

MINUTES - BOARD of TOWN TRUSTEES

STATE of ILLINOIS

TYPE OF MEETING HELD: Regular

LASALLE COUNTY,

SS.

TIME MEETING BEGAN: 5:00pm

TOWN of BRUCE

TIME MEETING ENDED: 5:23pm

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The May 12, 2021 meeting of the Bruce Township Board of Trustees opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Highway Commissioner John M. Barton and Assessor Mary Sullivan were in attendance. The meeting was conducted by Mr. Henry Araujo as chairman and recorded by Clerk Marsha Johnston. Trustee Orban was absent from the meeting.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING'S MINUTES:

The first order of business was to read and approve the minutes from the April 13, 2021 Regular Meeting.

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Christensen

2nd BY: Trustee Harrison

That the minutes of the April 13, 2021 Regular Meeting be approved. No further discussion was required.

Aye's: 4

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 Baumrucker

2nd BY: Trustee Christensen

That the bills be allowed and paid for TOWNSHIP

No further discussion was required. Clerk Johnston took the roll call vote:

Trustee Randy Baumrucker: aye

Trustee Jerry Christensen: aye

Trustee Bob Harrison: aye

Trustee Scott Orban:

Supervisor Henry Araujo: aye

Aye's: 4

Nay's: 0

Motion: Carried

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Harrison

2nd BY: Trustee Baumrucker

That the bills be allowed and paid for GENERAL ASSISTANCE

No further discussion was required. Clerk Johnston took the roll call vote:

Trustee Randy Baumrucker: aye

Trustee Jerry Christensen: aye

Trustee Bob Harrison: aye

Trustee Scott Orban:

Supervisor Henry Araujo: aye

Aye's: 4

Nay's: 0

Motion: Carried

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Christensen

2nd BY: Trustee Baumrucker

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That the bills be allowed and paid for ROAD and BRIDGE

No further discussion was required. Clerk Johnston took the roll call vote:

Trustee Randy Baumrucker: aye

Trustee Jerry Christensen: aye

Trustee Bob Harrison: aye

Trustee Scott Orban:

Supervisor Henry Araujo: aye

Aye's: 4

Nay's: 0

Motion: Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR'S:

Supervisor Araujo stated that he again called the LaSalle County Health Department because of complaints still being received from West Second Street conditions. It is an open complaint and will take time to correct.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S:

Commissioner Barton has selected Greg Wiesbrock from Vissering Construction to be site manager for the updating and additions to the garage. One bay being added on north side and the existing bays be heated and insulated for the trucks and equipment with possible doors on each side of new bay. Bids will be taken for the cost of the project. There is a drainage issue on Skelgas Rd that needs to be addressed. An engineer from the LaSalle County Highway Department will be checking into correcting this issue. Hoping this matter can be fixed by next spring or summer.

His crew is in the process of patching roads and hope to get gravel on many of the roads.

ASSESSOR'S

Assessor Sullivan stated that her team is working on finishing up the Senior Homestead renewals, only 99 left to be accounted for the exemption. A reminded letter will be sent out May 13, 2021. Field work is being done for new construction that was completed by 12/31/20. The values for the parcels with a change in assessment are due 6/15/21 to the LaSalle County Assessment office by a computer download. Mary, Andrea, Anne, and Talitha are participating in the online series of instruction for the GIS maps. Andrea has been elected the new Bruce Township Assessor and will start her new position on January 1, 2022. In the meantime, Assessor Sullivan is working with her to get her ready for her new responsibilities.

TRUSTEE'S:

None

OTHER:

Clerk Johnston and new elected assessor, Andrea Blakemore attended the virtual Topics Day on 4/21/21. The Springfield office had many state representatives at the meeting answering questions and giving their thoughts on the Townships' role in our government. Many bills that are coming to the floor are questioning this subject.

Clerk Johnston received the official election results from the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election. Certificates will be sent to the newly elected supervisor, clerk, assessor, and trustees.

REPORTS BY SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

HEALTH BOARD:

Supervisor Araujo gave his report under the supervisor's agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

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There will be a budget workshop held on Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 5:30 pm in the Bruce Township Hall. The notice was put in the paper and it is open to the public. Trustee Baumrucker asked if the township and road received their dividend checks from TOIRMA. The total dividend of \$2076 was divided as follows: \$1183 for township and \$893 for Road and Bridge. It was received on 3/12/2021.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Araujo said the newly elected officials will take the oath of office after the regular meeting. Clerk Johnston will issue the oaths to Supervisor Lucas and Trustees Henry Araujo, Harold Baumrucker, Margaret Kreier, and Chad Winterrowd. Road Commissioner Barton had already taken the oath with Clerk Johnston. Newly elected Andrea Blakemore will be given the oath at the end of the year by Clerk Johnston. Andrea Zadkovich-Blakemore, a notary will minister the oath to Clerk Johnston.

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Christensen
That the meeting be adjourned.

2nd BY: Trustee Harrison

Aye's: 4

Nay's: 0

Motion: Carried

