

MINUTES - BOARD of TOWN TRUSTEES

STATE of ILLINOIS

TYPE OF MEETING HELD: Regular

LASALLE COUNTY,

SS.

TIME MEETING BEGAN: 5:00pm

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TIME MEETING ENDED: 5:50pm

The September 14, 2022 meeting of the Bruce Township Board of Trustees opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Highway Commissioner John M. Barton and Assessor Andrea Zadkovich-Blakemore were in attendance. The meeting was conducted by Supervisor Lucas as chairman and recorded by Clerk Marsha Johnston. Trustee Araujo will be late to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING'S MINUTES:

The first order of business was to read and approve the minutes from the August 10, 2022 Regular Meeting.

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Baumrucker

2nd BY: Trustee Kreier

That the minutes of the August 10, 2022 Regular Meeting be approved. No further discussion was required.

Aye's: 4

Nay's: 0

Motion: Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF BILLS

A summary of the bills was distributed for review.

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Winterrowd

2nd BY: Trustee Baumrucker

That the bills be allowed and paid for TOWNSHIP

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

Trustee Henry Araujo: aye

Trustee Randy Baumrucker: aye

Trustee Margie Kreier: aye

Trustee Chad Winterrowd: aye

Supervisor Scott Lucas: aye

Aye's: 4

Nay's: 0

Motion: Carried

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Kreier

2nd BY: Trustee Winterrowd

That the bills be allowed and paid for GENERAL ASSISTANCE

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

Trustee Henry Araujo: aye

Trustee Randy Baumrucker: aye

Trustee Margie Kreier: aye

Trustee Chad Winterrowd: aye

Supervisor Scott Lucas: aye

Aye's: 4

Nay's: 0

Motion: Carried

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MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Baumrucker
That the bills be allowed and paid for ROAD and BRIDGE

2nd BY: Trustee Kreier

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

Trustee Henry Araujo: aye
Trustee Randy Baumrucker: aye
Trustee Margie Kreier: aye
Trustee Chad Winterrowd: aye
Supervisor Scott Lucas: aye

Aye's: 4 Nay's: 0 Motion: Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR'S:

Mr. Lucas received news from NCIG that the deadline from the state for the grant approval has been extended. No date was given but hopeful we can be included.
The Supervisor contacted the auditors about the September 30, 2022 deadline and was told they are on schedule.
Supervisor Lucas praised the employees of Bruce Township for the work being done beyond their scope of duties.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S:

Commissioner Barton stated that his crew has been busy with oil and chip areas. One and a half miles of road were able to be completed that were not on the original list.
His crew is starting to get equipment ready for the winter months.
Mr. Barton stated to the trustees that the matter with IMRF was resolved and that he will be able to add the years that he was appointed Road Commissioner and the years after being elected. He brought up that he didn't feel he was at fault of not filling out the paperwork nor Bruce Township at fault. He feels that IMRF was responsible. He would like Bruce Township to pay half of the attorney's fees he accrued for getting the outcome with IMRF. Trustee Baumrucker suggested that we consult our attorney on this matter. Trustee Kreier thought the Bruce Township taxpayers should not be responsible for the attorney fees.

ASSESSOR'S

The Assessor's office is going to start working on Tax Year 2023 as the County gets ready for equalization, publication, and notices being sent to taxpayers. Changes of properties that were turned in by our 2022 assessments will be entered. Permits issued late last year and work not completed by June 15, 2022 have been rechecked and can be entered after the download from the county office is completed. The Bruce Township Assessor's Office has been commended by LaSalle County on the exceptional submissions of property drawings. The County on September 20, 2022 is hosting an Assessor's Review Class and have asked Assessor Zadkovich-Blakemore and her team to provide a "step by step how to" project to create the perfect drawing. Talitha has worked very hard putting together this presentation.

TRUSTEE'S:

None

OTHER:

Clerk Johnston conducted the annual Sexual Harassment Training on the morning of September 14, 2022 for the Supervisor, Office Manager, Assessor's Office and the Road District crew. After tonight's meeting, she will present the training for the trustees.

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A FOIA request was sent to the directors of the Clerk's Division but there were some issues concerning what government body they were requesting and also it came from the same domain as the one that hacked the LaSalle County offices and wanted ransom. Clerk Johnston contacted the other recipients to get their responses and also Clerk Johnston and Supervisor Lucas called John Haag, the township's IT person and got his take on this matter. He felt it was a spam and not to reply. Clerk Johnston contacted the Attorney General Office and explained to them the situation. They could not advise us on IT matters but suggested that we follow through with the request. One of the clerks contacted them and asked for mailing address so information could be sent that way of communication instead of on the web. Clerk Johnston will continue to follow through with this matter. Trustee Winterrowd thought the website used was a domain that is used by many that want to be anonymous.

REPORTS BY SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

HEALTH BOARD:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

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

2nd BY: Supervisor Lucas

Aye's: 5

Nay's: 0

Motion: Carried

