

Minutes – Board of Town Trustees
September 20, 2012

STATE OF ILLINOIS
Crawford County
Town of Robinson

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES met at the Robinson Township Office at 6:00p.m. September 20, 2012.

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
	Bob Manning	Township Assessor
	Glenda Fulling	Township Trustee
	Pat Richards	Township Trustee
	Shirley Berry	Township Trustee
	Sue Roberts	Township Trustee

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Under Item 4, Mr. McCoy asked if the trustees had any questions or changes concerning the minutes of the August 16, 2012 meeting. There being none, Pat Richards made the motion, seconded by Glenda Fulling, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried with vote as follows: Larry McCoy-yes; Glenda Fulling-yes; Pat Richards-yes; Shirley Berry-yes; Sue Roberts-yes.

Under Item 5A, the Supervisor's report, Mr. McCoy noted a memorandum from the Township Officials of Illinois regarding a legislative survey. Anyone wishing to propose legislation impacting Township government has until October 31, 2012 to do so. Instructions are included with the memo. Mr. McCoy then read the monthly account balances for the month ending August 31, 2012 in the Total Town Money Market and the Total Road and Bridge Money Market. He told the trustees that the interest rate on the investment lists has remained the same, 0.35%, on the certificates of deposit that Robinson Township has with First Robinson Savings Bank. Chairman McCoy then noted that for fiscal year April 1, 2012 through August 31, 2012, Robinson Township disbursed a total of \$8,611.66 in General Assistance and \$9,532.81 in Emergency Assistance. He concluded by reading a thank you note from the McSchooler family for the expressions of sympathy from the Township.

Under Item 5B, Highway Commissioner Lachenmayr told the Board that the Highway Department's crew had started their second mowing and the next job would be road patching before the weather becomes too cool to do so. Also, the crew is going over the equipment making sure it is ready for the winter.

Under Item 5C, Assessor's report: Estimates for next year are running close to 12 million assessed value, about three times the normal amount. Mr. Manning noted that a lot of that amount would not have property tax paid on it.

Under Item 6A, New Business, Approval to obtain bids for health insurance. Mr. McCoy told the trustees that he had received the renewal form for the health insurance plan for the township and highway department, and the cost is significantly higher. Mr. McCoy proposed going out for bids. Glenda Fulling moved to put together a bid sheet and submit it to the local agencies. Larry McCoy seconded the motion. Motion carried with vote as follows: Glenda Fulling-yes; Pat Richards-yes; Shirley Berry-yes; Sue Roberts-yes; Larry McCoy-yes.

Under Item 6B, New Business, approval of purchase of Total Patcher for the Road District: Mr. Lachenmayer said that the company had come to Robinson the previous week and demonstrated its use. Trustee Pat Richards had been able to come to the demonstration. Dave Lachenmayr said that the patcher could be bought for \$81,000—\$63,000 for the machine and \$18,000 for the holding tank with heater and baffles which is the cost for everything except wiring up the tank itself with electric. He said it would save on road work by filling alligator cracks and other cracks in the road, and even chip and seal one quarter to one half mile of crack. Also, it would seal the 18 inch area on the sides of the road which are cracking. The machine has an air compressor which blows the dirt out of the cracks and a sealer wand. It will help to eliminate the need to do the regular chip and seal. He said he had talked with Doug Crocker who worked for State of Illinois for years and Mr. Crocker said he didn't think the townships or highway departments ought to be without one. He had also spoken with Justin Childress who said he had been considering buying one for years and if the Township bought the Road Patcher, he would rent the machine from the township along with a member of the road crew.

Mr. McCoy said that the machine looked like it would do several things and asked Mr. Lachenmayer if he had any projections on how long it would last and if the township would recover the cost of it. Mr. Lachenmayer replied that the oldest one in operation is approximately 12 years. Mr. McCoy asked Pat Richards what his thoughts on it were. Mr. Richards said he wished the other trustees could have seen the demonstration. He said he had mixed feelings about it. Mr. Richards said he liked what the machine did, but with the economy, he didn't know about the money situation. He asked what the warranty was. Mr. Lachenmayr said two years, and mentioned that the cost of the machine had already been placed in the budget. Mr. Richards asked if it might be possible that the County would buy it and the Township could rent it from them, and ended by saying he would like to see the money spent on something else.

