

## Coe Township Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Board members attending: Rick Mitton, Annie Tague, Paul Riewerts, Mark Kruckenberg, Betsey Morthland, Mike O'Hara, Steve Simpson, and Bev Hansen

Guests attending: Kenny Reveal, Jim Hecker, Tom Fuller, and Bill Whitcomb.

Minutes from the February meeting were read. Betsey moved to approve the minutes as corrected, Paul 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

### Public Comments:

- Tom Fuller questioned the policy for the ditches that need to be installed in the new subdivision, Rick explained what the policy was and that the owner is responsible for the cost of installation. The resident's feel it unfair that they bought the property in good faith and that the builder should be the responsible party for the extra cost. The township is still working to resolve the situation.
- Mr. Fuller also requested that the speed limit on 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue be reduced. High school students speed down the road after school and are causing a hazard. Rick and Steve both said they would contact authorities to see if it could be taken care of.
- Jim Hecker told the board that he has heard comments of the good job done with snow removal this year – kudos to the road crew

### Supervisor report:

- there was one use of the building in February
- Steve has driven the majority of the roads in the township, he's surprised they are in as good a condition as they are after the winter
- got a letter from the County Treasurer's Office that they had not been given a copy of the publication of the Annual Treasurer's Report – Bev will follow-up
- had a conversation with the County about fuel tax – want to track that – spent about \$70,000 this year
- got a call from TOIRMA – we had upped the value on the truck but dropped it back because we can only receive the book value on a licensed vehicle ... on non-licensed equipment we can insure for replacement cost

### Highway Commissioner:

- working time has gone down a bit with less snow removal
- cut some brush along the roadways
- got last order of salt, will have a lot to start with next year – upped our total from 80-Ton to 100-Ton
- the lawyer has the mailbox policy and will get back to us on that
- lawyer also looking at another policy we're looking to adopt: anything built or installed on Coe Township right-of-way has to be approved by the Township Road Commissioner – electric, water, phone, cable – must have a written document of how the installation will be made. Geneseo has the same policy in effect
- roads are posted for weight limits, there are a few exceptions
- will start filling potholes
- have to start looking at signs, they need to be replaced by 2015

### Assessor's report:

- Annie is required to submit a budget – this will be put on the April meeting agenda – the township board is required to approve the Assessor's budget

### Clerk's report:

- continue to work on website, most recently putting the notice of the posted weight limits for the roads

Cemetery report:

- had meeting March 11, 2014. Paul Riewerts, Mike Saddoris, and John Sample were in attendance. Next meeting is June 10, 2014.
- Paul reviewed his meeting with Pam Bruner of Cordova ... signage was one item discussed – Mike will estimate the number of signs needed and the cost
- the Illinois Cemetery Oversight Database (ICOD) was looked into – have to go back to December 2010 and enter all burials that took place – there is a \$2/entry charge
- got bid for mowing both cemeteries ... for an extra \$10 charge all of Pleasant Point will be mowed
- met with Chris Bode regarding the sexton fee – everything is okay with that
- top priority right now is signage (regarding hours, flowers, etc.) will have to post who's been buried at a later date
- John is looking into whether some graves are under the road
- meeting minutes will be posted on the township website

NEW BUSINESS:

1. CEMETERY SEXTON FEES

- will stay the same as previously decided

2. ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING AGENDA

- state statute requires townships to have the Annual Township meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in April – this year that is April 8<sup>th</sup> – meeting will be held in Township building at 7pm

3. APRIL MEETING DATE

- in the past the monthly meeting date has been moved to match the Annual Township meeting – board has decided to keep the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday schedule – Board will meet April 21, 2014, 6:30pm

4. AUDIT RESULTS

- the township hasn't changed processes in the last 15 years, but this time some were flagged – Steve asked the Trustees to review the Audit results

BILLS

- there was some question on the phone bill – Brenna pays an estimated bill because the bill is due at a different date than when paid  
Paul moved to pay the bills based on clarification, Mike 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed

Betsey moved to adjourn, Mark 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.