

**Minutes – Board of Town Trustees  
January 15, 2015**

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
Crawford County  
Town of Robinson

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES met at the Robinson Township Office at 6:00 p.m. January 15, 2015.

The following official business was transacted. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry McCoy. Clerk Vickie Gribben then called the roll.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

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

Item 4, Mr. McCoy asked for public comments. Clerk Gribben noted the framed documents of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights.

Under Item 5, Approval of minutes of December 18, 2014 regular monthly board meeting, Mr. McCoy asked if the trustees had any questions or changes concerning the minutes of said meetings. There being none, Pat Richards made the motion, seconded by Greg Wolfe, to approve the minutes for the meeting as written. Motion carried with vote as follows: Shirley Berry, Pat Richards-yes; Greg Wolfe-yes; Larry McCoy-yes.

Under Item 6A, the Supervisor's report, Mr. McCoy noted that the interest rate has remained the same—3/10ths of a per cent—on the CD's at the First Robinson Savings Bank. He read the beginning and ending balances for the current month of the Total Town Money Market Balance, the Total Road and Bridge Money Market and General Assistance Money Market. He then referred to the intergovernmental agreement Robinson Township has with Oblong, Prairie, Licking, Montgomery, and Martin Townships to do the General Assistance paperwork. A total of \$1,620.00 had been received for processing a total of 27 cases. He asked if there were any questions and moved to the next report.

Under Item 6B, the Highway Commissioner's report, Mr Lachenmayr said that the road crew was still cutting brush and the pole saw they were using was in need of repair. The saw is in a shop at Mattoon and cost for the repair will be \$475.00. He found another pole saw on Craig's List for \$300.00 plus \$40.00 shipping. He said it is a really good saw and the crew has become proficient in using it, averaging 7 to 8 loads per day of brush hauling. He said the crew would start hauling road gravel into the spots that are light on the roads before the freeze goes out and the roads get really soggy. When that

happens, he concluded, the roads will not bear that much weight. Depending on the weather, the crew would probably be back to trimming brush.

Under Item 6C, Assessor's report, Sue Roberts said she was going to attend the annual meeting of Township Assessors in the County. She is going to classes in March to keep up her CIAO license. She said there are a lot of farm buildings that need to be assessed and added to the tax list. Mr. McCoy asked if there were any questions. Mr. Wilson asked Mrs. Roberts, "What's Marathon getting ready to do?" Mrs. Roberts responded that the County assessment officer handles Marathon and that she didn't know about it.

Under Item 7A, New Business, Approval of Assessor's Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016: Mr. McCoy asked if there were questions about the budget. Mrs. Roberts said the budget had been reduced over \$1400 from the previous year and she is still cutting. There's a minimal amount left for an employee if she needs one. She is now taking pictures of the properties she is assessing. Travel expenses will be to cover the cost of training. She concluded that the budget four years ago was \$35,000 and is now \$20,650. Shirley Berry moved to approve the Assessor's Budget. Greg Wolfe seconded. Motion carried with vote as follows: Pat Richards-yes; Greg Wolfe-yes; Larry McCoy-yes; and Shirley Berry-yes.

Under Item 7B, New Business, Mr. McCoy stated that Mr. Lachenmayr is asking for approval to go out for bids for the Highway Department building. Pat Richards asked what kind of building Mr. Lachenmayr was planning on building. Mr. Lachenmayr responded 160x60 with a 30x40 office building on the front. Basically he needs the shelter or framework put up," he continued. His crew will do the finish work. "How many bays?" Pat Richards asked. "...Nine bays, 2 deep," Mr. Lachenmayr responded. He would put equipment, everything that has an engine, in the new building. Mowers and snow blowers would go in the lean to behind the old building. State law requires equipment to be under cover. Mr. Richards asked if the old building would still house equipment. Mr. Lachenmayr stated he would like to put a 2000 gallon slurry mixing tank in one bay of the old building so the highway department could make its own salt brine. The other two bays will hold the patching machine and the oil tank. Mr. Richards asked how soon Mr. Lachenmayr would be starting on the building. Mr. Lachenmayr responded, "Hopefully start this summer." Pat Richards made the motion to approve going out for bids. Larry McCoy seconded. Motion carried with vote as follows: Greg Wolfe-yes; Larry McCoy-yes; Shirley Berry-yes; and Pat Richards-yes.

Under Item 8A, Greg Wolfe moved to approve payment of Town, General Assistance, and Payroll bills. Shirley Berry seconded. Motion carried with vote as follows: Greg Wolfe-yes; Larry McCoy-yes; Shirley Berry-yes; and Pat Richards-yes.

Under Item 8B, Pat Richards made the motion to approve payment of Road District bills. Greg Wolfe seconded. Motion carried with vote as follows: Larry McCoy-yes; Shirley Berry; Pat Richards-yes; and Greg Wolfe-yes.

Under Item 8C, Shirley Berry made a motion, seconded by Larry McCoy, to pre-approve payment of elected officials for the time period of January 16, 2015 through February 19, 2015. Motion carried with vote as follows: Shirley Berry-yes; Pat Richards-yes; Greg Wolfe-yes; and Larry McCoy-yes.

Under Item 9, Pat Richards made a motion, seconded by Shirley Berry, to pay per diem. Motion carried with vote as follows: Pat Richards-yes; Greg Wolfe-yes; Larry McCoy-yes; and Shirley Berry-yes.

Under Item 10: Mr. McCoy asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

Under Item 11, Mr. McCoy called for a motion to adjourn the meeting: Motion was made by Greg Wolfe and seconded by Shirley Berry. Motion carried with all in favor voting aye. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Vickie Gribben  
Township Clerk

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Larry McCoy  
Township Supervisor