

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: 6:04pm

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The May 13, 2020 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.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING'S MINUTES:

The first order of business was to read and approve the minutes from the April 14, 2020 Regular Meeting. Assessor Sullivan noted that several corrections were needed in her report. Clerk Johnston made the changes and the minutes can now be approved.

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Baumrucker 2nd BY: Trustee Christensen
That the minutes of the April 14, 2020 Regular Meeting be approved. No further discussion was required.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Steve Biroschik wanted to compliment Commissioner Barton and his crew for doing such a great job this past winter season. The roads in Bruce Township were in excellent condition and were cleaned of snow and ice in a quickly timely manner.

TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF BILLS

A summary of the bills was distributed for review.

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Orban 2nd BY: Trustee Harrison
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: aye
- Supervisor Henry Araujo: aye

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

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Baumrucker 2nd BY: Trustee Christensen
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: aye
- Supervisor Henry Araujo: aye

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

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MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Orban

2nd BY: Trustee Harrison

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: aye

Supervisor Henry Araujo: aye

Aye's: 5

Nay's: 0

Motion: Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR'S:

Discussion was held concerning the properties on W. Second St. (formally Dorothy Reeland property). Trash is piling up and on the roadway. Assessor Sullivan will check into the new owners and letters will be sent to them with the concerns of the property.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S:

Commissioner Barton is waiting to get an estimate from Access Control for the cost of the guardrails that were damaged in the truck accident that occurred near the intersection of Marilla Park Road and N. Otter Creek Rd. TOIRMA is trying to stay ahead and has sent a check for \$5765.03.

Trustee Orban asked if the bridge had been checked since the accident. The bridge was inspected for structural damage and has been cleared by the county engineer.

It has been six years since the passing of Road Commissioner Carl Barton and the installation of John M. Barton as his replacement. Mr. Barton just wanted to thank everyone on the board for their moral support and the opportunity to serve the township of Bruce.

ASSESSOR'S:

Assessor Sullivan presented pictures and description of sneeze guards that maybe needed on each desk of the township. Countless times she has had residents coming into the office sick and with the pandemic happening now, feels it would be essential to have these installed to keep our employees safe. Masks are required to be worn until further notice in the township building.

Hiring of extra help for assessor's office is put on hold under the office is up and running again.

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Christensen

2nd BY: Trustee Orban

To purchase Sneeze Guard-Plastic Protection Barrier for all the desks in the Township Office.

Mary Sullivan will get the sizes for everyone and will place the order quickly. This is much needed and a healthy and safe protocol. 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: aye

Supervisor Henry Araujo: aye

Aye's: 5

Nay's: 0

Motion: Carried

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TRUSTEE'S:

None

OTHER:

There were no other reports presented.

REPORTS BY SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

HEALTH BOARD:

Discussion was held under Supervisor Araujo's report on the properties on W. Second St.

OLD BUSINESS:

The rest of the recommendations from the auditors were discussed. Actions and changes will be implemented. Trustee Christensen will be replacing Art Watson as the second signature on the township checking accounts. New signature cards will be completed with the banks. Mike Barton will be the deputy register for Mr. Araujo's signature stamp. Confirmation from the financial institutions for over the insured amounts need to be noted. Discussion with simplifying the amounts of accounts was done. Nothing was set. 1099's will be sent to all law firms that have done work for the township in the year. Annual Town Meeting is still suspended for the time being.

NEW BUSINESS:

A budget workshop is planned on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 8:00 am for the board to discuss the budgets for the township and road. Clerk Johnston will put notice on the website, building's bulletin board and local newspaper for the public to attend. The ordinances will then be voted on at the June 10, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Barton brought up the possibility of a speed sign being put up on N. Otter Creek Rd from the bridge to Richards Road. This is actually Otter Creek Township but we maintain that road. A speed study would have to be conducted. A radar detector was used by Mr. Barton for a three hour span which at least 50 cars and trucks were tracked. Speed limit will be averaged and it will probably be set between 35-45 mph. He hopes to have a plan at the June meeting. A special line item #840 could be put in the budget for possibly new vehicle and also a contingency fund line item for both town and road.

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

2nd BY: Trustee Christensen

Aye's: 5

Nay's: 0

Motion: Carried

