

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: 5:25 pm

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The January 13, 2021 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 not in attendance. The meeting was conducted by Mr. Henry Araujo as chairman and recorded by Clerk Marsha Johnston. Trustee Christensen was also absent at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING'S MINUTES:

The first order of business was to read and approve the minutes from the December 9, 2020 Regular Meeting.

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Orban

2nd BY: Trustee Harrison

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

Aye's: 4

Nay's: 0

Absent: 1

Motion: Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Steve Biroschik commented on the good job Road Commissioner Barton and his crew have done on the roads from the recent snow and ice weather. He also complimented the township and Assessor Sullivan with her office for the wonderful job in collecting gifts for the children in LaSalle County through the sheriff's office toy drive. He complimented Clerk Johnston on the great job of turning in petitions from candidates to be on the April ballot for township officials and getting them certified.

TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF BILLS

A summary of the bills was distributed for review.

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Orban

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: absent

Trustee Bob Harrison: aye

Trustee Scott Orban: aye

Supervisor Henry Araujo: aye

Aye's: 4

Nay's: 0

Absent: 1

Motion: Carried

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Baumrucker

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

Trustee Jerry Christensen: absent

Trustee Bob Harrison: aye

Trustee Scott Orban: aye

Supervisor Henry Araujo: aye

Aye's: 4

Nay's: 0

Absent: 1

Motion: Carried

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

Aye's: 4 Nay's: 0 Absent: 1 Motion: Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR'S:

Supervisor Araujo received several phone calls complimenting Commissioner Barton and the road crew on the excellent job they did with the snow and ice removal. Assistance report included General Assistance at \$960.00 and Emergency Assistance had three recipients of \$1263.46 for the month of December.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S:

Due to the absence of Commissioner Barton, Supervisor Araujo gave a brief report of activities the road crew has done Also, salt was delivered to the shed.

ASSESSOR'S

Assessor Sullivan was absent and a report was read by Clerk Johnston. The Tax Assessor's Office will be closed due to a positive test to Covid. The team will work remotely. The office has been preparing for the Senior Homestead mailing which will be mailed the first of February. It is expected to have around 1200 to process. The toy/gift drive with the LaSalle County Sheriff's Department was a huge success. Over 800 items were collected. All the items were given to children of LaSalle County in the care of DCFS, YSB, the homeless shelter, etc. Our community was very generous.

TRUSTEE'S:

Trustee Orban stated that the trustee board met last Friday. Discussion was held whether or not to schedule the 2021 Conference in November 2021. A decision has not been made as of yet with the Springfield office.

OTHER:

Clerk Johnston reported that the petitions for the elected officials in the April 6, 2021 were presented to her the week of December 14, 2020. Lotteries were held for the offices of supervisor and trustees for the listed order of placement on the April ballot. These petitioners were in line on the beginning day of filing.

Results are as follows: Supervisor: 1. Steve Biroshchik 2. Scott Lucas 3. Eric Gwaltney. Trustee: 1. Randy Baumrucker 2. Henry Araujo 3. Scott Orban.

Clerk Johnston certified the filings and sent the results to LaSalle County Clerk in Ottawa, IL and those names will be listed along with others that filed later in the week. Write Ins to be placed on the ballot can only be accepted at the office in Ottawa until Feb 4, 2021.

REPORTS BY SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

HEALTH BOARD:

None

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OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

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

2nd BY: Trustee Baumrucker

Aye's: 4

Nay's: 0

Absent: 1

Motion: Carried

