

Dundee Township Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting
May 15, 2019

Supervisor Glees called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 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 and Schaffer were present at the roll call. Trustee Johnson was absent.

Highway Commissioner Scott Sinnett led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda:

Trustee Schaffer made the motion to approve the agenda. Trustee Ahrens seconded the motion. Supervisor Glees called the motion and during a voice vote - all present voted “aye” - motion carried.

Minutes/Treasurer’s Report:

Trustee Harney moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the April 17, 2019 Board of Trustees regular meeting. Supervisor Glees seconded the motion. Supervisor Glees called the motion to approve the minutes and upon voice vote – all present voted “aye” – motion carried.

Trustee Harney made the motion to accept the April 30, 2019 Treasurer’s Report and Financial Reports through May 15, 2019 as presented subject to audit – Trustee Schaffer seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, Supervisor Glees and Trustees Ahrens, Harney and Schaffer voted “aye” – motion carried.

Reports:

Highway Commissioner: Highway Commissioner Scott Sinnett noted that with the heavy amounts of rainfall during the past several weeks, his department has been very busy with cleaning storm drains & culverts. They have also been prepping for the upcoming road resurfacing work. The work on the salt barn has been completed including the installation of grass around the building. Mr. Sinnett reported he had spoken with TOIRMA regarding the appropriate insurance values for the new salt barn.

Trustee Ahrens asked if the former salt storage shed had been cleaned out. Highway Commissioner Sinnett replied that the salt has been removed from the old storage shed and the space cleaned up.

Assessor: Mr. Bielak said that the 2019 Real Estate Tax Bills have been mailed out and his staff is working to handle residents’ complaints. The first installment payment will be due June 3rd. His staff also has been busy with the quadrennial assessment.

He reported that there is a good amount of new construction in the area including apartment buildings & industrial buildings. Most of these new units are not part of a TIF district.

Trustee Schaffer asked if the Assessor’s office tracks the Property Tax dollars lost due to TIF’s in the Township. Supervisor Glees noted that a report with that information is available from Kane County and she will get the latest copy of this report.

Cemetery: No Report.

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Open Space: Mr. Dowiat's written report was presented.

Office Manager: Mr. Block's written report was presented.

Open Space Coordinator: No report

Supervisor: Supervisor Glees presented her written report. Key items included that Supervisor Glees has been elected the President of the Metropolitan Township Association (MTA) for a two-year term; the Township has received the \$10,000 matching grant from the Monarch Corridor project; and summarized various projects such as Rotary Tree Planting event during which 21 new trees were planted at Salamander Springs and Library Springs.

Sheriff's Office: Kane County Deputy Sheriff Mike Wilgosiewicz presented his monthly update to the Board. He noted that there is now an additional Deputy that will be assisting him. He highlighted the traffic complaints on Boyer, Randall and Long Meadow due to the construction. He noted that the only other call concerned the abandoned home on Sleepy Hollow Road. The call reported individuals on the property, but no more damage was seen.

Kane County Board member, Chris Kious: Mr. Kious further reviewed the abandoned home on Sleepy Hollow Road. He also noted that he has been appointed to the Fox River Flood Control Commission. Finally, he noted that this year's Bee Blitz will be June 22nd in conjunction with the University of Illinois.

Attorney Kurt Asprooth: Mr. Asprooth reviewed several pending pieces of legislation involving the potential consolidation of townships in Lake and McHenry counties.

Public Comments: Chris Kempf, a resident of Algonquin Shores, commented that he agreed with Scott Sinnett's comment that Open Space is killing the Township. He also commented that the Board of Trustees are the gate keepers to controlling expenditures and that they are doing a good job. He compared the Village of Sleepy Hollow and the Village of Algonquin noting that 20 years ago they were both a mess. He further opined that Sleepy Hollow is now worse but that due to good management by its elected officials, Algonquin has brought in new businesses and its' levy is now reduced. He concluded by stating that there is a difference between elected officials and good managers.

Old Business:

Update on Elgin land donation: Supervisor Glees stated that the issues appear to be resolved and paperwork should be moving forward. Matter tabled.

New Business:

Review/Approval of 2019-20 Employee Insurance Plan: The information on the 2019-20 Employee Insurance Plan was presented. The new proposed rates show a decrease in cost to the Township while maintaining the current benefit plans. After a brief discussion, Trustee Harney made the motion to approve the 2019-20 Employee Insurance Plan with a second by Supervisor Glees. Upon roll call vote, Supervisor Glees and Trustees Ahrens, Schaffer and Harney voted "aye" – Motion Carried.

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Discussion on Renting 50-acre parcel at Bartels for Farming: Trustee Ahrens presented a proposal from a local farmer to rent the 50-acre parcel at Bartels for \$125/acre this year and \$150/acre next year. Counsel Asprooth noted that the legality of leasing the parcel since it was part of the Township's Open Space land would need to be reviewed. Trustee Harney noted that the parcel was full of wetlands and that if the Board decided to lease the property, a bid process would need to be followed. The Board discussed that matter and reviewed the option to lease the property for a solar energy farm and the costs involved in the rental such as having to pay Property Taxes on the parcel. The Board requested clarification from counsel on the legality issue and tabled the matter to the next meeting.

Review of New Township Website: Supervisor Glees demonstrated the Township's new website to the Board. It is hoped that the new site will be fully live by mid-July.

Audit/Approve Bills and Payrolls:

Audit Bills – Pending Town Fund Bills \$77,128.90; Pre-Paid Town Bills \$1,154.91; Payrolls \$34,613.18 & \$34,169.10; General Assistance Fund Bills \$0.00; Prior Month's General Assistance Costs \$9,531.62; General Assistance Payrolls - \$568.48 & \$490.08; Pending Cemetery Fund Bills \$11,262.35; Pre-Paid Cemetery Bills \$453.56; Payrolls \$7,868.60 & \$7,520.00; Pending Road & Bridge Fund Bills \$39,133.17; Pre-Paid Road & Bridge Bills \$1,164.92; Road & Bridge Equipment Bills \$404.96; Payrolls \$14,810.83 & \$14,568.32; Road IMRF/FICA Payrolls of \$2,130.31 & \$2,091.03; Road & Bridge Insurance Bills \$31,374.00.

Trustee Harney made the motion to approve the bills as audited with a second by Supervisor Glees.

During discussion of the bills, the Board asked about the costs for training.

Assessor Bielak reviewed the training courses he & his staff were taking to meet the State requirements. Also, Supervisor Glees and Trustee Harney reviewed their attendance at the TOI Topics Day in Springfield. They noted that they had the opportunity to meet with 15 representatives from Cook County to review what Townships are and what Dundee Township does to serve its' residents. They also tried to focus on Representatives from areas where the Townships do not have Open Space or Cemeteries. Also, they meet with Senator Cullerton who is a fan of Townships and supports them. Several other groups were there who were concerned with the State's roads and transportation. The Board also briefly discussed the proposed State increase in Motor fuel tax and vehicle registration and how electric vehicles would be affected.

Finally, the Board briefly discussed the requirements to have a certified "Burn Boss" for the Open Space prescribed burn program.

Returning to the approval of the bills, Supervisor Glees called the motion and upon roll call vote, Supervisor Glees and Trustees Ahrens, Schaffer and Harney voted "aye" – Motion Carried.

Budget Transfers: None were presented.

Executive Session:

No Executive Session was called at this meeting.

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Trustee Schaffer made the motion to adjourn with a second by Trustee Harney. Upon voice vote, all present voted “aye” – motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Robert L. Block", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert Block
Dundee Township Deputy Clerk