

Coe Township Meeting Minutes – August 19, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

Board members attending: Steve Simpson, Betsey Morthland, Paul Reiwerts, Mark Kruckenberg, Mike O'Hara, Annie Tague, Rick Mitton

Guests attending were: Kenny Reveal, Sue Marsden, Stephanie Lugo

Minutes from the June meeting were read. Mark moved to approve minutes as amended, Betsey 2nd, motion passed.

Public Comments:

- A homeowner (Stephanie Lugo) who had received a notice regarding the lack of culverts on her property came to question the board regarding who was responsible for paying the approximately \$2200 to install a culvert on her property. The builder who built her home supposedly talked to the prior Road Commissioner to receive permission to not install a culvert, the Road Commissioner denies giving the permission. Rick explained the procedure and will be talking to the builder. The consensus of the board was that ultimately the homeowner is financially responsible for any cost to be incurred in rectifying the situation; although the builder is the party who wrongfully eliminated the culvert. It would be up to the homeowner to pursue whatever action is necessary to be repaid for any costs incurred in installing a culvert.

Supervisor report:

- has driven almost all the township roads, they seem to be in good shape
- received Certificate of Membership for TOI, he distributed membership cards and stickers to the board
- needs to know who is planning on going to the Educational Conference hosted by TOI Nov. 10-12
- reminded the board members to complete their Open Meetings Act Training
- Rick had a demo of a ditcher, Steve took video of it and offered to show it to interested members after the meeting
- Bev will email minutes of the meeting a week before the next meeting for review
- Trustees were invited to add to the meeting agenda no later than Thursday before the Monday meeting
- there was no use of the building in the past month

Highway Commissioner Report:

- discussed the situation with the homeowners who are out of compliance with culverts on their property – it will cost \$2200 to bore under the driveway, or dig through the driveway (which would then have to have concrete finish work done) ... he was going to ask the builder to split the cost but Trustees determined the cost should be borne by the builder who violated State Code.
- he's going to contact an attorney regarding what to do about property owners out of compliance with their culverts (or lack thereof)
- did some training in Springfield – learned helpful information
- widened 145th Street
- will be doing some patching of streets, others are coming in to help
- hauled some rock for the school for a gravel patch there
- talked with someone about township problems re: missing signs, trees and brush restricting visibility – Rick inspects the roads and signs for issues weekly
- Rick informed the board that there will be a new reflectivity standard that we are going to have to meet by 1/2015 for traffic signs, and 01/2018 for street guide signs

Assessor's report:

- nothing to report, Steve asked her to put together a small training regarding what her job entails for board after the September meeting

Clerk's report:

- attended TOI meeting in July, bought the Illinois Township Clerk's Handbook
- had Trustee's verify contact information requested by County Clerk's office

Cemetery report:

- the Cemetery Board is not responding to having a meeting – Steve will schedule a meeting for them in the two weeks following the August meeting ... township has taken no action regarding taking control of the Pleasant Point Cemetery
- Jim Sallows is the sexton of the Fairfield Cemetery, members of the board include Jim Sallows, Stan Woodburn, and Chris Bode; Brent Brinkmeier resigned from the board and Chris Bode would like to resign

New Business:

- Betsey moved to accept the bills, Paul 2nd, motion passed

Mark moved to adjourn, Mike 2nd, motion passed.