

MINUTES - BOARD of TOWN TRUSTEES

STATE of ILLINOIS

TYPE OF MEETING HELD: Regular

LASALLE COUNTY,

SS.

TIME MEETING BEGAN: 5:00pm

TOWN of BRUCE

TIME MEETING ENDED: 5:16pm

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The April 11, 2017 meeting of the Bruce Township Board of Trustees opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Trustee Steve Biroshchik was absent. Highway Commissioner John M. Barton and Assessor Mary Sullivan were 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 March 8, 2017 Regular Meeting.

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Bob Harrison

2nd BY: Trustee Jerry Christensen

That the minutes of the March 8, 2017 Regular Meeting be approved. No further discussion was required.

Aye's: 4

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 Randy Baumrucker

2nd BY: Trustee Christensen

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: absent

Supervisor Henry Araujo: Aye

Aye's: 4

Nay's: 0

Motion: Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR'S:

Supervisor Araujo indicated that he did not have anything to report to the board at this time.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S:

Highway Commissioner Barton informed the board that as granted by the Resolution 2017A, the check for the seal coating has been sent into the La Salle County Superintendent of Highways. He also reported that he has checked with Jeremy Palm from the City of Streator as to whether the Bruce Township Highway Commissioners work shop is within the city limits of the City of Streator. Jeremy Palm is sure that the property is within the city limits. He indicated that the Township's property was annexed last year as a part of the annexation of several properties in the area. This is in conflict with what a neighbor to the property was told concerning the annexation last year. Therefore, Highway Commissioner Barton intends to follow up to see if he can get a definite answer on when the property was annexed to ensure there are no issues. In following up on the potential work to add storm sewer drains to Pine Tree Road and tie them into the work the City of Streator is doing on Eastwood Avenue, Highway Commissioner Barton has discovered that a large section of Pine Tree Road, on both sides of the road, was annexed into the City of Streator some time ago. So he no longer plans to do work in that area until after the City of Streator finishes their project. At that time, he is considering addressing some of the standing water issues on properties on Pine Tree Road that are still within Bruce Township's Road District by adding a couple of catch basins and draining them to

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the south where the township had previously set up for drainage to the south of Golf Road. Although it is not an ideal solution, Highway Commissioner Barton expects that it will improve the current standing water issue. There was a brief discussion on which properties were annexed on Pine Tree Road. Highway Commissioner Barton shared with the board that there had been complaints about the construction traffic due to the City of Streator's project on Eastwood Avenue. He shared how he worked with the City to address the issue and that the situation has greatly improved. Moving on, Supervisor Araujo mentioned that he had been asked by a resident whether Ervin Avenue homes would be hooked up to the storm tiles that will drain into the retention pond the City of Streator is building off of N. Shabbona Street. Highway Commissioner Barton reminded the board that when the project was first discussed with the City of Streator, by then Highway Commissioner Carl Barton, the city estimated it would cost approximately \$140,000.00 or more to run the tile to the east to hook into the main tile that was to run along N. Shabbona Street. They also indicated that this would require an upgrade in size of the main tile from 30" to 48" to accommodate the extra flow, the cost of which would be passed on to Bruce Township. Highway Commissioner Barton indicated that it wasn't very cost effective to do the project given those estimates. However, at a later time, if the water flow is not as high as the city was expecting, the possibility of tying into the line could be revisited if the cost to tie in becomes more reasonable. There was no further discussion on the topic.

ASSESSOR'S:

Assessor Sullivan reported that her office is starting their annual assessment activities. She shared that she has hired a part time employee, Andrea Zadkovich. Andrea is starting at 18 hours a week and, after her 30 day probation period, will increase to 30 hours a week.

TRUSTEE'S:

There were no reports from the Trustees.

OTHER:

There were no other reports presented.

REPORTS BY SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

HEALTH BOARD:

Supervisor Araujo reported that he has received a complaint concerning a property on Maplewood Avenue that has high weeds and a fallen tree. This property has had complaints made against it previously. Supervisor Araujo plans to go to the property to take pictures and then forward those to La Salle County for follow up since this is an ongoing case for the county.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Baumrucker suggested that the board consider putting a policy in place to specify the amount of time an individual may speak during the Public Comments portion of the Township Board Meeting agendas. In recent meetings, some residents have spoken for a significant amount of time. This will be an issue when a large number of residents wish to all speak during a given meeting. There was a brief discussion and agreement that the board should draft a policy and put it in place for future meetings.

Supervisor Araujo distributed draft copies of Bruce Township Ordinance No. 2017A - Budget & Appropriation Ordinance Township and Bruce Township Ordinance No. 2017B - Budget & Appropriation Ordinance Road District. He asked the Trustees to please go through it and identify any changes that are needed. The proposed changes will be discussed at the May 10, 2017 Regular Board Meeting and Supervisor Araujo will update the proposals accordingly. The Budget Hearings for the two Ordinances will be held on June 14, 2017 at 4:45pm to vote on approving the final version of the ordinances.

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Christensen

That the meeting be adjourned.

Aye's: 4

Nay's: 0

2nd BY: Supervisor Araujo

Motion: Carried

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