

Meeting:	Coe Township Town Board Meeting	Date:	November 20, 2017
Members Present:	Steve Simpson, Rick Mitton, Mark Kruckenberg, Paul Riewerts, Mike Skelton, Betsey Morthland, Ann Tague.	Time Called to Order:	6:30 p.m.
Visitors:	Ken Reveal, Jim Hecker	Time Adjourned:	7:08 p.m.
		Location:	Township Administration Building, 9327 239 th St N. Port Byron, IL 61275
		Recording Clerk:	Betsey Morthland

	Topic/Discussion	Motion	Action/Outcome
Call to Order/Roll Call			
Greeting to Visitors	Public Comments: None		
Approval of Minutes	The minutes from the October meeting were read. Two corrections were noted. "Bridge Fund" was corrected to read, "Road and Bridge Fund." Also, "grade" school was corrected to read "elementary" school.	Motion to approve with corrections by Paul Riewerts. Seconded by Mike Skelton.	Minutes were approved unanimously. Motion passed.
Supervisor's Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A replacement toilet was purchased at Menards to replace the old leaking one in the main bathroom. Rick is going to install it this week. 		
Highway Commissioner's Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Canoe Creek road sharing agreement (Intergovernmental Agreement) was never presented to their Board. Rick understands that it will be presented this month. Rick also checked with the County regarding last month's suggestion that perhaps we should close that road. The County does not recommend that we close the road. 2. Governor Rauner did declare a harvest emergency. 3. We have had a failure of a large culvert on Snake Hollow. The crew started filling a hole with rock and it was engulfed, twice. When they looked inside they could see about 5 tons of rock sitting in the culvert. There is a crack on the side and ceiling and it has caved in. The bottom is completely gone on the south end. The culvert was inspected four years ago. The road is closed and luckily, because we are maxed out on the Bridge fund, the County will pay half and do the work. Work will start right after Thanksgiving. The estimated cost is \$30,000 plus, so our cost will be approximately \$15,000. 		

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Assessor's Report	None.		
Clerk's Report	Betsey filed the required proof of newspaper filing forms for our annual financial reports with the County Clerk.		
Cemetery Board's Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cemetery Board is having a board meeting on Dec 5th at 7:30 pm. 2. Both Sextons are keeping busy, unfortunately. 3. Mowing is now finished for the year. The Board will be looking for mowing bids and will be discussing the bidding process at the December 5th meeting. 		
Unfinished Business	None.		
New Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tax Levy: In the Bridge Fund, we are about \$8000 over on three line items. A lot of that came from issues with the 239th road project. Rick is going to ask for a 4.9% increase in the levy this year, which will bring in approximately \$6000 more. Steve called TOI and asked what happens when the Highway Commissioner proposes a levy, but the Trustees will not approve it. Steve stated that TOI said that the Trustees do not have the authority to vote the proposed levy down. With their vote, Trustees are certifying that the presentation was accurate and truthful and that there is nothing illegal about the request. The Attorney sent a letter affirming the same. Copies were distributed. 2. Town fund: Steve's recommendation is that we levy at the same dollar amount as last year. He has a proposal for how we can split the levy. We levied \$5022 on cemetery last year. Mowing alone was approximately \$7600. Steve will drop the Township by \$2000, but will shift that amount to cemetery. Accounting services will be reduced because we will not need an audit. Steve proposes that we drop Accounting by \$1500, take \$500 out of Travel = \$2000 to cemetery to cover the mowing. The cemetery would still be running a little bit negative, but this year we sold enough lots to cover the Sextons' fees. The vote will be next month. We have until the 4th Tuesday of next month to have the levy documents filed with the County Clerk. 		

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	If we don't have them down there by that date, we would not have any tax receipts for the year. First tax installments are due in June.		
Approval of Bills/ Expenditures		Motion to pay the bills by Paul Riewerts. Seconded by Mark Kruckenberg.	Unanimous vote. Motion passed.
Adjournment		Motion by Mark Kruckenberg. Seconded by Paul Riewerts.	Motion passed. Adjournment at 7:08 pm.
	Next Meeting: December 18, 2017		

Note: Old/ New business are voted affairs only. Discussion items are presented under Reports and such, if warranted, may become business items at a following meeting.