

Coe Township Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2014
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Board members attending: Steve Simpson, Annie Tague, Betsey Morthland, Rick Mitton, Paul Riewerts, and Bev Hansen

Absent members were: Mike O'Hara and Mark Kruckenberg

Guests attending: Rich Morthland, Kenny Reveal and Jim Hecker

Public Comments:

- none

Minutes from the September 15, 2014 meeting were read. Paul moved to approve the minutes, Betsey 2nd, motion passed.

Supervisor report:

- Steve and Rick will be going to the TOI conference in November, board member are encouraged to look at the website for the schedule of break-out sessions, if any sessions are of interest they are to contact Steve and he or Rick will try to attend that session
- Rock Island County Township Association is having a meeting November 13th that Steve and Rick will try to attend

Highway Commissioner:

- 98th Street
 - did work with Canoe Creek on 98th Street – that street is split down the middle of the road between Coe and Canoe Creek, there is an agreement that we take care of the north half, and Canoe Creek does the south half but in reality, we grade the road about 3 times a year, Canoe Creek does nothing with it (Canoe Creek really doesn't have the funds to do the work themselves)
 - recently we've done work where Canoe Creek pays for the material and we do the work, we hauled in big rock and put in a ditch but the road is continually washing out
 - we were going to do some ditching but an adjacent homeowner has protested ... Rick has talked to the County and we have the right to do the work regardless of the homeowner's opinion
- the road crew tree-sapped some roads

Assessor's report:

- October 20th was the last day to file an appeal – we had 2 appeals filed

Clerk's report:

- did a web search and gave Paul 4 different sites to order an embossing stamp for paperwork for cemetery documents

Cemetery report:

- put signs up
- produced new documents that Paul gave to Jim Sallows, instead of making it necessary to go to a Notary for the documents they will be stamped and sent back to the individual once paid for and everything is in order
- Paul would like to order the display boards

NEW BUSINESS:

1. PHONE AND INTERNET PROVIDER CHANGE

- Brenna reported issues with Frontier – the bill went from \$201/month to \$299/month –our 2 year contract had expired ... it could be renewed and the bill could go down to \$159/month
- Steve called to inquire about the situation and asked about internet speed – the Customer Service representative was rude and uncooperative, basically saying we had the best we could get in our location
- Steve then called MediaCom – they offered us 4 phone lines (we presently have 3 lines) and internet speed guarantee to no less than 10 Megs for \$110/month for a 3 year contract – Steve signed the contract
- will be necessary to buy new router and new phones – about \$300 for additional equipment
- will give 523-2497 to Annie, the fax will remain the same, the Road Commissioner number will remain the same, Steve will be given a new number (probably not a 523 exchange)
- changing the email to gmail.com ... still have to change Road Commissioner and Cemetery emails
- should be in-service with the next 4 weeks

NEW BUSINESS (continued):

2. IMPROVEMENTS TO TOWNSHIP BUILDING

- one of the windows needs to be repaired (seal is broken and the window fogs over)
- with the phone change we're going to also get a cable drop ... Steve would like to get a 40-50" TV to be put in the meeting room ... could be used for storm tracking and could also be useful if it is necessary to use the building for disaster situations (such as a warming area or for FEMA offices, etc.) also it could be hooked-up to the wi-fi for presentations
- would also like to get a generator for power outages ... actually a safety issue, the doors in garage cannot be opened without electricity and the little generator used for that could cause an unsafe situation if forgotten about and left on when doors are closed ... would buy a 20,000 KW generator run on natural gas – cost around \$6000
- Betsey moved to buy a 50" TV for the Township Building, Paul 2nd, motion passed

3. TOWNSHIP RECYCLING DAY

- Steve called Cowboy's Recycling – since he is planning to be gone in January and February, he'd like to schedule the recycling day for some time in March

4. ADDING ADDITIONAL PERSON TO SIGN CHECKS

- presently Steve is the only person authorized to sign checks, if he is gone the checks have to wait for him ... he would like a second person authorized to sign in his absence
- Paul moved to authorize a second person to sign Township checks, Mark is be asked, if he declines Betsey will be selected, Betsey 2nd, motion passed

5. LEGAL ISSUES

- George Rowland's fence
 - the board was informed that George Rowland has erected a fence at the edge of the roadway – Steve passed around pictures he took of the fence as well as a plat map
 - as indicated on the plat map, the township has a right-of-way 53' from the center of the cul-de-sac, Mr. Rowland would have to move the fence 20' to remove it from the township right-of-way
 - it was suggested that the Rock Island County Zoning would not approve the location of the fence ... Rick will call them and ask them to look at it ... perhaps Mr. Rowland will listen to them
 - if zoning does not take care of the situation, we will have our attorney contact him, the fence needs to be removed prior to snow plowing or we will have to remove it and charge him for the expense
- 98th Street
 - the street is divided between Coe and Canoe Creek Townships ... we do the work on it, Canoe Creek buys the necessary material
 - at present time it needs a ditch installed for water control – the water is washing out the road – but the homeowner is insisting that they don't put a ditch in front of his house or "they will have consequences"
 - Rick talked to the County Engineer, the township has a right-of-way 27 ½' from the center of the road, ditch would be within that range and would not impede homeowner from driving over it
 - Rick will check to see if we have an Intergovernmental agreement with Canoe Creek regarding the road, will report next month
- 217th Street
 - there is a hill on that road, it drops down to Ravine Street ... the Port Byron Fire Department called – there was a hole created by water washing over the road
 - the road crew graded it but it washed out again (water cut a 6' deep trench), got it straightened out again, putting in big rock and drain tiles and it washed out again (the soil is sugar clay, the rock was there but the soil was gone around it, the trench was 7' deep)
 - talked to the County, they suggested keep dumping rock into it
 - next year will have to take the bank out so water will run into nearby pasture and creek ... to do the work will have to get a temporary right-of-way and have utility move a pole

BILLS

- Paul moved to pay the bills, Betsey 2nd, motion passed

Paul moved to adjourn, Betsey 2nd, motion passed