

Minutes – Board of Town Trustees
March 19, 2015

STATE OF ILLINOIS
Crawford County
Town of Robinson

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES met at the Robinson Township Office at 6:00 p.m. March 19, 2015. 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
	Sue Roberts	Township Assessor
	Shirley Berry	Township Trustee
	Lori Hodge	Township Trustee
	Pat Richards	Township Trustee
	Greg Wolfe	Township Trustee

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

Item 3, Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Item 4, Mr. McCoy asked if the trustees had any questions or changes concerning the minutes of the February 19, 2015 regular Monthly Board Meeting. There being none, Shirley Berry made the motion, seconded by Lori Hodge, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried with vote as follows: Shirley Berry-yes; Pat Richards-yes; Lori Hodge-yes; Greg Wolfe-yes; Larry McCoy-yes.

Under Item 5A, the Supervisor's report, Mr. McCoy referred the trustees to the monthly account balances for the month of February 1, 2015 to February 28, 2015. Chairman McCoy read the beginning and ending balances for the Total Town Money Market, the General Assistance Money Market, and the Total Road and Bridge Money Market. The interest rate on the deposits has remained the same, 0.3 percent. He noted the GA cases done this fiscal year to date through intergovernmental agreements was 29. He concluded by stating that \$11,068.34 has been dispersed for General Assistance cases done through Robinson Township, and \$3763.00 for Emergency Assistance. He asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Under Item 5B, the Highway Commissioner's report, Mr. Lachenmayr read a letter of appreciation from Community Unit #2 Josh Quick on the road crew's quick and efficient response on plowing the roads. He told the trustees that the road crew is now patching potholes and checking culverts. So far five culverts need replaced, two of them over fifty feet long. He has roads posted with the worst road being the Victor Dana road; Marathon is moving in a lot of heavy equipment. He hopes to remove the weight limit signs soon.

Under Item 5C, Assessor's report. Sue Roberts said it was her understanding that an agreement had been reached with Marathon. She asked Mr. McCoy if he knew anything about it. Mr. McCoy said that Marathon did not protest this year's EAV, but no long term agreement had been reached. Ms. Roberts

also said there is a Southeastern District Township meeting in June at Rend Lake. There will be a class for assessors in the afternoon which she plans to attend. Elected officials are invited to attend.

Item 6A, Continued Business, Bids for mowing of the outlying cemeteries. There were three bids. Chairman McCoy opened the bids. The bids for mowing the outlying cemeteries were as follows:

- **JR's Mowing:** Newlin Cemetery—\$165.00; Davis—\$35.00; Kirk—\$225.00; Davis—\$35.00; and Robinson Old—\$400.00. **Total \$860.00 per mowing.**
- **Denny Noblit:** Newlin Cemetery—\$85.00; Davis—\$25.00; Kirk—\$150.00; LaMotte—\$25.00; and Robinson Old—\$200.00. **Total \$485 per mowing.**
- **Maddal Mowing:** Newlin Cemetery—\$145.00; Davis—\$17.50; Kirk—\$145.00; LaMotte—\$17.50; and Robinson Old—\$300.00. **Total \$625 per mowing.**

Lori Hodge said it makes sense to use Denny Noblit again and made the motion. Pat Richards seconded. Mr. McCoy said during discussion before the vote that he reserves the right to choose someone else if Mr. Noblit does not mow satisfactorily. Lori Hodge asked if that meant Mr. McCoy would come to the board if there's an issue. Mr. McCoy said he might not have the time to come to the board in the middle of mowing season. Pat Richards asked if there was a problem last year. Mr. McCoy said his mowing was not satisfactory initially, but they got the problems worked out. Pat Richards said that he only raised his fee by \$50.00. Clerk Gribben then called the roll. Motion carried with vote as follows: Pat Richards-yes; Lori Hodge-yes; Greg Wolfe-yes; Larry McCoy-yes; and Shirley Berry-yes.

Item 6B, Continued Business, Bids for New Highway Department Equipment Building. Two bids were received. One was from Mose Hershberger, Oblong IL, and the second was from Davis County Metals in Canelburg IN. Mr. McCoy went through the two bids. Hershberger's Pole Building bid was for \$264,517.00 with an option on door openers that would add \$5,722.00. Davis County Metals bid was for \$308,276.00 with installed doors and openers priced separately—add \$24,222 to base bid. The board discussed the differences between the two bids. For example, DC Metals priced 6" guttering and a commercial grade metal. Hershberger bid a 5" gutter and residential grade metal for the barn.

