



State of Illinois            )     May 12, 2015  
County of LaSalle        )     Regular Meeting  
Township of Northville)

The Northville Township meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

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

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

Public Present – None

**Pledge to the Flag**

**Public Comments - None**

**Approval and/or Correction of Prior Meeting’s Minutes**

Trustee Byrne motioned to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for April 16, 2015 and Trustee Swanson seconded. All ayes per voice vote, so motion passed.

**Reports from Officers**

*Supervisor’s Report* – Effective Tuesday, May 12, 2015, I am reinstating Emergency Assistance in the Township. In the past, the due date for time sheets was one week prior to the end of the month. I changed the financial policy making the time sheets due by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the following month. This will work better and be less confusing for everyone. I printed out a copy for the Trustees.

I was contacted by Sandwich Schools saying their schedule wouldn’t permit for having Eddie Weiss before the end of the school year. So we are going to work on it for next school year.

*Highway Commissioner’s Report* – See attached report.

*Assessor’s Report* – The Senior Homestead Exemption came to a close on May 1<sup>st</sup>. There were 43 people that received it in the past that we did not get his/her paper work, so we looked up their phone numbers and called them to remind them that we needed their paperwork. Several moved or were deceased. I attended the Township Topic Days in Springfield last week and I found it very informative and I really enjoyed attending. We met with our State Senator Sue Rezin. She told us about some of things going on in the State Government. We talked about

Township government. Township Government is being looked at and she suggested that Townships begin to look at where some changes could be made if there are some funding changes. Another Senator spoke during the event, as well as the State Comptroller.

*Clerk's Report* – The Clerk showed the Board a copy of the booklet that she has been working on. The booklet should be done by the next meeting.  
I called Indian Valley and got an email address for the public to address the Township Officials. The email is [northvilletownship@indianvalley.com](mailto:northvilletownship@indianvalley.com). I will be putting it on our website.  
I bought the replacements for the outdated first aid supplies.  
I went to Menards and purchased the handles for the cabinets in the Township hall.  
I took the budgets to the County Clerk.

*Trustees' Reports* – Trustee Byrne told the Board he also attended Township Topic Days in Springfield last week. The state insect is the monarch butterfly and Joe Stanfa, President of the Township Highway Commissioners Association of Cook County talked about the monarch butterfly. Seven years ago the estimate for the number of monarch butterflies was 13 Billion. Last year the estimate is 3 million and in the near future it will be approximately 200,000 unless changes are made. The elimination of the milkweed plant has been a big problem. The caterpillar of the monarch butterfly needs the milkweed to thrive and the monarch butterfly need the milk weed plant for food. Mr. Stanfa asked that the Townships and the Township Highway Commissioners help in establishing monarch butterfly rest stops on the right- of- way of township roads or on township property, so we can bring back the monarch butterfly to Illinois. Also, the Township can buy milkweed seed packets for low cost to have available for the public. Trustee Byrne also told the Board about the 2015 TOI Legislative Agenda and briefly discussed each bill.

**Old Business** – None

**New Business** – Trustee Swanson addressed the board about having milkweed on the Township property where the community garden was, since that area was not used at all last year it would be a perfect spot to begin planting some milkweed. The Road Commissioner said it would be more practical to plant native grasses and milkweed. All the Board members were in favor of trying to help save the monarch butterflies by planting the milkweed and native grasses on the Township property and offering milkweed seeds to the public.

Trustee Swanson motioned to purchase 200 milkweed seed packets to be available for the public and Trustee Emma seconded. All ayes per Roll Call Vote, so motion passed.

Trustee Swanson said that he will be glad to call Joe Stanfa to purchase the native grasses and milkweed mix and Kay MacNeil to purchase the milkweed seed packets.

**Audit Town and Road Bills**

Town bills were reviewed and signed.

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

Road bills were reviewed and signed.

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

**Adjournment**

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

Meeting ended at 8:09 p.m.

Respectively Submitted by Linda Swanson – Northville Township Clerk

# Northville Township Highway Department

## Highway Commissioners Report

May 12, 2015

### Roads

1. 45<sup>th</sup> Rd. Bridge letting date set for new guard railing.
2. No agreement received from Millington Attorney for a new intergovernmental agreement between them and Northville for 4351<sup>st</sup> Rd.
3. New center line painted on E.29<sup>th</sup> from Sandwich to 2750<sup>th</sup> Rd. 6 miles.
4. Deck surface of 45<sup>th</sup> Road Bridge is weathered and needs repair with MG-1260 IMCO Technology Inc. product during bridge closure of new bridge railing installation this year.
5. IDOT Flagger Training course attended and passed receiving there certifications cards from IDOT for three Township employees.
6. Asphalt patching of shoulders and new shoulder gravel is almost complete.
7. New passing zone signs installed on the new mile of E. 29<sup>th</sup> Rd.
8. 2330 tons of new gravel has been hauled and spread on Township gravel roads as needed purchased from Lafarge in Sheridan.
9. Gravel roads grading in progress.
10. Two pallets of tar received for crack filling blacktop roads.

### Equipment

1. Oil & Filter changed and greasing of Township IH-7400 truck.
2. Todd repaired 2001 GMC pickup new rear brakes and ball joints.
3. New license plates installed on Kenworth truck.
4. IH-7400 Oil and filter changed.
5. Repair work of road drag, wheel bearings.

### Building

1. Drawer pulls and handles purchased for new cabinets.
2. Monthly cleaning of office.
3. Mowing of grass at Township Building resumed by Rick Potter.