

Coe Township
9327 239th Street North
Port Byron, IL 61275
309/523-2497

Town Board Meeting: September 19, 2016

Members Present: Steve Simpson, Rick Mitton, Brenna Francisko, Paul Riewerts, Michael OHara, Ann Tague, Betsey Morthland

Members Absent: Mark Kruckenberg

Guests: Kenny Reveal, Jim Hecker

August Minutes were read by Brenna Francisko – Paul Riewerts motioned to accept with one change, Mike OHara seconded, motion carried.

Visitor Comments: None

Supervisor's Report:

- We received from Rock Island County the tentative EAV less TIF value of \$42,577,565 – which is about a four million dollar increase compared to last year.
- Annie received a FOIA request from Local Labs Media Services for a non-PDF electronic version of the budget ordinance – we can only supply it to them in a PDF scanned version or paper copy. We responded by to them to see if they still wanted us to send a copy.

Highway Commissioner's Report:

- Roy is back to work – was on light duty for 2-3 weeks before returning to full duty.
- Received signed agreement from Zuma Township. Rick is going to list our grader in the Perspective publication requesting sealed bids with a minimum sales price.
- Rick would like to do an inter-governmental agreement with Canoe Creek for the maintenance of Seven Hills. We are responsible for one side of the road and Canoe Creek is responsible for the other side.
- Tree sap was applied to the roads.
- Crew is currently working on installing culverts, ditching, clean-up, etc.

Assessor's Report:

- Equalization factor is 1.07 which is a seven percent increase compared to last year.

Clerk's Report:

- Attended the Illinois Treasurer's Seminary earlier this month. The annual treasurer's report was extended for every entity this year due to the late notices and the software changes.

Trustee Report: None

Cemetery Board:

- Paul sent out minutes from the last Cemetery Board meeting.
- Paul picked up the sign for Fairfield Cemetery, now we just need to install.
- Someone wants to purchase a lot in the uncharted part of the cemetery.
- Paul created an invoice form for Sexton Fee Reimbursement.

Old Business:

- Betsey Morthland made a motion to keep the township officials wages the same as last four years, Paul Riewerts seconded the motion, motion called all in favor.

New Business:

- We cannot get bulbs replacement bulbs anymore for the shop due to EPA regulation changes. Rick got a quote from Springfield Electric – 15 fixtures with 6 bulbs each that are 4 foot long would be roughly \$2500. The board requested that Rick get a quote for LED lighting and conversion kits for our existing fixtures. We would also need to rent a list at either \$130 per day or \$350 per week.
- Paul Riewerts made a motion to sell the old radios, which we have been able to sell because they are obsolete due to regulation changes, to Mark Kruckenberg for \$1. Michael OHara seconded the motion, motion carried.
- The Cemetery Board has requested authorization to purchase a hand held metal detector to help locate lots in the newer section of the cemetery (markers are a rod with a metal pin). Paul Riewerts will obtain a quote for the board to review.
- Cemetery Board has questioned when we are supposed to fly the flags at half staff. We need to look into the federal laws and see if it lists the requirements.
- Cemetery Board has requested permission to add a fee for locating Head Stone Markers. The board agreed that this should be voted on by the Cemetery Board.

Monthly bills were passed around to the Trustees – Paul Riewerts motioned to accept, Michael OHara seconded, motion carried.

Next Meeting is October 17, 2016 at 6:30pm

Paul Riewerts motioned for adjournment, Betsey Morthland seconded, motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.