Mr. McCoy asked if anyone would like to make a motion to purchase the patcher. Mr. McCoy asked if the company would come back for a second demonstration so the other trustees could see it. Mr. Lachenmayer said possibly, but Mr. Lachenmayer's budget for Motor Fuel Tax money has to be in by the end of September. He needs to know whether to get oil for the hole patcher or for regular chipping and sealing. More discussion followed. Mr. McCoy said that due to the apparent hesitation of any trustee to make a motion to approve the purchase that he would suggest that Mr. Lachenmayer to see if another demonstration could be scheduled. Mrs. Fulling asked if Mr. Lachenmayer could purchase the hole patcher without the Board's approval since it is already in the Road Budget. She said she was nervous about the funds. Mr. McCoy said yes. Mr. Richards said it would be better to have the Board's approval. Mr. McCoy said he would make the motion to approve the purchase of the Total Patcher for the Road District. He asked for a second. Ms. Roberts said that she did not feel she knew enough about the subject at this time. More discussion followed about the MFT budget for the oil and the hot patch. Mr. Lachenmayer said it is quite a large amount of money which he would not get unless he budgeted for the oil for the Road Patcher or the hot patch specifically. Mr. Lachenmayr talked about patching a road where a culvert has been replaced and filled in with concrete. For further repairs, the concrete would have to be broken out. This would not have to be done with the Hole Patcher. Cost to run this

patcher is approximately \$50 to \$55 per ton versus \$70 per ton for hot or cold mix. Mr. Lachenmayer said he's talked to eight or nine other townships who have the machine and all of them were one hundred per cent for it. Mr. McCoy asked if the machine were rented to the County, how the cost would be figured. Mr. Lachenmayer said that the County sets the rate on the horsepower plus the use of Township's truck plus a member of the Township's road crew. Mr. McCoy asked if Mr. Lachenmayer could get a projection from Mr. Childress to see how much he would use it. Mr. McCoy again reminded the Board that there was a motion and asked if there were a second. Motion died for lack of a second. Mr. McCoy asked if Mr. Lachenmayer could get cost and recovery projections by the next meeting. Also, he asked again if another demonstration could be scheduled.

Under New Business, Item C, Executive Session-Personnel/Land acquisition, Mr. McCoy announced the Board would go into Executive Session and noted the time of 6:34p.m.

At 7:14p.m. the trustees resumed the regular monthly meeting of the Robinson Township.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to table the land acquisition prospect until further information is obtained. Sue Roberts seconded. Motion carried with vote as follows: Shirley Berry-yes; Sue Roberts-yes; Larry McCoy-yes; Glenda Fulling-yes; Pat Richards-yes.

Under Other Business, Item 7A: Glenda Fulling made the motion, seconded by Sue Roberts, to approve payment of the Town, G.A., and Payroll bills. Motion carried with vote as follows: Sue Roberts-yes; Larry McCoy-yes; Glenda Fulling-yes; Pat Richards-yes; Shirley Berry-yes.

Item 7B: Sue Roberts made a motion to pay the Road District bills. Glenda Fulling seconded. Motion carried with vote as follows: Larry McCoy-yes; Glenda Fulling-yes; Pat Richards-yes; Shirley Berry-yes; Sue Roberts-yes.

Item 7C: Larry McCoy made a motion, seconded by Shirley Berry, to pre approve payment of elected officials for the time period of September 21, 2012 through October 18, 2012. Motion carried with vote as follows: Glenda Fulling-yes; Pat Richards-yes; Shirley Berry-yes; Sue Roberts-yes; Larry McCoy-yes.

Item 8: Shirley Berry made a motion, seconded by Larry McCoy, to pay per diem. Motion carried with vote as follows: Pat Richards-yes; Shirley Berry-yes; Sue Roberts-yes; Larry McCoy-yes; Glenda Fulling-yes.

Item 9: Adjourn Meeting: Shirley Berry moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with all in favor voting aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Gribben
Township Clerk

Larry McCoy
Township Supervisor