

**ROCKTON TOWNSHIP**

1315 N. Blackhawk Blvd

Rockton, IL 61072

REGULAR MEETING

**December 8, 2021**

**7:00 pm**

Trustees present: Paul Williams, Supervisor  
Gene Hermann  
Randall Johnson  
Constance Gleasman

Trustees absent: Vicky Ivy

Township Clerk: Judith Gurney, RMC

Others present: Hwy Commissioner Trent Kehoe  
Kristina Schaffer, Deputy Clerk/Office Manager  
Chris Doering, Cemetery Sexton  
Michelle Sheik  
Attorney Doug Henry  
Zack Massie  
Jim Webster, Winnebago County Board Member,  
Dist. 2  
Andrew Chesney, IL State Representative, Freeport  
Sharon Hecox

**1. CALL TO ORDER 7:00 pm**

**2. APPROVAL of:**

**a) November 10, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Trustee Randy Johnson made the motion to approve the November 10, 2021 minutes. Trustee Gene Hermann second the motion and all ayes followed.

**2. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

IL State Representative, Freeport, Andrew Chesney stopped in to introduce himself and say hello.

Winnebago County Board Member, District 2, Jim Webster also stopped in to say hello.

Sharon Hecox addressed Trustee Hermann with some concerns

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Approve Resolution 2021-R-07  
Establishing 2022 Meeting dates & times

- 1) **Resolution 2021-R-07:**  
Establishing 2022 Meeting dates & times

Trustee Randy Johnson made the motion to approve **Resolution 2021-R-07** for Approval of Rockton Township Establishing 2022 Meeting dates & times. Trustee Gene Hermann second the motion and roll call showed all ayes, 1 absent, Trustee Ivy.

- b) Update and discussion and approval of FY21 audit.

Office Manager Kristina Schaffer reported that the audit is still under review but going well.

- c) Discussion and take any action regarding future GRC improvements.

Supervisor Paul Williams reported the outside of the building is finished; the sidewalk needed large cracks to be repaired. The columns were in bad condition and will be repaired temporary until spring. Also, the furnace at the township office went out on Tuesday night and needed repairing.

## 6. OLD BUSINESS

- a)

## 7. REPORTS from Rockton Township Officials

Supervisor Paul Williams spoke regarding Chris Doering working as Cemetery Sexton, (employee) and IT (contractor)  
Trustee Gleasman felt it was a legal/policy issue  
Supervisor Williams said that the responsibility was his to decide as Supervisor  
Sharon Hecox suggested that since Chris is a salary employee to maybe add \$5,000 to his salary to cover the IT portion

Trustee Gene Hermann questioned Sharon Hecox's salary and how vacation, sick time and overtime was paid out after resignation Attorney Doug Henry said it was an old policy and based on records she was compensated correctly. He recommended in the future paying all benefits in one check upon resignation/dismissal

Hwy Commissioner Trent Kehoe mentioned that he would like to have the street department take over mowing of the cemeteries. He feels that the employees would provide better care then just someone that contracts the job.

Attorney Henry said that Kehoe's department may mow the cemeteries however the township may not contract with the highway department. Trustee Hermann also feels it would be a good idea to mow the cemeteries in house.

Trustee Gleasman said maybe have a designated employee. Cemetery Sexton Doering mentioned he has seen other township cemeteries that are employee mowed.

Trustee Hermann addressed Sharon Hecox and commented her concerns were only hearsay and that he only wanted transparency and clarity. He apologized for anything he might have said that hurt her.

Trustee Johnson said the Christmas parade was very nice and thanked Sharon Hecox

Trustee Gleasman said she met with Tree Care and they looked at several trees and found no issues. She felt they were reasonably priced and felt we should consider having them contracted for pruning next year. Chris Doering, Cemetery Sexton felt it would be a good idea as well.

Cemetery Sexton, Chris Doering said he had 26 mowing's this last season and also purchased more markers due to some damaged.

Hwy Commissioner Trent Kehoe said he was glad there wasn't any snow yet and he has been mowing ditch lines.

Office Manager Kristi mentioned the retirement party for Sharon went very well.

## **8. CLAIMS**

The claims were individually reviewed by the trustees; Trustee Randy Johnson made the motion to approve claims as presented. Trustee Constance Gleasman second the motion and roll call vote showed all ayes, 1 absent, Trustee Vicky Ivy.

## **9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

## **10. ADJOURN**

There being no other business to discuss, Supervisor Paul Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:15 P.M. All eyes followed.