



State of Illinois) May 13, 2014
County of LaSalle) Regular Meeting
Township of Northville)

The Northville Township meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Roll Call

Present – Trustee Jim Byrne, Trustee Joe Emma, Trustee Jerry Owens, Trustee Jim Swanson and Supervisor - Richard Felstead

Others Present – Road Commissioner – John Middleton
Assessor – Hal Ament
Clerk – Linda Swanson

Public Present – None

Pledge to the Flag

Town and Road Budget Hearing

Trustee Swanson motioned to go into the Town and Road Budget Hearing and Trustee Emma seconded. All ayes, so motion passed.

Town and Road Budget Hearing started 7:05 p.m.

No one from the public was present, so there were no questions or comments.

Trustee Swanson motioned to come out of the Town and Road Budget Hearing and Trustee Emma seconded. All ayes, so motion passed.

Town and Road Budget Hearing ended 7:06 p.m.

Adopt Town and Road Budgets 2014-2015

Supervisor Felstead informed the Board that according to our attorney no changes can be made to the Tentative budget at this time. The Tentative Town budget and Tentative Road District budget can be adopted as posted and then we would need to Amend the Town and Road budgets to make the minor changes.

Trustee Emma motioned to adopt the 2014-2015 Town Budget and Trustee Byrne seconded. All ayes per roll call vote, so motion passed.

Trustee Byrne motioned to adopt the 2014-2015 Road Budget and Supervisor Felstead seconded. All ayes per roll call vote, so motion passed.

Clerk Swanson updated the necessary changes in the Amended Town budget and the Amended Road District budget. She came up with a document that compared the Tentative budgets and Amended budgets, so the Board could easily compare the two. Clerk Swanson presented the changes in the Amended Town budget and Amended Road District budget to the Board. There were some questions and discussion. The Board will have the Budget Hearing on July 8th. Clerk Swanson informed the Board that she will put a Public Notice in the Times for the Amended Township Budget Hearing and the Amended Road District Budget Hearing. She will also post the two Amended budgets at Lake Holiday Lodge, Wildwood Lodge, Somonauk Library and in front of the Northville Township Hall on or before May 27th.

Trustee Emma wanted to go on record to say that the Clerk is doing a wonderful job and that she always makes the Board's job easier by the extra work she does. Everyone present agreed.

Public Comments - None

Approval and/or Correction of Prior Meeting's Minutes

Trustee Emma motioned to approve the Regular meeting minutes for April 8, 2014 Trustee Swanson seconded. All ayes per voice vote, so motion passed.

Reports from Officers

Supervisor's Report – Jim Swanson, Jim Byrne and I went to Springfield for Township Topic Days. We met with our legislatures to talk about Township issues. It was very interesting and those we met with were supportive of Township government.

Highway Commissioner's Report – See attached report.

One thing that is not on the written report is that Joel Briel at one time requested help with Lett Cemetery road. I talked to the LaSalle County Highway Department and they said they would help with the road. It would not be the Township's responsibility. Two Road Commissioners have died recently. I will be attending the wake of the recent one this week.

Supervisor Felstead asked the Road Commissioner how much did Arrowstar settled for and the reply was \$12,500. No one was happy with this total, but it will save the township money and the 29th Road project can finally begin.

Assessor's Report – It is going very nicely. We will have all our work accomplished for the closing date June 15. Senior Exemption forms have been collected. I drove 78 miles so far picking up forms and notarizing documents. (I am a Notary now.) I have two that are not ready for submission yet.

We are training on our work load that needs to be done by June 15 and by doing this we will meet our deadline. We are completing field work and correcting our files on the Senior Exemption people.

Today they finally released the CD on the digital maps, so I picked up ours.

Stephanie from the county will meet with me in the future to discuss a plan to reevaluating all Lake Holiday interior lots. She will also come up to reevaluate the areas where serious soil erosion occurred and make adjustments.

The people in Lake Holiday have been very nice and cordial when we are doing our required job in Lake Holiday and that is really appreciated. In the rural areas, that has not been the case. We are just doing our job.

Clerk's Report – I helped with the Amended Town Budget and Amended Road Budget. We are working on the Township pamphlet that will have helpful information for the community.

Trustees' Reports – Trustee Swanson shared with the Board a picture that was taken with some of the legislatures that they talked to on Township Topic Days in Springfield. He found it very informative and recommends the others who could not attend to try to attend in the future.

Old Business

Discuss Township Garden – Supervisor Felstead received a call from a resident that wanted to know if there was going to be a Community Garden this year. The Board agreed that the Community Garden should be continued again this year. There are 4 spots that will be rototilled for the gardeners. Last year only two full spots were used by a few people. There is a form that each gardener needs to fill out before any gardening can be done. Supervisor Felstead and Clerk Swanson will work on a policy for the Community Garden that the gardeners will need to follow.

New Business

None

Audit Town and Road Bills

Town bills were reviewed and signed.

Trustee Emma motioned to approve the Town bills and Trustee Swanson seconded. All ayes per voice vote, so motion passed.

Road bills were reviewed and signed.

Trustee Emma motioned to approve the Road bills and Trustee Byrne seconded. All ayes per voice vote, so motion passed.

Adjournment

Trustee Emma motioned to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Swanson seconded. All ayes per voice vote, so motion passed.

Meeting ended at 8:50 p.m.

Respectively Submitted by Linda Swanson – Northville Township Clerk

Northville Township Highway Department

Highway Commissioners Report

April 8, 2014

Roads

1. Repair of road sign posts from winter's wrath.
2. Gravel roads under repair, shaping and new gravel.
3. Arrowstar property on E29th Road staked by surveyor.
4. Fence removal started on new ROW from Suppes Farm, E.29th Road.
5. Consulted with LCHD about flooding roads.
6. All Northville Township roads remain posted 15 Tons.
7. Road and Bridge Budget 2014-15 completed.
8. Listing of 8 cross culverts to be installed under road way summer 2014.

Equipment

1. New NAPA batteries installed in IH-7400 truck.
2. Snow wing removed from JD 772-CH road grader.
3. New front tires from Moore Tires, on JD772-CH road grader.

Building

1. New Dell computer with Windows 7 for Road District.
2. Reinstalled fuel filter on diesel fuel storage tank.
3. New shop entrance door installed.
4. Bench vise broken and replaced from Rural King.
5. New cleaning supplies storage cabinet