

**Minutes – Board of Town Trustees
February 20, 2014**

STATE OF ILLINOIS
Crawford County
Town of Robinson

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES met at the Robinson Township Office at 6:00 p.m. February 20, 2014. 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
	Sue Roberts	Assessor
	Shirley Berry	Township Trustee
	Lori Hodge	Township Trustee
	Pat Richards	Township Trustee
	Greg Wolfe	Township Trustee

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

Item 3, Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 4, Public Comments.

Under Item 5, Mr. McCoy asked if the trustees had any questions or changes concerning the minutes of the January 16, 2013 regular Monthly Board Meeting. There being none, Pat Richards made the motion, seconded by Lori Hodge, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried with vote as follows: Shirley Berry-yes; Pat Richards-yes; Lori Hodge-yes; Greg Wolfe-yes; Larry McCoy-yes.

Under Item 6A, the Supervisor's report, Mr. McCoy referred the trustees to the monthly account balances for the month of January 1, 2014 to January 31, 2014. Chairman McCoy then noted an upcoming continuing education program from TOI addressing Township Government-Rising Above the Challenges scheduled for March 7, 2014 in Effingham, Illinois. Also, the 32nd Annual Township Topics Day rally is scheduled for Wednesday, April 30, 2014, in Springfield, Illinois. He told the trustees that this is when township officials have the opportunity to meet with their own legislators and others in the State Capital.

He invited the trustees to sign up and attend the events.

Under Item 6B, the Highway Commissioner's report, Mr. Lachenmayr told the trustees that the road crew had started some tree trimming but had blown a head gasket on the bucket truck. The County let them use their barn to do the repair as the Township's barn wasn't big enough to use. Cost to repair the truck is approximately \$3000. Also, the 98GMC truck needs a new motor and clutch which will cost between \$13,000 to \$14,000. Mr. Lachenmayr stated that the roads are thawing but there is nothing to do until they are completely thawed or refrozen. He had Lacey post a weight limit on the TOI-Robinson's website yesterday. Greg Wolfe asked how the highway department stood on salt. Dave Lachenmayr said the department had enough for one more pass. The County didn't have enough salt for one more pass, and no more salt is available, only sand.

Under Item 6C, Assessor's report. Sue Roberts said the weather has prevented her from going out to various sites that need assessing but has been going through the 2013 records and has found three properties that should already have been assessed—Country View Inn and Suites, Bertram Pharmacy, and Terry Wiseman's new building on Main Street.

Item 7A, Continued Business, Executive Session-Land Acquisition. At 6:09p.m., the Township went into executive session. At 6:35p.m., the Township went back into open session. Pat Richards moved to have Sue Roberts and one board member, Greg Wolfe, contact Mr. David Britton about the possible land acquisition. Shirley Berry seconded. Motion carried with vote as follows: Pat Richards-yes; Lori Hodge-yes; Greg Wolfe-yes; Larry McCoy-yes; Shirley Berry-yes.

Item 8A, New Business, Discussion of Township building and grounds. Pat Richards told the trustees that he had looked at signs and at awnings over different buildings in Robinson. He suggested imprinted with a monogram and possibly lighted. Larry McCoy mentioned he thought that a gable would be better than an awning due to the height of the Township building which would involve tying into the roof. Discussion also followed about possible placement of letters on the building. Larry McCoy moved to get bids on entrance gables over the doors and a sign or signs for the building. Pat seconded. Motion carried with vote as follows: Lori Hodge-yes; Greg Wolfe-yes; Larry McCoy-yes; Shirley Berry-yes; Pat Richards-yes.

Item 8B, Approval to go out for bids for mowing of the outlying cemeteries. Lori Hodge made the motion to advertise for bids for mowing the outlying cemeteries. Shirley Berry seconded. Motion carried with vote as follows: Greg Wolfe-yes; Larry McCoy-yes; Shirley Berry-yes; Pat Richards-yes; Lori Hodge-yes.

Item 8C, Approval to go out for bids for two cemetery mowers. Supervisor McCoy informed the trustees that, after this item was placed on the agenda, he and Stan Mullins, cemetery sexton, discussed the oldest mowers that are in use in the cemetery. Stan looked at the mowers and said both are John Deere zero turn mowers and are in good enough shape to keep another year.

Item 8D, Approval to go out for bids for a mini track hoe excavator. Mr. McCoy said that the crew watched while Effingham Monument replaced foundations at Robinson New Cemetery and thought that, with a mini track hoe excavator, they, the cemetery crew could do future foundation repair work. After discussion, Greg Wolf made the motion, seconded by Pat Richards, to go out for bids for that piece of equipment. Motion carried with vote as follows: Shirley Berry-yes; Pat Richards-yes; Lori Hodge-yes; Greg Wolfe-yes; Larry McCoy-yes.

Item 9A, Pat Richards moved to approve payment of Town, G.A., and Payroll bills. Lori Hodge seconded the motion. Motion carried with vote as follows: Pat Richards-yes; Lori Hodge-yes; Greg Wolfe-yes; Larry McCoy-yes; Shirley Berry-yes.

Item 9B, Larry McCoy made a motion to pay the Road District bills. Greg Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion carried with vote as follows: Lori Hodge-yes; Greg Wolfe-yes; Larry McCoy-yes; Shirley Berry-yes; Pat Richards-yes.

Item 9C: Lori Hodge made a motion, seconded by Larry McCoy, to pre-approve payment of Elected Officials for the time period of February 21, 2014 through March 20, 2014. Motion carried with vote as follows: Greg Wolfe-yes; Larry McCoy-yes; Shirley Berry-yes; Pat Richards-yes; Lori Hodge-yes.

Item 10: Larry McCoy made a motion, seconded by Lori Hodge, to pay per diem. Motion carried with vote as follows: Larry McCoy-yes; Shirley Berry-yes; Pat Richards-yes; Lori Hodge-yes; Greg Wolfe-yes.

Item 11: Adjourn Meeting: Motion was made by Shirley Berry and seconded by Larry McCoy to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with all in favor voting aye.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Gribben
Township Clerk

Larry McCoy
Township Supervisor