

Dundee Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting
February 20, 2019

Supervisor Glees called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:09 PM at the Dundee Township Meeting Room, 611 East Main Street, Suite #201, East Dundee, IL.

Present at roll call: Supervisor Glees and Trustees Harney, Johnson and Schaffer were present at the roll call. Trustee Ahrens was absent.

Office Manager Robert Block led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda:

Trustee Schaffer made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Trustee Harney seconded the motion. Supervisor Glees called the motion and all present voted “aye” - motion carried.

Minutes/Treasurer’s Report:

Trustee Johnson moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the January 16, 2019 Board of Trustees regular meeting. Trustee Harney seconded the motion. Supervisor Glees called the motion to approve the minutes and upon voice vote – all present voted “aye” – motion carried.

Trustee Schaffer made the motion to accept the January 31, 2019 Treasurer’s Report and Financial Reports through February 19, 2019 as presented subject to audit – motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Upon voice vote, Supervisor Glees and Trustees Harney, Johnson and Schaffer voted “aye” – motion carried.

Reports:

Assessor: Assessor Bielak reported that his Department is getting ready for the start of the 2019 – 2022 Quadrennial assessment cycle. They are working to recalibrate their models, update appreciation tables and internal analysis tables. While not official, Mark Armstrong, the Kane County Supervisor of Assessments, has estimated the adjustment factor for 2019 to be around 5.1%. Trustee Schaffer asked if there would be an adjustment made to Assessor Bielak’s numbers. Assessor Bielak replied that they have not turned their book into the County. Therefore, the numbers in the book should match or be adjusted to the 5.1% number. Supervisor Glees asked if the 5.1% factor also applied to Commercial property and Assessor Bielak stated it would.

Highway Commissioner: Highway Commissioner Sinnett’s written report was presented. Mr. Sinnett noted that his Department has plenty of salt on hand and that more is on order. Supervisor Glees asked about downed trees from the recent storm. Mr. Sinnett replied that his Department had cleared several trees but that there were not an excessive number of trees downed in this storm. He concluded the report by stating that the new salt barn is basically completed and they are using it. The final trim work will be completed once the weather warms up.

Cemetery: No Report.

Open Space: Mr. Dowiat’s written report was presented. Supervisor Glees commented that several volunteer workdays have been cancelled due to the weather.

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Open Space Coordinator: The Open Space Coordinator's written report was presented.

Supervisor: Supervisor Glees presented her written report.

Kane County Deputy Sheriff Mike Wilgosiewicz gave a brief presentation on the new program initiated by Kane County Sheriff Ron Hains. Under this new program, a Kane County Deputy Sheriff is assigned to a local government agency and acts as a liaison between the Sheriff's office and the government body. The goal is to provide greater transparency and give timely information such as crime statistics to the local agency. Deputy also stressed the neighbor watch programs. Deputy Wilgosiewicz is very familiar with Dundee Township and looks forward to working with the Board. Chris Kious of the Kane County Board joined Deputy and they reviewed the case of the abandoned home on Sleepy Hollow Road. The owner moved out of the area approximately 3 years ago and the home has fallen into disrepair and has been repeatedly broken into and the potential scene of criminal activity. The owner now wants to move back and has had several contractors start a renovation only to fail. The owner and Kane County now have an agreement whereby the owner has a permit to begin work on the home and the Kane County Sheriff/local police will patrol the area to prevent vandalism. If anyone is found on the property without permission, they are subject to arrest. If the owner fails to complete the work, Kane County has the funds to allow the demolition of the home.

Trustees:

Trustee Harney reported that she had attended a seminar on improving conservation in farming.

Trustee Johnson reported on a seminar he had attended at the Elgin Center regarding solar energy. He reported that there is excitement about solar power and that the State has grant money available and that a number of State Agencies have programs to help with the establishment of a solar power system. Chris Kious noted that Kane County also has special programs for solar.

Trustee Johnson also stated that currently only 0.08% of all power comes from solar. There are a number of consultants in the field, but their skill levels vary greatly. He knows of an individual who could give a detailed to the Board on solar power. A question was asked of counsel if the current regulations would permit the installation of a solar field on open space land. Counsel will investigate and provide a reply.

Public Comments:

Chris Kious commented on the Kane County Board current study of impact fees and asked what these fees mean to the township. He asked if the County Board should roll back the impact fees or look to increase them.

