

MINUTES - BOARD of TOWN TRUSTEES

STATE of ILLINOIS

TYPE OF MEETING HELD: Regular

LASALLE COUNTY,

SS.

TIME MEETING BEGAN: 5:00pm

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TOWN of BRUCE

TIME MEETING ENDED: 5:50 pm

The July 13, 2022 meeting of the Bruce Township Board of Trustees opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Assessor Andrea Zadkovich-Blakemore was in attendance. Highway Commissioner Mike Barton was absent. The meeting was conducted by Supervisor Lucas as chairman and recorded by Clerk Marsha Johnston.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING'S MINUTES:

The first order of business was to read and approve the minutes from the June 8, 2022 Regular Meeting. Supervisor Lucas asked that the timeframe information for drainage project be added to the report from the Highway Commissioner. Copy of minutes will be sent to the Stephanie Kennedy, Supervisor of Assessments.

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Araujo

2nd BY: Trustee Winterrowd

That the minutes of the June 8, 2022 Regular Meeting be approved. No further discussion was required.

Aye's: 5 Nay's: 0

Motion: Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF BILLS

A summary of the bills was distributed for review.

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Baumrucker

2nd BY: Trustee Araujo

That the bills be allowed and paid for TOWNSHIP

No further discussion was required. Clerk Johnston took the roll call vote:

- Trustee Henry Araujo: aye
- Trustee Randy Baumrucker: aye
- Trustee Margie Kreier: aye
- Trustee Chad Winterrowd: aye
- Supervisor Scott Lucas: aye

Aye's: 5

Nay's: 0

Motion: Carried

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Araujo

2nd BY: Supervisor Lucas

That the bills be allowed and paid for GENERAL ASSISTANCE

No further discussion was required. Clerk Johnston took the roll call vote:

- Trustee Henry Araujo: aye
- Trustee Randy Baumrucker: aye
- Trustee Margie Kreier: aye
- Trustee Chad Winterrowd: aye
- Supervisor Scott Lucas: aye

Aye's: 5

Nay's: 0

Motion: Carried

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MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Kreier

2nd BY: Trustee Araujo

That the bills be allowed and paid for ROAD and BRIDGE

No further discussion was required. Clerk Johnston took the roll call vote:

Trustee Henry Araujo: aye

Trustee Randy Baumrucker: aye

Trustee Margie Kreier: aye

Trustee Chad Winterrowd: aye

Supervisor Scott Lucas: aye

Aye's: 5

Nay's: 0

Motion: Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR'S:

Mr. Lucas met on Monday, July 11, 2022 with the North Central Illinois Council of Governments to discuss the Skelgas Drainage Project about obtaining grants for funding. If they are successful, there is a \$2500 charge and if we are denied, the charge is only \$500. Survey letters will be sent to all households that will be affected. A copy of the letter and the requirements will be given to the board. It is very important that the households fill the survey out and return as soon as possible because there is a deadline for applications this year. Survey letters were sent out yesterday, July 12, 2022. Permits for projects may take up to 2 months to get LaSalle County Engineer Department to move on the project.

The Senate Bill #3789 is requiring for a committee to be formed, asking the taxing bodies to find ways to be more efficient with monies received. TOI will get more answers about this new law before the townships gather a group to represent them.

We will have a new State Representative, Tom Bennit from Gibson City for our district, replacing Lance Yednock who will be a representative for the area north of us. His term of office begins in January 2023. Supervisor Lucas will meet with Mr. Bennit soon to discuss the drainage project and also possibly get him involved with the Kelly Street Bridge that has been closed for years

Theresa Muntz, an accountant, has been helping Spring, the office manager with quick books.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S:

None

ASSESSOR'S

Assessor Zadkovich-Blakemore stated that the data was successfully transferred to the county on June 15th as required and the County was very pleased with our numbers. The Supervisor of Assessments, Stephanie Kennedy called to congratulate our office on an outstanding job. Our office has visited close to 1400 parcels in 2021 and the data is being entered daily. Once the data has been put into the program for the first time, updating it within the quadrennial timeframe, should be within reach. We are down to two fieldworkers for the remainder of the summer, as Dane will be leaving for the Air Force shortly. The outdoor work for 2022 is going well and we are visiting as many parcels as possible, weather permitting. We had approximately 39 taxpayers who did not complete or sign up properly for exemptions, that they were entitled to. We have assisted them in getting corrected tax bills and they've been very appreciative to have a local place to assist them, rather than driving to the Government building in Ottawa.

TRUSTEE'S:

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Trustee Araujo suggested a farewell gathering for Dane Winterrowd, an employee in the Assessor's office, who will be leaving for the Air Force on August 1, 2022. It has been set for Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 9:00AM to wish him well.

OTHER:

Clerk Johnston will be sending in the registrations and reservations for officials who will be attending the conference in November by the end of July hoping we can get everyone at the same hotel. Assessor Zadkovich-Blakemore, Trustee Kreier, and Clerk Johnston will attend the Educational Event sponsored by TOI on July 28, 2022 in Bloomington, IL.

REPORTS BY SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

HEALTH BOARD:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Lucas will get copies to the trustees and clerk of the map of Bruce Township from the census.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Araujo
That the meeting be adjourned.

2nd BY: Supervisor Lucas

Aye's: 5 Nay's: 0

Motion: Carried

