

Dundee Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting
March 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 Ahrens, Harney, Johnson and Schaffer were present at the roll call.

Trustee Schaffer led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda:

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

Minutes/Treasurer’s Report:

Trustee Schaffer moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the February 20, 2019 Board of Trustees regular meeting. Trustee Ahrens seconded the motion. Supervisor Glees called the motion to approve the minutes and upon voice vote – all present voted “aye” – motion carried.

Trustee Johnson made the motion to accept the February 28, 2019 Treasurer’s Report and Financial Reports through March 19, 2019 as presented subject to audit – motion was seconded by Trustee Schaffer. Upon voice vote, Supervisor Glees and Trustees Ahrens, Harney, Johnson and Schaffer voted “aye” – motion carried.

Reports:

Highway Commissioner: Highway Commissioner Scott Sinnett reported that the new salt barn was operational. His staff is busy cleaning storm drains and repairing potholes. They have also begun to clean the old salt storage area including neutralizing the concrete floor.

Trustee Ahrens asked if the Highway Department was planning to hold an Open House to allow residents to tour the new salt barn. Mr. Sinnett stated he liked the idea and will consider an event when the weather gets warmer.

Assessor: No Report.

Cemetery: No Report.

Open Space: Mr. Dowiat’s written report was presented. Trustee Harney asked that future monthly reports include a listing of the volunteers that participated in workdays during the month and the total number of volunteer hours worked during the month.

Trustee Johnson noted that at the recent Raceway workday – 8 volunteers and 5 staff members were present. He also reported that with regards to prescribed burns, he attended a seminar where the instructor noted that care must be exercised when doing late spring burns as these burns can kill bumble bees and other insects that are already active.

Open Space Coordinator: No report

Supervisor: Supervisor Glees presented her written report.

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Public Comments: Chris Kious, a member of the Kane County Board, reported that with regard to the matter of the house on Sleepy Hollow Road (just north of Longmeadow) that has been the subject of County Board action due to its' poor condition, the owner has recently taken out a building permit and committed to spending \$70 K on rehabbing the home. The Kane County Board will carefully monitor the progress and if the owner fails to complete the rehab work, they will resume the effort to have the house demolished.

Also, he noted that the Kane County Board is pursuing funding from the State that would eliminate the need to charge tolls on the Longmeadow Bridge.

Finally, he noted that the State Bag bill that would tax plastic bags at 7¢ per bag has passed.

Kane County Deputy Sheriff Mike Wilgosiewicz noted that there has been no major crime in the area in the past month. He also stated that Spring Break occurs next week at D300.

Trustees:

Trustee Johnson redirected a question to Mr. Kious regarding the Buffalo Snowboard Ski Park that is part of the Buffalo Park Forest Preserve and the apparent closure of the Ski Park. Mr. Kious replied that indeed the past operators of the Ski Park have ceased operating the site. The County currently plans to issue an RFQ for a new operator to continue operations at the Park.

Old Business:

Update on Elgin land donation: Supervisor Glees reported that there has been no movement on this issue over the past month, but it is anticipated that the paperwork should be ready by the April meeting.

Discussion of Annual Town Meeting Agenda: The Board reviewed the appropriate location for the meeting with the estimate of 125 electors attending the meeting. Also reviewed was the topic of a video presentation as was done at last year's meeting.

The Board discussed the three referendums that are scheduled to be on the Agenda and how these issues should be presented. Trustee Schaffer asked whether the referendums should be structured as advisory or binding – also whether the Board or a group of electors should put the referendums on the Agenda. He also questioned if the Annual Town Meeting was the proper venue for the discussion of the referendums.

Trustee Harney said she believed the Board had adopted the Annual Town Meeting Agenda in February. Trustee Schaffer stated he felt the need to have the electors place the referendums on the Agenda by elector request. Also, he said he believes the referendum questions need to be presented in multiple elector's meetings and then have the Board make the decision on whether to proceed.

The Board discussed the appropriate manner in which to raise the question on each referendum. The Board questioned if an elector should raise the question or if it could be part of the overall presentation. Regarding the question on the 708 Mental Health Board, the Board discussed the need to have an expert provide the background information.

The Board discussed at length how to phrase the presentation and who could give the presentation.

Trustee Schaffer suggested that the numbers in the presentation provide for a range of funding. He also stated he felt the presentation should not be made by a Township Official.

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Trustee Harney made a motion that the Board allow the discussion on the three referendum questions and conduct a survey/poll for questions 9, 10 & 11 on the Annual Town Meeting agenda. Supervisor Glees seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, Supervisor Glees and Trustees Ahrens, Harney and Johnson voted “aye” – Trustee Schaffer voted “nay” – motion carried.

The Board requested that the verbiage on the Annual Town Meeting Agenda for the referendums be changed to show that there would be a “Discussion/Survey of Electors” for each question.

Trustee Harney then made a motion to approve the Annual Town Meeting Agenda as modified with a second by Supervisor Glees. Upon roll call vote, Supervisor Glees and Trustees Ahrens, Harney, Schaffer and Johnson voted “aye” – motion carried.

Review/Approval of “Proposed FY 2019-20 Budget & Appropriation Ordinances and Estimate of Revenues”:

The Board reviewed specific line items in the proposed budget. They discussed the need to review every item & explore all possible alternatives to planned expenditures. The Board stated the need to ensure they control every expenditure before asking for additional tax revenue.

After continued discussion and the inability to reach a consensus, Supervisor Glees tabled the matter. The Board requested a Special Meeting to permit the further detailed review of the budget. Supervisor Glees will set up the meeting and appropriate notice for the meeting will be given.

New Business:

Review/Approval of Ride in Kane Sponsor Agreement for August 2019 through August 2021:

Supervisor Glees presented the Ride in Kane Sponsor Agreement prepared by AID for the period of August 2019 through August of 2021. After discussion, Trustee Harney made the motion to approve the Ride in Kane Sponsor Agreement for August 2019 through August 2021 as presented with a second by Trustee Schaffer. Upon roll call vote, Supervisor Glees and Trustees Ahrens, Johnson, Schaffer and Harney voted “aye” – Motion Carried.

Audit/Approve Bills and Payrolls:

Audit Bills – Pending Town Fund Bills \$61,068.77, Pre-Paid Town Bills \$1,344.79; Payrolls \$34,451.27 & \$33,889.88; General Assistance Fund Bills \$0.00; Prior Month’s General Assistance Costs \$11,222.00; General Assistance Payrolls - \$313.65 & \$117.62; Pending Cemetery Fund Bills \$3,555.78; Pre-Paid Cemetery Bills \$363.93; Payrolls \$8,124.96 & \$7,415.42; Pending Road & Bridge Fund Bills \$28,087.60; Pre-Paid Road & Bridge Bills \$1,506.85; Payrolls \$17,350.39 & \$14,330.49; Road IMRF/FICA Payrolls of \$2,541.72 & \$2,052.49; Road & Bridge Equipment Bills \$261.41

The Board reviewed the bills and determined that they would not pay a bill submitted by Assessor Bielak for the payment of sales tax owed on the purchase of a new laptop. Trustee Johnson made the motion to amend the bills to reflect the removal of this bill. Supervisor Glees seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, Supervisor Glees and Trustees Ahrens, Johnson, Schaffer and Harney voted “aye” – Motion Carried.

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

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Budget Transfers: None were presented.

Executive Session:

No Executive Session was called at this meeting.

Trustee Ahrens made the motion to adjourn with a second by Trustee Schaffer. Upon voice vote, all present voted “aye” – motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 pm.



Robert Block
Dundee Township Deputy Clerk