Mr. Kious also noted he had recently ridden with the coroner on several calls. He stated that regarding transportation, the only holdup currently with the Longmeadow project is the weather. Also, at a legislative meeting, Kane County Chairman Chris Lauzen come out in favor of using State funds for the Longmeadow bridge. In closing he commented on the Eagle Scout project to install bug houses and reviewed his past positive experiences with these installations.

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Old Business:

Update on Elgin land donation: Supervisor Glees reported that there was no movement on this issue over the last month.

Discussion of Annual Town Meeting Agenda

The Board reviewed the general topics to be included on the Agenda for the Annual Town Meeting. Supervisor Glees stated that she wanted the Agenda to include a conversation on having a referendum to increase the Township levy. The Board discussed funding levels and the matter of recent Tax Challenges. The Trustees asked Counsel to define the term “Excess Accumulation.” Counsel reviewed recent information on this matter. Trustee Harney stated she would like to see a discussion on a referendum to eliminate the Highway Commissioner’s office and merge the Highway Department with the Township.

The Board also reviewed the potential need for a referendum to create a 708 Mental Health Board in the Township and how this matter would be administered. It was noted that there is a need to present the details of the mental health issue to enlighten the general population about the topic and the need for treatment.

Trustee Schaffer noted that having 6-12 people at the Annual Town Meeting decide on the referendum issues is not a good solution. He stated he felt the Board should do a number of informational meetings with the public before deciding on the referendums.

The Board noted that any vote on a referendum at the Annual Town Meeting should be done by ballot and that a separate vote should be taken for each issue.

New Business:

Review/Approval of Dundee Township Grant Application with the Grand Victoria Foundation:

Supervisor Glees presented Resolution 2019-001 which would approval to her planned submission for a grant from the Grand Victoria Foundation to complete additional building renovation at the Township office for the Dundee Township Cares program. After discussion, Trustee Harney made the motion to approve Resolution 2019-001 as presented with a second by Trustee Johnson. Upon roll call vote, Supervisor Glees and Trustees Johnson, Schaffer and Harney voted “aye” – Motion Carried.

Review/Approval of “Draft: FY 2019-20 Budget and Estimate of Revenues”

As noted in the minutes of the January 2019 meeting, after lengthy discussions at that meeting, the Board could not come to an agreement on the FY 2019-20 Budget proposal. The Board asked that managers review their budgets and come back with updated proposals for the February meeting. Also, the Trustees reviewed the budget proposal and made their own proposals. These proposals were combined into a new budget document that was presented to the Board and the staff at the February 2019 Board meeting.

The Board and the staff completed a line-by-line review of the proposed budget and reached a consensus agreement on each item. The new budget will be put into a finalized form and will be presented for approval as the “Proposed” budget for the FY 2019-20 at the March 2019 Board of Trustees meeting.

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Audit/Approve Bills and Payrolls:

Audit Bills – Pending Town Fund Bills \$37,895.83, Pre-Paid Town Bills \$3,395.86; Payrolls \$34,613.18 & \$33,967.26; General Assistance Fund Bills \$44.23; Prior Month's General Assistance Costs \$11,222.00; General Assistance Payrolls - \$470.47 & \$372.46; Pending Cemetery Fund Bills \$7,152.24; Pre-Paid Cemetery Bills \$755.78; Payrolls \$8,124.96 & \$7,520.00; Pending Road & Bridge Fund Bills \$55,452.81; Pre-Paid Road & Bridge Bills \$1,263.98; Payrolls \$19,181.99 & \$17,001.52; Road IMRF/FICA Payrolls of \$2,206.50 & \$2,094.92

Trustee Harney made the motion to approve the bills as audited with a second by Trustee Johnson. Upon roll call vote, Supervisor Glees and Trustees Johnson, Schaffer and Harney voted "aye" – Motion Carried.

Budget Transfers: Budget Transfers #17 – 31 were presented. After a brief discussion, Trustee Harney made the motion to approve Budget Transfers # 17 - 31 as presented with a second by Supervisor Glees. Upon roll call vote, Supervisor Glees and Trustees Johnson, Schaffer and Harney voted "aye" – Motion Carried.

Executive Session:

No Executive Session was called at this meeting.

Trustee Harney made the motion to adjourn with a second by Trustee Johnson. Upon voice vote, all present voted "aye" – motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 am.



Robert Block
Dundee Township Deputy Clerk