

**Minutes – Board of Town Trustees
October 18, 2012**

STATE OF ILLINOIS
Crawford County
Town of Robinson

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES met at the Robinson Township Office at 6:00p.m. October 18, 2012.

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
	Bob Manning	Township Assessor
	Glenda Fulling	Township Trustee
	Pat Richards	Township Trustee
	Shirley Berry	Township Trustee
	Sue Roberts	Township Trustee

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Persons from the public attending the meeting were as follows: Becky Taylor, 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 September 20, 2012 meeting. There being none, Glenda Fulling made the motion, seconded by Shirley Berry, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried with vote as follows: Glenda Fulling-yes; Pat Richards-yes; Shirley Berry-yes; Sue Roberts-yes; Larry McCoy-yes.

Under Item 5A, the Supervisor's report, Mr. McCoy stated that another distribution from property taxes for Road & Bridge and the Township funds of \$984,908.55 was received. Robinson Township had budgeted a combined total of \$1,376,311.00 and one final distribution is to come. Mr. McCoy then read the monthly account balances for the month of September 30, 2012 in the Total Town Money Market and the Total Road and Bridge Money Market. He told the trustees that the interest rate on the investment lists has remained the same, 0.35%, on the certificates of deposit that Robinson Township has with First Robinson Savings Bank. Chairman McCoy then noted that for fiscal year April 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012, Robinson Township received a total of \$780.00 for processing thirteen General Assistance and/or Emergency Assistance cases for the townships which have intergovernmental agreements with Robinson.

Finally, Mr. McCoy referred the trustees to their copies of the TOIRMA 26th Annual financial Report for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

Under Item 5B, Highway Commissioner Lachenmayr told the Board that the Highway Department's crew had almost finished the third mowing making sure the intersections allowed for good visibility. He mentioned that already this month, six deer have been incinerated. The crew has started trimming trees and cleaning ditches. He said they had been called out the previous Saturday to clear a tree that had fallen across the Robinson Marshall road.

Under Item 5C, Assessor's report: Mr. Manning told the trustees he would be attending school the Monday after Board Meeting for a couple of days.

Under Item 6A, Continued Business, Review of bids for health insurance. Mr. McCoy told the trustees that he had received two bids so far: one from Tracy Insurance and the other from Gina Mills and one still to come from Weber's Insurance. He told the trustees that he had signed the renewal for the existing insurance policy and would table the review of insurance until the next monthly meeting.

Under Item 6B, Continued Business, approval of purchase of Total Patcher for the Road District: Mr. McCoy asked if the trustees had any comments on the patcher after seeing a demonstration of it. Mrs. Fulling said she could see the good in it. Discussion followed concerning saving money by purchasing a tank and heat blanket from another source. Mr. McCoy suggested that the patcher be purchased as a whole. In the event of any problems, one could go back to the company. After Mr. Lachenmayer reviewed the purchase price, Mr. McCoy called for a motion. Mr. Richards asked if enough money would be earned to warrant the upkeep and wear and tear when renting patcher to the county and city. He continued by asking how long it would last if it were rented. Mr. Lachenmayer responded that he didn't know, but that some townships trade it in after two years to keep it under warranty. Mrs. Fulling said she spoke with one of the men demonstrating it and said that one has been in operation for eight years. Mr. McCoy moved to approve the purchase of the patcher. Glenda Fulling seconded. Motion carried with vote as follows: Shirley Berry-yes; Sue Roberts-yes; Glenda Fulling-yes; Pat Richards-no; Larry McCoy-yes.

Under Continued Business, Item C, Executive Session-Personnel/Land acquisition, Mr. McCoy announced the Board would go into Executive Session and noted the time of 6:18p.m.

At 6:37p.m. the trustees resumed the regular monthly meeting of the Robinson Township.

Mr. McCoy requested a motion to accept the Executive Session minutes for September 20, 2012. Pat Richards made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Glenda Fulling seconded. Motion carried with vote as follows: Sue Roberts-yes; Glenda Fulling-yes; Pat Richards-yes; Shirley Berry-yes; Larry McCoy-yes.

Under New Business, Item 7A: Elected Officials Salaries to be set for the new term beginning May 20, 2013: Mr. McCoy had requested that bookkeeper Lacey Whipkey do a comparison study of salaries of elected township officials in the surrounding counties. She said Olney, Lawrence and Newton (Wade Township) had responded. After reviewing the study, Mr. McCoy proposed to leave salaries where they are because of the present state of the economy.