Shirley Berry asked if the board had to vote on the building tonight. Mr. McCoy said it didn't. Mr. Lachenmayr stated that "We need to move on it as soon as we can...." Sue Roberts asked if he knew of any buildings of this size that Hershberger has built. Mr. Lachenmayr did not know of any. Mr. Lachenmayr suggested a motion to use Hershberger pending clarification of all specifications of the bids. Mr. McCoy asked for a motion to table the bids until the bidders could be called about the differences. Shirley Berry made the motion to table until April's meeting. Greg Wolfe seconded. Motion carried with vote as follows: Lori Hodge-yes; Greg Wolfe-yes; Larry McCoy-yes; Shirley Berry-yes; Pat Richards-yes. Mr. McCoy said he would speak with Hershberger to resubmit the bid with steel ceiling included and the thicker gauge metal.

Mr. Lachenmayr told the board that he had spoken with different banks about borrowing the money to build. He listed the various interest rates. He talked to Rural Development and the interest rate would be 3 percent with no problem getting the money. The person he spoke with said there was also grant money available but mainly for specific smaller projects. Mr. Lachenmayr asked about applying for a grant to build a salt bin in the future. The person he spoke with said that something like that would be

easier to do, being a smaller project. Rural Development would do grant money and match 50/50 up to \$25,000.

He also spoke with First Robinson Savings Bank. A ten year loan there would be 2 ½ percent. He spoke with First Financial Bank. The person he spoke with there said he thought it was 3 percent for a government loan. Regions and First National Bank of Olney never got back to him. Mr. McCoy said that was his other question—the amount of time Mr. Lachenmayr budgeted for the loan to be repaid. Mr. Lachenmayr responded that he would take the loan out for ten years but planned to have it repaid before then. He then explained how he planned on paying it. Labor and man hours can be charged out per month to the Motor Fuel Tax money from the County who writes a check which goes into the Road and Bridge Account. Justin Childress told him that this is the proper way to get the money into the Road and Bridge budget in order to allow it to be used for the payment of the building.

Mr. Richards asked about the Township loaning the money to the Road and Bridge Department. Mr. McCoy said the money for the ground had already been loaned out of the Town Fund, but said he would talk with Bryan Smith, TOI Executive Director, about it.

Item 7A, New Business, Town Budget Transfer/Adjustments. Chairman McCoy stated that this is something we have to do at the end of the year every year and then asked Lacey Whipkey, bookkeeper, to go over the needed transfers in the town budget line items. Lacey listed the different budget items and recommended transfers from specific line items. Mr. McCoy asked if there were any questions or objections to making the adjustments. Mr. Richards asked if the budget could be adjusted some other way since so many were required. Sue Roberts said things were changed in the assessor's budget. Mr. McCoy responded that adjustments were made every year. Ms. Whipkey added that the adjustments were necessary because, for example, the need for a new lawn mower and printer were unforeseen things. Pat Richards replied, "Good enough." Lori Hodge made the motion to make the town budget transfers and adjustments as specified. Greg Wolfe seconded. Motion carried with vote as follows: Greg Wolfe-yes; Larry McCoy-yes; Shirley Berry-yes; Pat Richards-yes; Lori Hodge-yes.

Item 7B, New Business Road Budget Transfer/Adjustments. Lacey Whipkey went over the road budget items. Greg Wolfe made the motion to make the requested transfers and adjustments in the road budget. Lori Hodge seconded. Motion carried with vote as follows: Larry McCoy-yes; Shirley Berry-yes; Pat Richards-yes; Lori Hodge-yes; Greg Wolfe-yes.

Item 7C, Mr. McCoy requested a motion to adopt the regular monthly board meeting schedule for April 2015-March 2016 and stated the customary meeting night is every third Thursday of the month. Lori Hodge made the motion to adopt the schedule and Shirley Berry seconded. Motion carried with vote as follows: Shirley Berry-yes; Pat Richards-yes; Lori Hodge-yes; Greg Wolfe-yes; Larry McCoy-yes.

Item 7D, Reminder that the Annual Town Meeting is April 14, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. at the Robinson Township office.

Item 7E, Lori Hodge moved to adopt the Annual Town Meeting Agenda as presented. Shirley Berry seconded the motion which carried with vote as follows: Pat Richards-yes; Lori Hodge-yes; Greg Wolfe-yes; Larry McCoy-yes; Shirley Berry-yes.

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

Item 8B, Pat Richards made a motion to pay the Road District bills. Greg Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion carried with vote as follows: Greg Wolfe-yes; Larry McCoy-yes; Shirley Berry-yes; Pat Richards-yes; Lori Hodge-yes.

Item 8C: Shirley Berry made a motion, seconded by Lori Hodge, to pre-approve payment of Elected Officials for the time period of March 20, 2015 through April 16, 2015. Motion carried with vote as follows: Larry McCoy-yes; Shirley Berry-yes Pat Richards-yes; Lori Hodge-yes; Greg Wolfe-yes.

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

Item 10: Public Comments: Matthew Wilson commended the Highway Department on the removal of snow and ice.

Item 11: Shirley Berry made a motion to adjourn. Lori Hodge seconded. Motion carried with all in favor voting aye.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Gribben
Township Clerk

Larry McCoy
Township Supervisor