

**MINUTES - BOARD of TOWN TRUSTEES**

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**STATE of ILLINOIS**

**TYPE OF MEETING HELD: Regular**

**LASALLE COUNTY,**

**SS.**

**TIME MEETING BEGAN: 5:00pm**

**TOWN of BRUCE**

**TIME MEETING ENDED: 5:50pm**

The May 11, 2022 meeting of the Bruce Township Board of Trustees opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Highway Commissioner John M. Barton and Assessor Andrea Zadkovich-Blakemore were in attendance. 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 April 12, 2022 Regular Meeting.

**MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Araujo**

**2<sup>nd</sup> BY: Trustee Baumrucker**

That the minutes of the April 12, 2022 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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> BY: Trustee Winterrowd**

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 Araujo**

**2<sup>nd</sup> BY: Trustee Winterrowd**

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

**MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Araujo**

**2<sup>nd</sup> BY: Trustee Winterrowd**

That the bills be allowed and paid for ROAD and BRIDGE

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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 stated the fence between the neighbor and the township building was removed for her to have siding put on her garage.

A franchise check from Mediacom was received on January 18, 2022 for \$14388.13 and was distributed to the town fund. Trustee Kreier asked if that amount could go towards getting internet service at the shop.

Supervisor Lucas will check into that being done.

Supervisor Lucas attended the training for GA in Rockford. Sue Curtiss, one of the directors of GA who was conducting the training passed away a few days later. She will be missed by many.

It was discussed that a portion of utility bills will be paid from the GA account since the two offices are in the township building.

After more discussion was done, it will be okay that shipments of office items be sent to the officials home just in case the office is closed for delivery.

Budget Ordinances were passed out to the trustees, road commissioner, and assessor prior to the meeting.

Mr. Lucas will get an estimate for concrete work needed done at the township buildings.

#### HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S:

Commissioner Barton received an estimate for concrete by the salt shed and the overhead doors at the shop for just under \$11,000. After the budget has been approved, he will go ahead and award the project to Jim Dennis Construction.

HB4251 concerning the change of \$20,000 to \$30,000 for a contract being bid out was signed by the Governor. Unfortunately, the only change provided by HB4251 applies exclusively to township purchases not road district purchases. The correct language should be drafted to include the Road District in the fall session.

#### ASSESSOR'S

Assessor Zadkovich-Blakemore stated that only 145 Senior Homestead renewals are still left. A reminder letter will be mailed out the week of May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Fieldwork has started on new construction that was completely by December 31, 2021. The values for parcels with a change in assessment are due in her office by June, 15, 2022. Those are then passed to the LaSalle County Assessment Office by the computer download.

Dane Winterrowd and Tristin Paul have started 5 days per week in the office now and a third fieldworker, Jaelyn Blakemore was hired for the summer.

#### TRUSTEE'S:

Trustee Baumrucker stated that the date on the township ordinance he received was wrong. Supervisor Lucas will get that corrected before the vote on the ordinances.

#### OTHER:

Clerk Johnston conducted sexual harassment for two employees from the assessor's team. Supervisor Lucas and office manager Spring Simmons will have their training done in June.

July 23, 2022 is the date the Highway Commissioner Association are having the summer picnic at Shabbona Park. Gift Certificates from local business will be purchased as our donation for door prizes.

#### REPORTS BY SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

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**HEALTH BOARD:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION 2022C-INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT-DRAINAGE LINE**

To have an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Streator and Bruce Township concerning a drainage line connection on E 1725<sup>th</sup> Rd in Streator, IL

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Baumrucker 2<sup>nd</sup> BY: Trustee Henry  
To pass the Resolution 2022C INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT-DRAINAGE LINE.  
Discussion was held. Clerk Johnston took the roll call vote.

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

**RESOLUTION 2022D- MOTOR FUEL TAX TRANSFER FUNDS**

To allow Bruce Township to transfer funds from the Road and Bridge Fund for the construction of improvements.

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Araujo 2<sup>nd</sup> BY: Trustee Winterrowd  
To pass RESOLUTION 2022D- MFT TRANSFER FUNDS. Discussion was held. Clerk Johnston took the roll call vote.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion was held on the township budget. The Township levied \$368,075 and the proposed budget is \$519,610. The over amount of \$151,135 will help to lower the funds in the account. Our training will be budgeted higher because we can participate now where as in the pass two years, Covid stopped a lot of the programs.

The Road Department levied \$292,630 and the propose budget is \$280,132. Discussion was held on vehicle allowance and the amount will be changed from \$10,000 to \$25,000. The changes made by this workshop, the trustees, department heads, supervisor, and clerk will be changed and the new ordinances with the changes will be voted on at the June meeting being held on June 8, 2022.

MOTION MADE BY: Supervisor Lucas 2<sup>nd</sup> BY: Trustee Araujo  
That the meeting be adjourned.

Aye's: 5                                      Nay's: 0                                      Motion: Carried