Current salaries for Robinson Township are as follows:

Township Supervisor	\$15,750.00	Full Time
Clerk	\$10,500.00	Part Time
Highway Commissioner	\$39,600.00	Full Time
Assessor	\$13,500.00	Part Time
Trustees	\$ 125.00	Per Meeting

Mr. McCoy concluded by saying that he believed the proposed tax increases for the Town and Road and Bridge departments should be used to benefit the community, not to increase salaries. Glenda Fulling made the motion, seconded by Sue Roberts, to keep the salaries at the same level for the next term of office starting in May, 2013. Motion carried with vote as follows: Glenda Fulling-yes; Pat Richards-yes; Shirley Berry-yes; Sue Roberts-yes; Larry McCoy-yes.

Under New Business, 7B: Tentative Tax Levies Copies for Town & Road handed out. Final Action to be taken at November 15, 2012 Board meeting. Mr. McCoy referred the members to their copies of the tax levies and said there would need to be a Truth in Taxation meeting for the Road & Bridge as the levy is over 5 per cent, with the meeting to start at 5:45 p.m. Mrs. Roberts asked to reminded of the earlier start time. Larry McCoy made the motion to hold the meeting. Glenda Fulling seconded. Motion carried with vote as follows: Pat Richards-yes; Shirley Berry-yes; Sue Roberts-yes; Glenda Fulling-yes; Larry McCoy-yes.

Under New Business, Item 7C: Cemetery Stone Resetting Bid: Mr. McCoy told the trustees about monuments whose bases are tilted, fallen, and in need of repair in the Robinson New Cemetery. Mr. McCoy had spoken with Richard Ralston, Oblong Township Supervisor, who said he had had repairs made to the stones in Oblong Cemetery by Effingham Monument Co., Bart Willenburg. Mr. McCoy had asked Mr. Ralston why he used Effingham Monument, and Mr. Ralston said he had used both Effingham Monument and Adams Memorial and Effingham Monument did a better job, but Adams Memorial was less expensive. Mr. McCoy said he and cemetery worker walked the cemetery and picked approximately thirty five stones for a bid. Mrs. Fulling suggested getting a bid from Adams Memorials as they are a local business. Work involves removing the current foundation, replacing it and resetting the monument. Mr. McCoy said he would be happy to obtain a bid from Adams Memorial and would do so. Mr. McCoy said the money had been budgeted to repair monument foundations. He continued by stating that once the cemetery crew saw how the repair work was done, they might be able to do some of the repair work. Pat Richards made the motion to proceed with the repair work. Glenda Fulling seconded. Motion carried with vote as follows: Shirley Berry-yes; Sue Roberts-yes; Glenda Fulling-yes; Pat Richards-yes; Larry McCoy-yes.

Item 8A: Shirley Berry moved to approve payment of the Town, G.A., and Payroll bills. Larry McCoy seconded. Motion carried with vote as follows: Sue Roberts-yes; Glenda Fulling-yes; Pat Richards-yes; Shirley Berry-yes; Larry McCoy-yes.

Item 8B: Sue Roberts made a motion to pay the Road District bills. Larry McCoy seconded. Motion carried with vote as follows: Glenda Fulling-yes; Pat Richards-yes; Shirley Berry-yes; Sue Roberts-yes; Larry McCoy-yes.

Item 8C: Larry McCoy made a motion, seconded by Shirley Berry, to pre approve payment of elected officials for the time period of October 19, 2012 through November 15, 2012. Motion carried with vote as follows: Pat Richards-yes; Shirley Berry-yes; Sue Roberts-yes; Glenda Fulling-yes; Larry McCoy-yes.

Item 8: Sue Roberts made a motion, seconded by Shirley Berry, to pay per diem. Motion carried with vote as follows: Shirley Berry-yes; Sue Roberts-yes; Glenda Fulling-yes; Pat Richards-yes; Larry McCoy-yes.

Item 10: Adjourn Meeting: Pat Richards moved to adjourn the meeting. Larry McCoy seconded. Motion carried with all in favor voting aye. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Gribben
Township Clerk

Larry McCoy
Township Supervisor