

**MINUTES - BOARD of TOWN TRUSTEES**

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TYPE OF MEETING HELD: Regular

LASALLE COUNTY,

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TIME MEETING BEGAN: 5:00pm

TOWN of BRUCE

TIME MEETING ENDED: 5:18pm

The April 12, 2016 meeting of the Bruce Township Board of Trustees opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Highway Commissioner John M. Barton was in attendance. The meeting was conducted by Mr. Henry Araujo as chairman and recorded by Clerk Sheryl Sedlock.

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING’S MINUTES:**

The first order of business was to read and approve the minutes from the March 9, 2016 Regular Meeting. It was noted that there was a spelling error on the name of Centruer Bank in the Supervisor’s Committee Report section of the meeting minutes.

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Steve Biroshchik 2<sup>nd</sup> BY: Trustee Jerry Christensen  
That the minutes of the March 9, 2016 Regular Meeting, once the spelling of Centruer Bank has been corrected, be approved. No further discussion was required.

Aye’s: 5 Nay’s: 0 Motion: Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no public comments raised at the meeting.

**TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF BILLS**

A summary of the bills was distributed for review.

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Randy Baumrucker 2<sup>nd</sup> BY: Trustee Biroshchik  
That the bills be allowed and paid.

No further discussion was required. Clerk Sedlock took the roll call vote:

- Trustee Bob Harrison: Aye
- Trustee Jerry Christensen: Aye
- Trustee Randy Baumrucker: Aye
- Trustee Steve Biroshchik: Aye
- Supervisor Henry Araujo: Aye

Aye’s: 5 Nay’s: 0 Motion: Carried

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**SUPERVISOR’S:**

Supervisor Araujo reported that he had received the summary statement of the purchases made by the Township from NAEIR during 2015. He indicated that the Township spent \$1,138.00 and received merchandise worth \$53,819.00. It was noted that this merchandise is distributed to the Bruce Township residents through various venues such as the annual Senior Expo, various charitable organizations such as The Salvation Army and the Main Street Merchants Association, to name a few.

**HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER’S:**

Highway Commissioner Barton indicated that he had nothing to report at this meeting. He was asked to give a report on the usage of salt during this past winter. He did so and then went on to share his plans for ordering salt for the upcoming year.

**ASSESSOR’S:**

Assessor Mary Sullivan was unable to attend the meeting and had nothing new to report from her office.

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### TRUSTEE'S:

Trustee Baumrucker reported on attending the recent La Salle County Township Officials meeting. He indicated that there was a very nice tribute to retiring Treasurer Tom Zachary for his 50 years of service.

### OTHER:

There were no other reports presented.

### REPORTS BY SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

#### HEALTH BOARD:

Supervisor Araujo reported that he had received several calls from residents concerning the condition of a Mobile Home on West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. He referred to the residents to the City of Streator as the Mobile Home is within the Streator city limits. There was a brief discussion on the condition of the properties on West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business raised for discussion.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Araujo distributed a letter he received from the Township Officials of Illinois (TOI) concerning their plans to issue the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition of the TOI Township Perspective Magazine. There was a brief discussion on the topic of placing an advertisement in the edition similar to what was done for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of TOI a few years back.

**MOTION MADE BY:** Supervisor Araujo 2<sup>nd</sup> BY: Trustee Christensen  
That Bruce Township sponsors a 1/4<sup>th</sup> of a page advertisement at the cost of \$250.00 in the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary edition of the TOI Township Perspective Magazine to be published in June of 2016.

Trustee Biroschik suggested perhaps a 1/8<sup>th</sup> of a page advertisement at the cost of \$150.00 would be more appropriate. There was a brief discussion on the size of the advertisement before Clerk Sedlock took the roll call vote on the original motion:

Trustee Bob Harrison: Aye  
Trustee Jerry Christensen: Aye  
Trustee Randy Baumrucker: Aye  
Trustee Steve Biroschik: Nay  
Supervisor Henry Araujo: Aye

Aye's: 4

Nay's: 1

Motion: Carried

Supervisor Araujo distributed copies of the draft version Ordinance No. 2016A Budget & Appropriation Ordinance – Township and the draft version of Ordinance No. 2016B Budget & Appropriation Ordinance Road District for the fiscal year April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017. He requested the board review the drafts and come prepared to discuss them at the May 11, 2016 Regular Board Meeting. If changes are necessary, they will be made prior to the scheduling of the Budget Hearings in the June 2016 timeframe.

A brief discussion on the topic of preparing for the 2017 Consolidated Election followed. Specifically, the need to set the elected officials salary for the 2017-2020 terms was discussed. It was noted that the salaries must be set no later than November 16, 2016, which is 180 days prior to the new term of office beginning. Trustee Biroschik requested that the board be provided summary information on the salary, stipends and Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund contributions for each elected official so the board can begin to prepare for the salary discussion. Supervisor Araujo agreed to have Art Watson, Bruce Township Office Manager, summarize the information for the board and indicated the topic will likely be included in the July or August Regular Meeting Agenda for discussion. Trustee Biroschik asked that the information be sent to him electronically. Clerk Sedlock also noted that the board should be receiving a copy of the Salary Survey results from TOI which will give the board additional information on elected official's salaries from other townships in Illinois for comparison.

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MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Baumrucker  
That the meeting be adjourned.

2<sup>nd</sup> BY: Trustee Christensen

Aye's: 5

Nay's: 0

Motion: Carried

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