

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: 6:02pm

The June 10, 2020 meeting of the Bruce Township Board of Trustees opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Highway Commissioner John M. Barton and Assessor Mary Sullivan were in attendance. The meeting was conducted by Mr. Henry Araujo as chairman and recorded by Clerk Marsha Johnston.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING'S MINUTES:

The first order of business was to read and approve the minutes from the May 13, 2020 Regular Meeting.

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Orban

2nd BY: Trustee Harrison

That the minutes of the May 13, 2020 Regular Meeting be approved. No further discussion was required.

Aye's: 5

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 Orban

2nd BY: Trustee Christensen

That the bills be allowed and paid for TOWNSHIP

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

Trustee Randy Baumrucker: aye

Trustee Jerry Christensen: aye

Trustee Bob Harrison: aye

Trustee Scott Orban: aye

Supervisor Henry Araujo: aye

Aye's: 5

Nay's: 0

Motion: Carried

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Christensen

2nd BY: Trustee Harrison

That the bills be allowed and paid for GENERAL ASSISTANCE

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

Trustee Randy Baumrucker: aye

Trustee Jerry Christensen: aye

Trustee Bob Harrison: aye

Trustee Scott Orban: aye

Supervisor Henry Araujo: aye

Aye's: 5

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 Christensen

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

Trustee Randy Baumrucker: aye

Trustee Jerry Christensen: aye

Trustee Bob Harrison: aye

Trustee Scott Orban: aye

Supervisor Henry Araujo: aye

Aye's: 5

Nay's: 0

Motion: Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR'S:

The Sneeze shields have been put up at every desk in the township offices.

Bob Dieken came in to ask for a more permanent blocked property sign at the vacated property at end of Richards Rd which is divided equally between property owners, Elliott and Goslin. Discussion was held. When the property was vacated, Clerk Johnston, Road Commissioner Barton, Attorney Sheryl Churney, Bob Dieken representing owner Goslins, and owner Mr. Elliott were there. At that time, the owners wanted something that could be easily moved so that tractors would have access to the vacated road. The Bruce Township Road Department accommodated their request. Now because they are having issues with vehicles, four wheelers, and trespassers using their property to get to the river, they want a permanent closed road apparatus. Mr. Araujo will check out the location but the trustees, road commissioner, and supervisor feel the township has fulfilled its obligation.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S:

Mr. Barton has been texting the person at Access Control about fixing the guardrails. The company will be in the area in the next coming weeks and will be repaired. It should be completed by the end of summer. Mr. Barton was approached by home owners that live at the corner of Golf Rd. and 42 Helen St. that there is a drainage problem with water running into their garage. Mr. Barton suggested to the owners that they attend a township board meeting to address the drainage problem or hire a contractor maybe Hatzers' to look into the situation. The township road is responsible for clearing water from the road and not of private property.

ASSESSOR'S:

Assessor Sullivan told the board that pickup changes will be turned in on Friday 06/12/20 which are due on Monday, 06/16/2020. Covid 19 restrictions has been hampering their efforts to get field work done. Tax bills have been mailed to homeowners. The office will again open their office on Tuesday, 06/16/2020 with summer office hours, Tuesday and Thursday mornings 8:00am to 12:00pm. Temperatures will be taken, social distancing will be observed, and masks are required to enter the township building. Field workers will be hired.

TRUSTEE'S:

None

OTHER:

There were no other reports presented.

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REPORTS BY SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

HEALTH BOARD:

Supervisor Araujo will be in touch with LaSalle County Health Board concerning the West 2nd Street area and getting that area cleaned up.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion of the new and missing code numbers will be added to both ordinances. New printed Ordinances with the correct numbers will be in the board members folders for the July meeting. Clerk Johnston will then have them filed at the LaSalle County Clerk's office in Ottawa before the deadline of 06/30/2020. On the Township Ordinance, \$40,000 was put in a contingency fund for unforeseen purchases with no time frame on this fund. On the Road District Ordinance, \$30000 was put in a vehicle fund with no time frame listed and also, \$10000 was put in a contingency fund to be used for unforeseen circumstance purchase with no time frame in that fund.

Budget & Appropriation – Township Ordinance 2020C

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Christensen 2nd BY – Trustee Orban
Acceptance of Budget & Appropriation – Township Ordinance 2020C

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

Trustee Randy Baumrucker: aye
Trustee Jerry Christensen: aye
Trustee Bob Harrison: aye
Trustee Scott Orban: aye
Supervisor Henry Araujo: aye

Aye's: 5 Nay's: 0 Motion: Carried

Budget & Appropriation – Road Ordinance 2020D

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Harrison 2nd BY: Trustee Baumrucker
Acceptance of Budget & Appropriation - Road Ordinance 2020D

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

Trustee Randy Baumrucker: aye
Trustee Jerry Christensen: aye
Trustee Bob Harrison: aye
Trustee Scott Orban: aye
Supervisor Henry Araujo: aye

Aye's: 5 Nay's: 0 Motion: Carried

Trustee Christensen brought up that he has not been given the signature cards from the banking facilities. This needs to be done as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS:

John Haag will be checking into the purchase of computers. Clerk Johnston asked if a web cam with microphone could be purchased for her computer prior to the other purchases because of the zoom meetings being held from the Springfield office. Otherwise, she will have to use her own personal computer at home for the meetings.

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Table and chairs will be ordered from Sam's Club for the rental hall. Forty tables and one hundred chairs will be purchased.

Sandy Electric, 1001 N. Vermillion Street, PO Box 366, Streator was awarded the bid for the replacement of the lights in the hall and offices. For Panel LEDs, installed and tax is \$3246 and tube LEDs, installed and tax is \$1778. Discussion was held and the board is leaning toward the bid for the Panel LEDs.

Annual Meeting was discussed, it was the understanding that if you we have the meeting in July, the third Tuesday which is July 21, 2020, we would have to have a letter by the LaSalle County Health Department giving us the green light that precautions and restrictions are being followed. The board thought the Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 6:00 PM would be the date of the annual meeting and the regular meeting would still be held on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

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

2nd BY: Trustee Orban

Aye's: 5

Nay's: 0

Motion: Carried

