

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: 5:50 pm

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The March 9, 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 February 9, 2022 Regular Meeting.

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Araujo

2nd BY: Trustee Kreier

That the minutes of the February 9, 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 Baumrucker

2nd BY: Trustee Araujo

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 Winterrowd

2nd BY: Trustee Araujo

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

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MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Baumrucker
That the bills be allowed and paid for ROAD and BRIDGE

2nd BY: Supervisor Lucas

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 expressed how busy the Assessor's office has been concerning the exemptions that need to be filed.

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday 4/12/2022 at 6:00pm. No one has come forth with a topic to be placed on the agenda. The deadline for that to be done was March 1, 2022 and had to have fifteen registered Bruce Township voters' signatures.

Mr. Lucas discussed the possible loss the road department would endure if the Governor talked about possible suspension of the increase of Motor Fuel Tax. No decision has been made at this time.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S:

Commissioner Barton talked a little bit more about the Motor Fuel Tax. In the past, Motor Fuel Tax was used exclusively for oil and chip and anything over the amount received would come from the Road and Bridge Fund. Mr. Barton has signed up for about \$110,000 to cover the projects. LaSalle County Road Department decides the amount given to each township by the miles listed for the township. Engineers are brought in to figure what is needed per township. Discussion was held and possible surcharge could be added.

The snow plows have been kept busy and will not be removed from the trucks quite yet.

Mr. Barton will talk to Sheryl Churney, an attorney who has done work for the township and is now the attorney for the city of Streator, about writing up an intergovernmental agreement between Bruce Township and the City of Streator for the drainage project on E. 1725th Rd. If she feels it would be a conflict of interest, we will contact Justice Law Firm. If additional funds are needed for the drainage project, money will be transferred to the line item from the savings.

ASSESSOR'S

The Assessor's office has helped over 480 seniors turning in the homestead paperwork that is due May 1, 2022. They have also processed 26 New Senior Homestead Applications. Her office is required to have them turned in by the June 1, 2022 deadline to the LaSalle County Assessor's Office.

Fieldwork is being done in the afternoon as the weather permits. Tristin Paul will be joining the team again in mid-March for fieldwork and data entry.

There will be at least one employee remaining in the office in the mornings until the end of April. Beginning May 2, 2022, one of the employees will remain in the office on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

TRUSTEE'S:

Trustee Baumrucker gave a report about the issues with the Economic Statement questions. LaSalle County Board is getting in touch with Jesse White's office and also will be discussing the concerns with lawyers and LaSalle County Clerk's Office. A page explaining the questions and what needs to be completed will be sent out along with the Economic Statements which are due back by May 1, 2022.

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OTHER:

Clerk Johnston handed out a sign-in guide for everyone when they log in for OMA Training. After completion, a certificate needs to be printed out and given to the clerk to file.

After receiving the Economic Statement, Clerk Johnston said everyone may bring them to her office and she will deliver them to the LaSalle County Clerk's Office when she picks up the Bruce Township Registered Voters List which is needed for the Annual Town Meeting. If any questions arise filling out the questions, please call the LaSalle County Clerk's Office.

Government Week will be celebrated the week of March 21, 2022 with a luncheon.

Sexual Harassment training will be completed for the office in mid April.

REPORTS BY SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

HEALTH BOARD:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2022 IMRF-ARMED FORCES

To allow Bruce Township to allow service credit in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund to members who served in the armed forces of the United States for such service prior to their participation in IMRF and that no cost to the Township will be made on their behalf.

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Kreier

2nd BY: Trustee Araujo

To Pass the Resolution 2022 IMRF-ARMED FORCES. 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:

Clerk Johnston handed out the agenda for the annual town meeting that will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 6:00pm. Discussion was held on the topics and no one came forward to put an item on the agenda by the March 1, 2022 deadline.

MOTION MADE BY: Supervisor Lucas

2nd BY: Trustee Araujo

Motion to adopt the Annual Town Meeting Agenda on April 12, 2022

Aye's: 5

Nay's: 0

Motion: Carried

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Winterrowd

2nd BY: Trustee Araujo

That the meeting be adjourned.

Aye's: 5

Nay's: 0

Motion: Carried

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