

MINUTES - BOARD of TOWN TRUSTEES

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TYPE OF MEETING HELD: Regular

LASALLE COUNTY,

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TIME MEETING BEGAN: 5:00pm

TOWN of BRUCE

TIME MEETING ENDED: 6:00pm

The October 13, 2021 meeting of the Bruce Township Board of Trustees opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Highway Commissioner John M. Barton was in attendance. Assessor Mary Sullivan 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 September 8, 2021 Regular Meeting.

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Araujo

2nd BY: Trustee Baumrucker

That the minutes of the September 8, 2021 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 Kreier

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 Kreier

2nd BY: Trustee Araujo

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 Araujo
That the bills be allowed and paid for ROAD and BRIDGE

2nd BY: Trustee Baumrucker

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:

Supervisor Lucas attended a training class of General Assistance and Emergency Assistance in Bloomington on October 8, 2021 and also Spring Simmons, the office manager will attend the same training class in Rockford on October 22, 2021.

To be eligible for GA, the household income must be less than \$35,000. Supervisor Lucas would like to lower that amount to \$25,000 annual income per household. Emergency Assistance Fund will remain at \$25,000 per calendar year with applicant receiving no more than \$500 per year for assistance. If situation arises where more than \$25,000 is needed, arrangements will be made.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S:

Commissioner Barton stated that the skylights have to be replaced first before other improvements can continue. Insulation will be on the list to finish first.

An engineer for the Skelgas Road project will be appointed so that it can get started. Mr. Barton will contact the city about the upgrades.

It was discussed about the snow plowing at the end of W. 12th Street and Mr. Barton said that his crew will continue to snow plow this area.

ASSESSOR'S

In the absence of Assessor Sullivan, newly elected Assessor Zadkovich-Blakemore gave the report. The township assessments will be published in the The Times on October 20, 2021. The notices will be mailed out on October 18, 2021. Taxpayers then have 30 days to file a Board of Review complaint form if they want to dispute the assessment. Talitha passed the 5th test of the 6 required tests to get her CIAO. She will be certified by year end.

Our student learner, Dane, is doing exceptional. His supervising teacher from the Streator High School has visited us twice since school started and was pleased with the variety of duties he performs within our office. Field work is continuing when weather permits.

Bruce Township will be a collection point for the toys and gifts for Christmas 4 kids of LaSalle County. We had a great response last year.

TRUSTEE'S:

Several other churches will be asked if they are in need of the freezers. Supervisor Lucas said that if anyone from the trustees or office employees are interested in them to contact the office.

Trustee Kreier talked about grants for the possible Skelgas Road project. Before a grant can even be written, project estimates have to be already in place.

OTHER:

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Clerk Johnston stated that invites will be sent out this week to elected officials for the Christmas party to be held on November 16, 2021 at the K of C in Streator, Illinois. Clerk Johnston is asking for members to rsvp to her so she can give total to Deb Lane. Dinner will be at 6:00 with happy hour an hour prior. Clerk Johnston and Trustee Kreier will be registered for the Boot Camp on November 15-17, 2021. Commissioner Barton will participate on the CDL webinar on November 10, 2021.

**REPORTS BY SPECIAL COMMITTEES:
HEALTH BOARD:**

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Barton would like to get internet at the shop. Trustee Araujo said he would check about the franchise and being included as part of the program.

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

2nd BY: Trustee Araujo

Aye's: 5

Nay's: 0

Motion: Carried

