



State of Illinois ) February 10, 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 Joe Emma, Trustee Jerry Owens, Trustee Jim Swanson and  
Chairman - Richard Felstead

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

Public Present – None

**Pledge to the Flag**

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

Trustee Swanson motioned to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for January 13, 2015 and Trustee Emma seconded. All ayes per voice vote, so motion passed.

**Reports from Officers**

*Supervisor’s Report* – The Township’s Board of Health talked and they thought having a CPR class at the Township building would be nice for the community. Also, I contacted Eddy Weiss from Chase for Life to see if he would be interested in talking to the schools.

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

*Assessor’s Report* – See attached report

We have been receiving the forms back for the Homestead Exemption. Some are not complete and we will be contacting those people and help them complete the forms.

*Clerk’s Report* – I composed and faxed a letter for an insurance company in which one of their clients had an accident and knocked down a couple of township signs and they requested information regarding the damage and cost. I filled out and sent back the information the State’s Attorney office requested regarding the accident and damage and cost.

I developed the Road Budget worksheet for Road Commissioner; hopefully it will make the budget process easier.

I started putting the information we gathered into the booklet form.

I copied all the budgets and levies for both the Town and Road, indexed the information and put it into a binder for each of the Trustees and Supervisor/Chairman. I made a binder with the Road information for the Road Commissioner and one for the Assessor that has just the Town information. This way they can refer to their binders when needed.

*Trustees' Reports* – None

**Public Comments** - None

### **New Business**

- a. Discuss having a CPR Training Class at the Township Hall.  
The Clerk talked about the importance of knowing CPR. She also talked a little about the defibrillator that is on the wall in the Township Hall.  
The Board thought it was a good idea and the Clerk will check into finding a CPR instructor and if there are any fees.
  
- b. Discuss having Eddie Weiss coming to the schools and talking about how to prepare for Tornados and Severe Weather.  
Eddy Weiss came to the schools in 2011. Some of trustees have been told that there is some interest in bringing the program back to the schools. In 2011, \$1,125 was spent to bring the program to three schools in Somonauk and four schools in Sandwich. There was an evening program for adults who wanted to learn how to prepare for tornados and severe weather.

Trustee Emma motioned to have Eddy Weiss from Chase4Life to come back to talk at the schools and Trustee Swanson seconded. All Ayes per Roll Call Vote, so motion passed.

Chairman Felstead asked Trustee Byrne if he wanted to see if Lake Holiday would be interested in having Eddy Weiss talk at Lake Holiday too.

- c. Work on the Town Budget  
Chairman Felstead went over the changes that were made to the tentative Town, Cemetery and General Assistance for 2015-2016 budgets. There were some questions and discussion.

Trustee Byrne asked if there is a homeless problem in Northville Township. He went to a TOI meeting and he talked to a person from another Township that had a homeless shelter and food pantry. He said he sees people sometimes walking down County Line Road that look like they may be homeless. No one knew of any homeless problem in Northville Township. Chairman/Supervisor Felstead said that you can only use General Assistance money for certain things. Clerk Swanson told the Board that there are three food pantries in the area. There is a homeless shelter in LaSalle County.

Work on the Road Budget

Road Commissioner Middleton went over the changes he would like to make in the tentative Road, Joint Bridge and Equipment and Building 2015-2016 budgets. The Board found the new budget worksheet very helpful. There were some questions and discussion.

**Old Business - None**

**Audit Town and Road Bills**

Town bills were reviewed and signed.

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

**Adjournment**

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

Meeting ended at 8:41 p.m.

Respectively Submitted by Linda Swanson – Northville Township Clerk

# Northville Township Highway Department

## Highway Commissioners Report

February 10, 2015

### Roads

1. 50 ton of salt mixed with 200 ton of sand was spread on roads.
2. C. Johnson worked 3 days with a snow blower widening sown from ROW.
3. Otto Machine worked the morning of the bid snow event opening 4351<sup>st</sup> Rd. with the big end loader Cat 966D.
4. While plowing the heavy snow there has been damage to several road signs and mail boxes.
5. Township tractor JD-6430 worked 2 days to widen out and push back snow at intersection.

### Equipment

1. 60% #2 diesel and 40% #1 diesel mix being used as fuel now.
2. 2004 IH-7400 6 wheel truck was down for repairs twice during big snow event. The number 1 cylinder injector replaced at Reds and 36 hours later oil to fuel pump burst, truck was towed at 11:30 PM to Town building then repairs by Dave Stahl the next day.
3. Meeting in Dixon at Bonnell's shop finalizing details of new Kenworth single axel truck, snow plow lights and control lever locations, expected delivery less than 30 days.

### Building

1. Electrical GFI replaced with 20 amp outlet in salt building. When tractor block heater was plugged in and below 0 the block heater draws enough amp to kick out GFI resulting in a tractor that will not start.
2. Monthly cleaning of office.

The 2015 Senior Homestead Exemption renewal forms have been sent out to all the qualified seniors that filed last year for the exemption. To qualify for this exemption you must be 65, or older and have owned the property as of January 1, 2015 as your primary residence, with certain exceptions for folks that may have taken up residence at a nursing home and the property remained vacant, or a spouse who is 65 years or older resided there. Also, you are allowed to receive the exemption on only 1 property. If you have another home and are claiming the exemption for that property, you cannot claim it for any other. The exemption lowers the assessed value of your property by \$5,000.00.

Also included in the package are application forms for the Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze. To qualify for this you must be 65 or older and your entire household income (including all residents, children, other family members, tenants etc.) must be less than \$55,000.00. If your income falls between \$45,000.00 - \$50,000.00, or you showed a loss on the PTAX-340 form, you must submit your tax return for 2014 with the application. If you qualify for this exemption, it will freeze your assessment only, not your taxes. In recent years, due to the downward trend in real estate values, you will notice that an equalization factor has been applied to all assessments, which has lowered them, in most cases, across the board. If your assessment is frozen, it can float down from the base freeze amount; however it cannot rise above it as long as you stay qualified. The assessment freeze application requires a notarized signature.

Once you have filled out the forms, return them to the township office and we will process them from there.

If you have, or will, turn 65 during the calendar year 2015 and meet the criteria listed above, you should apply for the Senior Exemption with the County's Assessor's office. All initial applications must be submitted to the County. It requires proof of ownership and a photo ID for proof of age. You can contact them at 815-434-8281 and ask for Laura or Falena. Once you have registered, you will receive renewal forms yearly to maintain your exemption.

While we have tried to keep this process as simple as possible, I will be happy to assist anyone who has questions about it. Simply give me a call at 815-786-8919.

Hal Ament, Northville Township Assessor

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