

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: 6:24pm

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The October 14, 2020 meeting of the Bruce Township Board of Trustees opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. 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 Marsha Johnston.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING'S MINUTES:

The first order of business was to read and approve the minutes from the September 9, 2020 Regular Meeting. Assessor Sullivan noted that several corrections were needed in her report. Clerk Johnston made the changes and the minutes can now be approved.

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Orban

2nd BY: Trustee Harrison

That the minutes of the September 9, 2020 Regular Meeting be approved. No further discussion was required.

Aye's: 5

Nay's: 0

Motion: Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Scott Lucas questioned if public could speak when the salaries resolutions were being discussed. Supervisor Araujo told him that only public speaking is during this time. He questioned if the salaries were going to be lowered. Trustee Orban explained that a survey was sent out to the townships asking for their input. Suggestions were given for the salaries at the different positions in the different zones across the state of Illinois. The board would like to keep in line with what they suggest. Craig Martin, as a resident of Bruce Township, feels the board has a fiscal responsibility to coincide with the state recommendations on the salaries. It will be hard to fill Supervisor Araujo's shoes but we have to think of the taxpayers of Bruce Township and agrees if the board decides to lower the salary.

TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF BILLS

A summary of the bills was distributed for review.

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Baumrucker

2nd BY: Trustee Harrison

That the bills be allowed and paid for TOWNSHIP

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

Trustee Randy Baumrucker: aye

Trustee Jerry Christensen: aye

Trustee Bob Harrison: aye

Trustee Scott Orban: aye

Supervisor Henry Araujo: aye

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Aye's: 5

Nay's: 0

Motion: Carried

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Christensen

2nd BY: Trustee Orban

That the bills be allowed and paid for GENERAL ASSISTANCE

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

Trustee Randy Baumrucker: aye

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Trustee Jerry Christensen: aye
Trustee Bob Harrison: aye
Trustee Scott Orban: aye
Supervisor Henry Araujo: aye

Aye's: 5 Nay's: 0 Motion: Carried

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Harrison 2nd BY: Trustee Baumrucker
That the bills be allowed and paid for ROAD and BRIDGE

No further discussion was required. Clerk Johnston took the roll call vote:
Trustee Randy Baumrucker: aye
Trustee Jerry Christensen: aye
Trustee Bob Harrison: aye
Trustee Scott Orban: aye
Supervisor Henry Araujo: aye

Aye's: 5 Nay's: 0 Motion: Carried

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:
SUPERVISOR'S:**

None

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S:

Road Commissioner Barton rented equipment through Illinois Trucking Equipment Rental to cut down saplings, issues were discussed and renegotiating the price was being done since the equipment was malfunctioning. Mr. Barton is getting our salt in through joint purchase. His employees are getting plows put on the trucks and getting ready for the winter season.

ASSESSOR'S

The team is still going out getting field work completed. A new hire, Talitha Gwaltney will be taking over Andrea's duties when Andrea runs for the office of assessor in the 2021 Election. The summer help hired is still going out and doing field work with the girls.

TRUSTEE'S:

Trustee Baumrucker was concerned if a replacement has been made for office manager since Art Watson will be retiring on March 31, 2021. Clerk Johnston will be putting an ad in the newspaper. It will also be put on our website and on the Facebook page.
Trustee Orban reminded the board of the conference being held 11/16/20 through 11/20/20. Each day will have different topics for the different positions on the board. Clerk Johnston has signed up and the board is invited to view the topics on her computer.

OTHER:

Clerk Johnston stated the annual town meeting will be held at December 9, 2020 at 6:00 pm. A notice will be put in the paper and notices will be distributed to two other locations other than the township office building. Last day for the voters of Bruce Township to have something put on the Annual Town meeting agenda is November 3, 2020. A letter was received from the LaSalle County Health Board given us permission to hold the annual meeting with the Covid 19 restrictions upheld.

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REPORTS BY SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

HEALTH BOARD:

Mr. Araujo discussed the property on W. Second Street. He and Mr. Barton have been in contact with Darren Raverty of LaSalle County Health Board and Brian Gift from the LaSalle County Environmental Land Use regarding the debris on the property. Those two committees of the county will be involved in getting it cleared.

OLD BUSINESS:

TAX LEVY ORDINANCE TOWNSHIP 2021 A

To pass the Township Tax Levy for the year 2020 collectable in 2021. Discussion was held. Adjustments were made before a vote would take place and no truth in taxation would be needed.

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Orban

2nd BY: Trustee Baumrucker

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

Trustee Randy Baumrucker: aye
Trustee Jerry Christensen: aye
Trustee Bob Harrison: aye
Trustee Scott Orban: aye
Supervisor Henry Araujo: aye

Aye's: 5

Nay's: 0

Motion: Carried

TAX LEVY ORDINANCE TOWNSHIP 2021 B

To pass the Road District Tax Levy for the year 2020 collectable in 2021. Discussion was held. Adjustments were made before a vote would take place and no truth in taxation would be needed.

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Baumrucker

2nd BY: Trustee Christensen

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

Trustee Randy Baumrucker: aye
Trustee Jerry Christensen: aye
Trustee Bob Harrison: aye
Trustee Scott Orban: aye
Supervisor Henry Araujo: aye

Aye's: 5

Nay's: 0

Motion: Carried

RESOLUTION 2020A - ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES FOR THE 2021 TERM

For setting compensation of Township Officials for the four year term beginning May 17, 2021 and ending May 18, 2025. Discussion was held concerning the decreasing and increasing of certain salaries. The cost of living increase was talked about and also the recommendations from the township officials in Springfield on the different zones and their salaries. All that was taken in consideration before a final amount was stated in the resolution.

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Harrison

2nd BY: Trustee Christensen

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

Trustee Randy Baumrucker: Nay
Trustee Jerry Christensen: aye

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Trustee Bob Harrison: aye
Trustee Scott Orban: Nay
Supervisor Henry Araujo: aye

Aye's: 3 Nay's: 2 Motion: Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Conference will be held November 16- November 20, 2020.

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

2nd BY: Trustee Araujo

Aye's: 5 Nay's: 0 Motion: Carried

