

**BRUCE TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MINUTES
6:00pm
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020**

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Clerk Marsha Johnston called the 2020 Annual Town Meeting for Bruce Township to order at 6:00pm on December 9, 2020. 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 03/06/2019 obtained from the LaSalle County Clerk's office. There were 12 people signed in at the start of the meeting and 10 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 Randy Baumrucker, seconded by Scott Orban, to nominate 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 Mr. 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: Scott Orban

2nd BY: Henry Araujo

That the minutes of the April 10, 2019 Annual Town Meeting be approved. No further discussion was required.

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

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, 2019 through March 31, 2020 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: Henry Araujo

2nd BY: Bob Harrison

That the Supervisor's Statement of Financial Affairs for the Town Fund for the period of April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020 be accepted. It was noted that the Moderator does not vote during Town Meetings.

Ayes: 9 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, 2019 through March 31, 2020 which had also been posted 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: Randy Baumrucker 2nd BY: Scott Orban

That the Road District Statement of Financial Affairs for the Road Bridge Fund for the period of April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020 be accepted.

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

Aye's: 9 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. Motion was made to accept the annual reports. These reports were filed on June 23, 2020. No further discussion was needed.

REPORTS BY SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

A brief review of the 2018 Bruce Township Annual Town Meeting Minutes dated April 10, 2019 determined there was no old business to be addressed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk Johnston reported that no items of business from the public were presented to her by the November 3rd deadline. The Annual Treasurer's Report was discussed and the trustees discussed, approved and voted before it is filed with the LaSalle County Clerk's office on June 23, 2020.

Moderator Christensen asked that Clerk Johnston report the yearly salaries of all officials for 2020-2021. The salaries for the following positions were set by the Bruce Township Board in RESOLUTION 2016A dated October 12, 2016:

Supervisor - \$46364.00

Town Clerk - \$13508.00

Trustee - \$3700.00

Road Commissioner - \$46364.00

Assessor - 1/1/20 - 12/31/20 \$46529.00
1/1/21 - 12/31/21 \$47459.00

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 and the Assessor each receive 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 that 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: Randy Baumrucker 2nd 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:

Aye's: 9 Nay's: 0 Motion: Carried

Moderator Christensen then noted that the 2021 Annual Town Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 6:00pm and that the schedule for the 2020-2021 Regular Board of Trustee Meeting had been set and approved at the April 14, 2019 Regular Board Meeting and was posted in The Times, at the Bruce Township office building, and on the Bruce Township website.

Moderator Christensen called for any additional topics to be discussed. The property on 608 N Vermillion Street will be discussed and voted on at the Annual Township Meeting to be held on April 13, 2021 under old business. No additional topics were raised.

ADJOURNMENT:

There were no additional items of business to be discussed.

MOTION MADE BY: Scott Orban 2nd BY: Henry Araujo
That the meeting be adjourned.
Moderator Christensen called for a voice vote.

Aye's: 9 Nay's: 0 Motion: Carried

Moderator Christensen thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald (Jerry) Christensen
Moderator

Marsha Johnston
Township Clerk

