

**BRUCE TOWNSHIP  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MINUTES**

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**6:00pm**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018**

Clerk Marsha Johnston called the 2018 Annual Town Meeting for Bruce Township to order at 6:00pm on April 10, 2018. Clerk Johnston noted for the record that everyone present had signed in and after having their residency verified using the Supervisor of Elections Voter Registration List dated 04/06/2018 obtained from the LaSalle County Clerk's office. There were 9 people signed in at the start of the meeting and 8 verified to have voter status of Active. Clerk Johnston then moved to the first order of business which was the nomination of a Moderator to conduct the meeting. A motion was made by Henry Araujo, seconded by Randy Baumrucker, to nominate Gerald (Jerry) Christensen as Moderator. Clerk Johnston called for any other nominations. No other nominations were received. Clerk Johnston closed the nominations. Clerk Johnston called for a vote on the nomination of Jerry Christensen. Jerry Christensen was elected Moderator by unanimous vote. Clerk Johnston administered the Oath of Moderator to Jerry Christensen.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:**

Moderator Christensen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

MOTION MADE BY: Henry Araujo    2<sup>nd</sup> BY: Bob Harrison  
That the minutes of the April 11, 2017 Annual Town Meeting be approved. No further discussion was required.

Ayes: 7          Nays: 0    Motion: Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Moderator Christensen asked for any Public Comment. Moderator Christensen confirmed that residents would be allowed to speak throughout the meeting on the topics covered by the agenda. There were no additional public comments voiced from the floor at this time.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Moderator Christensen asked if everyone had a chance to review the Supervisor's Statement of Financial Affairs for the Town Fund for the period of April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018 which had been posted in the lobby of the Bruce Township Office Building for public review. Moderator Christensen asked if there were any comments on the Supervisor's Statement of Financial Affairs. No further questions or comments were raised.

MOTION MADE BY: Randy Baumrucker                      2<sup>nd</sup> BY: John M. Barton  
That the Supervisor's Statement of Financial Affairs for the Town Fund for the period of April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018 be accepted. It was noted that the Moderator does not vote during Town Meetings.

Ayes: 7      Nays: 0    Motion: Carried

Moderator Christensen then asked if everyone had time to review the Road District Statement of Financial Affairs for the Road Bridge Fund for the period of April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018 which had also been posted on April 6, 2018 in the Bruce Township Office Lobby for review by the public. He then asked if there were any questions or comments on the report. No further questions or comments were raised.

MOTION MADE BY: Lynne Baumrucker                      2<sup>nd</sup> BY: Scott Orban  
That the Road District Statement of Financial Affairs for the Road Bridge Fund for the period of April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018 be accepted.

Moderator Christensen asked for any comments or discussion. No discussion was needed. Moderator Christensen called for a voice vote:

Aye's: 7    Nay's: 0    Motion: Carried

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

The Township Supervisor's Annual Report and the Highway Commissioner's Annual Report were covered in the Treasurer's Report section of the agenda. There were no other committee reports reviewed at this meeting.

**REPORTS BY SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

There were no special committees reporting submitted for review at this meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A brief review of the 2017 Bruce Township Annual Town Meeting Minutes dated April 11, 2017 determined there was no old business to be addressed. Randy Baumrucker wanted it to be noted that the Trustees and Board were exonerated from any wrongdoing concerning the GA Fund and illegal meetings. No meetings were held by the board without the public knowledge. Emergency Fund was established correctly and has been very helpful to the clients of Bruce Township. A letter sent from Lisa Madigan, Attorney General of Illinois stating this matter is closed and no misappropriations were done.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Clerk Johnston reported that no items of business from the public were presented to her by the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

Moderator Christensen asked that Clerk Johnston report the yearly salaries of all officials for 2018. The salaries for the following positions were set by the Bruce Township Board in RESOLUTION 2016A dated October 12, 2016:

Supervisor - \$44564.00

Town Clerk - \$12985.00

Trustee - \$3700.00

Road Commissioner - \$44564.00

Assessor - 1/1/18 - 12/31/18 \$44723.00

1/1/19 - 12/31/19 \$45617.00

In addition, the Supervisor receives an annual stipend of \$300.00 for serving on the Health Board, an annual stipend of \$1,000.00 for serving as the Town Treasurer, an annual stipend of \$1,000.00 for serving as the Road & Bridge Treasurer,

In addition, the Clerk receives annual stipends of \$300.00 for serving on the Health Board.

There was no further discussion required.

Moving to the next agenda item, Moderator Christensen indicated that a motion was needed concerning the banking facilities Bruce Township would be allowed to use this fiscal year. Henry Araujo gave a brief overview of what has been done in the past and how he uses the local banking facilities. He expressed that he would like to continue to be allowed to use all local banking facilities, including credit unions for the township. Henry Araujo noted that when CDs come due he calls around to get the best rate.

MOTION MADE BY: Henry Araujo  
That Bruce Township is allowed to use any and all banking facilities within the City of Streator and the Illinois Fund in Springfield, Illinois.  
for a voice vote:

2<sup>nd</sup> BY: Scott Orban

Aye's: 7

Nay's: 0

Motion: Carried

Moderator Christensen then noted that the 2019 Annual Town Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 6pm and that the schedule for the 2018-2019 Regular Board of Trustee Meeting had been set and approved at the March 14, 2018 Regular Board Meeting and was posted in The Times, at the Bruce Township office building, the Streator Public Library, and on the Bruce Township website

Moderator Christensen called for any additional topics to be discussed. No additional topics were raised.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There were no additional items of business to be discussed.

MOTION MADE BY: John M. Barton  
That the meeting be adjourned.

2<sup>nd</sup> BY: Scott Orban

Moderator Christensen called for a voice vote and the motion was unanimously carried. Moderator Christensen thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Gerald (Jerry) Christensen**  
Moderator

**Marsha Johnston**  
Township Clerk

