

**Minutes – Board of Town Trustees**  
**August 15, 2013**

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
Crawford County  
Town of Robinson

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES met at the Robinson Township Office at 6:00 p.m. August 15, 2013. The following official business was transacted. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry McCoy. Clerk Vickie Gribben then called the roll.

PRESENT:	Larry McCoy	Township Supervisor
	Vickie Gribben	Township Clerk
	David Lachenmayr	Township Highway Commissioner
	Shirley Berry	Township Trustee
	Lori Hodge	Township Trustee
	Pat Richards	Township Trustee
	Greg Wolfe	Township Trustee
ABSENT:	Bob Manning	Township Assessor

The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

Persons from the public attending the meeting were as follows: Becky Taylor, Janie Thackrey, Lacey Whipkey, Gary Wilson and Matthew Wilson.

Under Item 4, Mr. McCoy asked if the trustees had any questions or changes concerning the minutes of the July 18, 2013 regular Monthly Board Meeting. There being none, Pat Richards made the motion, seconded by Greg Wolfe, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried with vote as follows: Shirley Berry-yes; Pat Richards-yes; Lori Hodge-yes; Greg Wolfe-yes; Larry McCoy-yes.

Under Item 5A, the Supervisor's report, Mr. McCoy referred the trustees to their copies of the Laws & Duties Handbook and encouraged them to read it. He then read the page noting the General and/or Emergency Assistance cases handled through the intergovernmental agreements with the other participating townships and those for Robinson Township. He read the beginning and ending balances for the current month of the Township's Total Money Market, the General Assistance Money Market and the Total Road and Bridge Money Market. He told the trustees that Robinson Township had received the first disbursement from real estate taxes. He then referred the trustees to the Robinson Township Investment List from August 1, 2013 through August 31, 2013. He concluded by telling the trustees that there had been an error in the bid from Wiseman's Robinson Ford on the 2013 F350 truck and Wiseman's chose not to honor the bid. Mr. McCoy said that former Oblong Township Supervisor Richard Ralston recommended that he poll the trustees which Mr. McCoy did. He was able to contact everyone but Ms. Berry, and the consensus was to go with Silverthorne's bid. He asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Under Item 5B, the Highway Commissioner's report, Mr Lachenmayr said that the road crew is busy with mowing and doing chip and seal. Mr. Lachenmayr said FEMA contacted him about leftover money from the flood of 2008. He reapplied and stated he has received two checks in the last few weeks totaling almost \$13,000 from FEMA. He concluded by stating that the crew will go back to patching roads.

Under Item 5C, there was no Assessor's report.

Item 6A, New Business, Kemper Audit Report: Mr. McCoy introduced Krista McLaren to the trustees. Ms. McLaren supervised the audit. Ms. McClaren directed the trustees to page 1 of the Auditor's report for the year ended March 31, 2013, and commended Lacey Whipkey for her work as bookkeeper in her efforts for making the audit run smoothly. Ms. McClaren said that overall the audit was issued a "very clean opinion" and "posted very few adjustments." There were new auditing standards this year which changed the layout or format, but did not change anything the auditors do or report. Mr. McCoy asked if the trustees had any questions and thanked Ms. McClaren and Kemper in performing the audit.

Item 6B, Discussion of Gator for Cemetery: Chairman McCoy told the trustees that Stan Mullins, the sexton, has expressed interest in a piece of equipment primarily for hauling dirt from the grave. The equipment is made under different names such as a Gator or Mule and range in price from \$12,000 and higher depending on attachments, such as a snow plow. He said Stan was concerned that if he continues to use the ton truck, he could possibly go through a grave. Pat Richards asked if the machine had a dump bed. Mr. McCoy responded yes. Mr. Richards asked why go with a diesel model instead of gasoline. Mr. McCoy said the diesel lasts a lot longer. Mr. Wolfe asked if the utility vehicle was six wheeled. Mr. McCoy said one, the John Deere, had one that was. The John Deere is a Gator. Kawasaki is called a mule. The Kubota is a utility vehicle. Mr. Wolfe said the Kawasaki is a piece of junk. The vehicles come in several different configurations. Mr. Richards asked about a cab. Mr. McCoy responded that the cabs were a very expensive addition. The trustees looked through the literature. The snow plow would be about a \$2500 option. Mr. Richards said the vehicles, mules, were used all the time where he had worked, and the men didn't like them. Mr. McCoy suggested leaving the final choice to Stan Mullins if one were purchased. Mr. McCoy said he thought the Kubota appeared to be the better product. Mr. McCoy asked if the trustees thought the purchase would be a good idea. Mr. Richards said it would depend what the vehicle would be used to do. Mr. McCoy responded that it would be to haul dirt from the grave. Ms. Hodge asked if the one of the main purposes was to avoid breaking through a grave. Mr. McCoy reiterated that Stan was concerned he might go through a grave. Mr. McCoy concluded that he would make a motion to purchase a utility vehicle as he thought it would be a valuable piece of equipment. Greg Wolfe seconded, but said he wouldn't buy a Kawasaki. Motion carried with vote as follows: Pat Richards-no; Lori Hodge-yes; Greg Wolfe-yes; Larry McCoy-yes; and Shirley Berry-yes.

Item 6 C, Appoint/Reappoint Cemetery Committee Members: Mr. McCoy asked Shirley Berry if she wanted to remain on the two member cemetery committee. She said she would be glad to serve. Ms. Hodge asked what it entailed. Ms. Berry said basically to go out to the cemeteries and check on them. Mr. McCoy said examination of the rules and regulations and, if there were any issues that came up with the cemetery, they would be referred to the Cemetery Oversight Committee for recommendations. Mr. McCoy asked if there were a volunteer to be the second member. Greg Wolfe volunteered. Mr. McCoy moved to appoint Shirley Berry and Greg Wolfe to be the Cemetery Oversight Committee. Lori Hodge seconded. Motion carried with vote as follows Lori Hodge-yes; Greg Wolfe-yes; Larry McCoy-yes; and Shirley Berry-yes; and Pat Richards-yes.

Item 7A, Pat Richards moved to approve payment of Town, G.A., and Payroll bills. Lori Hodge seconded the motion. Motion carried with vote as follows: Greg Wolfe-yes; Larry McCoy-yes; Shirley Berry-yes; Pat Richards-yes; and Lori Hodge-yes.

Item 7B, Lori Hodge made a motion to pay the Road District bills. Greg Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion carried with vote as follows: Larry McCoy-yes; Shirley Berry-yes; Pat Richards-yes; Lori Hodge-yes; and Greg Wolfe-yes.

Item 7C: Shirley Berry made a motion, seconded by Lori Hodge, to pre-approve payment of elected officials for the time period of August 16, 2013 through September 19, 2013. Motion carried with vote as follows: Shirley Berry-yes; Pat Richards-yes; Lori Hodge-yes; Greg Wolfe-yes; and Larry McCoy-yes.

Item 8: Shirley Berry made a motion, seconded by Larry McCoy, to pay per diem. Motion carried with vote as follows: Pat Richards-yes; Lori Hodge-yes; Greg Wolfe-yes; Larry McCoy-yes; and Shirley Berry-yes.

Item 9: Adjourn Meeting: Motion was made by Larry McCoy and seconded by Shirley Berry to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with all in favor voting aye.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Vickie Gribben  
Township Clerk

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Larry McCoy  
Township Supervisor