
	Pat Richards	Township Trustee
	Greg Wolfe	Township Trustee

Persons from the public attending the meeting were as follows: Becky Taylor, Janie Thackrey, and Matthew Wilson.

Item 3, Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Item 4, Mr. McCoy asked if the trustees had any questions or changes concerning the minutes of the September 17, 2015 regular Monthly Board Meeting. There being none, Shirley Berry made the motion, seconded by Greg Wolfe, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried with vote as follows: Greg Wolfe-yes; Larry McCoy-yes; Shirley Berry-yes; Pat Richards-yes; Lori Hodge-yes.

Under Item 5A, the Supervisor's report, Mr. McCoy noted the monthly account balances from September 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015. He stated that the interest rate has remained the same on the Certificates of Deposit at First Robinson Savings Bank. He referred to what has been done through intergovernmental agreements with General Assistance. Mr. McCoy told the trustees that the Township still has one distribution to come from property taxes. He referred the board to the lease agreement between Joe Trimble and the Township concerning the acreage East of the Robinson New Cemetery and asked the trustees to sign it.

Under Item 5B, the Highway Commissioner said that they had been very busy the last two months. Two of the crew members had just had serious medical problems but were improving. It would be three to four weeks before one of the crew was back. The other man had been working part days while undergoing treatment. Another fellow broke his left hand, but that accident did not occur at work. A lot has been done on the new building. Lines were run for gas, water, electric and air. Tim Inboden installed the septic system. Insulation has been placed in the ceiling. The boiler system has been hooked up and should be going within the next few days. The first Monday in November insulation will be sprayed on the side walls. Next will be running the electric on the inside walls. Also the people responsible for installing the guttering hope to put it up the week of this township meeting.

A final mowing will be started next week. Most of the crops are out of the fields which helps the road crew clean the ditches and up to edge of the fields.

Mr. McCoy stated he wanted to backtrack to the installing of the Township sign. If Mr. Anderson isn't able to get the sign up by the next meeting, Mr. McCoy has a backup plan. There's a lady in Newton who does signs, and he will use her. She did the sign for Timber Creek Village.

Under Item 5C, Assessor's report, Sue Roberts said she had nothing to report at this time.

Item 6A, Continued Business, Resolution for reduced speed limit at second entrance of West Lake. Mr. McCoy said that the necessary corrections have been made and there is a drawing that shows the proposed location for the speed limit signs. Mr. Lachenmayr said that three or four people had approached him about reducing the hill. He spoke with Justin Childress and Don Bailey who said the cost would be astronomical to cut the hill. Mr. Lachenmayr and Mr. Childress came up with lowering the speed limit. There is a day care center that would also benefit from the safety factor of reducing the speed. Mr. Childress said that the sign would really help with the liability factor if the speed were reduced from 50 mph to 35 mph should there be any accident there. Mr. McCoy moved to accept the resolution as written. Lori Hodge seconded. Motion carried with vote as follows: Larry McCoy-yes; Shirley Berry-yes; Pat Richards-yes; Lori Hodge-yes; Greg Wolfe-yes.

Item 7A, New Business. Tentative Tax Levies Copies for Town & Road handed out. Final action is to be taken at the November board meeting. Mr. McCoy asked if Mr. Lachenmayr wanted to say anything. Mr. Lachenmayr said that asking for the maximum tax rate is necessary to receive help from the County if a major bridge or culvert needs replaced. Lori Hodge made the motion to hold the hearing at 5:45 P.M. on November 19, 2015. Pat Richards seconded. Motion carried with vote as follows: Shirley Berry-yes; Pat Richards-yes; Lori Hodge-yes; Greg Wolfe-yes; Larry McCoy-yes. Mr. McCoy noted that the Township is levying a three per cent increase from last year only on the General Town Fund, the Assessor's Fund and the Cemetery Fund. Everything else will remain the same as last year.

Item 7B, Approval of Marathon's Equal Assessed Valuation. Mr. McCoy said there was a dispute over the projects under the Enterprise Zone and also those projects required under pollution control statutes. To avert going to the PTAB Board, the County Board Chairman and School Board representatives did most of the negotiating with the advice of legal counsel. They agreed to take a two million dollar settlement to be divided among the taxing bodies based upon what each body's taxing rate is, to be paid in two yearly installments, starting after December 1, 2015. Robinson Township will receive \$29,468.60 and Robinson Township Road and Bridge will receive \$38,896.68 and the same amounts will be distributed the following year. He told the trustees they could also see the amounts distributed to the other various taxing bodies on pages 3 and 4 of the Robinson Refinery Real Property Tax Assessment Settlement Intergovernmental Agreement.

The second paper is the multi-year agreement on the value of the refinery less the laboratory abatement amount. Mr. McCoy said page 4 of that paper lists the net taxable value for the tax years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018. He said the assessed value goes up incrementally for those years. Mr. Lachenmayr asked if this would affect the tax levies, meaning the 5 per cent the levy can increase. Mrs. Roberts said it was good to have a multi-year agreement. Mr. McCoy called for a motion to approve Marathon's EAV. Greg Wolfe made the motion to approve seconded by Shirley Berry. Motion carried with vote as follows: Pat Richards-yes; Lori Hodge-yes; Greg Wolfe-yes; Larry McCoy-yes; Shirley Berry-yes.

Mr. McCoy told the board that Robinson Township will have about \$5000.00 in legal fees to pay for the cost of negotiation.

Item 8A, Approval of Town, General Assistance, and Payroll bills. Lori Hodge moved to approve payment of Town, G.A., and Payroll bills. Greg Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion carried with vote as follows: Lori Hodge-yes; Greg Wolfe-yes; Larry McCoy-yes; Shirley Berry-yes; Pat Richards-yes.

Item 8B, Shirley Berry made a motion to pay the Road District bills. Lori Hodge seconded the motion. Motion carried with vote as follows: Greg Wolfe-yes; Larry McCoy-yes; Shirley Berry-yes; Pat Richards; Lori Hodge-yes.

Item 8C: Shirley Berry made a motion, seconded by Greg Wolfe, to pre-approve payment of Elected Officials for the time period of October 16, 2015 through November 19, 2015. Motion carried with vote as follows: Larry McCoy-yes; Shirley Berry-yes; Pat Richards-yes; Lori Hodge-yes; Greg Wolfe-yes.

Item 9: Lori Hodge made a motion, seconded by Shirley Berry, to pay per diem. Motion carried with vote as follows: Shirley Berry-yes; Pat Richards-yes; Lori Hodge-yes; Greg Wolfe-yes; Larry McCoy-yes.

Item 10: Public Comments. Matthew Wilson said that the cemetery drives look nice since they have been resealed. Shirley Berry added that the parking lot at the Township Office also looks great since it has been resealed but the stripes need to be farther apart.

Item 11: Lori Hodge made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Shirley Berry seconded. Motion carried with all in favor voting aye.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Gribben
Township Clerk

Larry McCoy
Township Supervisor