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BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S MEETING

MINUTES OF MAY 8, 2019

A meeting of Sterling Township Supervisor and the Board of Trustees was held on May 8, 2019 at the Sterling Town Hall at 8:30 A.M. The meeting was called to order by the supervisor, Mr. Theodore Harts.

Item 2 – Roll Call – Elected officials of the Sterling Township board present included: Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Stanley, Mr. Duncan, and Mr. Harts. Also present were the highway commissioner, Mr. Stutzke and the assessor, Mrs. Lawrence and the clerk, Mrs. Leal. Others present were Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Sotelo, and Mr. Carroll and Ms. Rundall.

Item 3 – Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Mrs. Leal.

Item 4 – Approval of Agenda – Motion was made by Mr. McGinn and seconded by Mrs. Stanley to approve the agenda as presented. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Stanley, Mr. Duncan, and Mr. Harts voted aye. Motion carried.

Item 5 – Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – Motion was made by Mrs. Stanley and seconded by Mr. Ausman to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Stanley, Mr. Duncan and Mr. Harts voted aye. Motion carried.

Item 6 – Communication from Visitors – Mrs. Janet Freed and Mr. Chris Davis spoke to the board about their Mentoring Project which was established in 2013. They currently have over 100 mentors who visit students weekly in all of the K-12 buildings. They asked the township to consider helping with the program financially. Board members will be discussing that at a later date.

Item 7 – Riverside Cemetery Report – Mr. Carroll gave out a Lots and Burials report.

Item 8 – Assessor Report – Mrs. Lawrence informed everyone that the township tax bills will go out on Friday.

Item 9 – Clerk Report - NONE

Item 10 – Highway Commissioner Report – Mr. Stutzke said that his men are busy replacing lots of old tubes that are rotting out.

Item 11 – Supervisor Report –Bills

Town Fund - \$22,464.35 - Motion was made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mrs. Stanley to authorize and pay the expenses of the Town Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Stanley, Mr. Duncan and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

General Assistance - \$17,217.42 - Motion was made by Mrs. Stanley and seconded by Mr. Ausman to authorize and pay the expenses of the General Assistance Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Stanley, Mr. Duncan and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

Town IMRF Fund - \$839.05 - Motion was made by Mr. McGinn and seconded by Mrs. Stanley to authorize and pay the expenses of the Town IMRF. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Stanley, Mr. Duncan, and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

Town Insurance - \$3,890.02 -- Motion was made by Mrs. Stanley and seconded by Mr. Duncan to authorize and pay the expenses of the Town Insurance Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Stanley, Mr. Duncan and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

Community Development - \$1,259.58 - Motion was made by Mr. McGinn and seconded by Mrs. Stanley to authorize and pay the expenses of the Community Development Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Stanley, Mr. Duncan and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

Town Social Security - \$1,242.06 - Motion was made by Mr. McGinn and seconded by Mrs. Stanley to authorize and pay the expenses of the Town Social Security Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Stanley, Mr. Duncan and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

Riverside Cemetery - \$4,641.09 - Motion was made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mrs. Stanley to authorize and pay the expenses of the Riverside Cemetery Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Stanley, Mr. Duncan and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

Cemetery Payroll - \$12,018.59 - Motion was made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mrs. Stanley to authorize and pay the expenses of the Riverside Payroll Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Stanley, Mr. Duncan and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge Fund - \$7,284.56 - Motion was made by Mr. McGinn and seconded by Mrs. Stanley to authorize and pay the expenses of the Road and Bridge Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Stanley, Mr. Duncan, and Mr. Harts voted aye. Motion carried.

Road Tax Fund \$610.05 - Motion was made by Mr. McGinn and seconded by Mr. Duncan to authorize and pay the expenses of the Road Tax Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Stanley, Mr. Duncan and Mr. Harts voted aye. Motion carried.

Highway Social Security Fund - \$428.16

Highway IMRF Fund - \$355.95

Motion was made by Mrs. Stanley and seconded by Mr. Ausman to authorize and pay the expenses of the Social Security Fund and the Hwy IMRF Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Stanley, Mr. Duncan and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

Item 11 – Trustee and Supervisor/Staff Reports:

Mr. Harts said that the auditors will be at the next meeting. He also quoted the summer hours for Township. Monday through Thursday 8am to 3:30, Closed Friday. Mr. Stutzke quoted that his highway department hours are Monday through Thursday 6am to 4. Closed on Friday. Mr. Harts stated that he will be attending an attorney’s seminar in Bloomington on Friday.

Item 12– New Business - NONE

Item 13– Old Business – NONE

**Item 14– Closed Session- (Pursuant to the IL. State Statute 5ILCS 120/2 c).
(REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS)**

Motion was made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mrs. Stanley to go into closed session to review all of the executive session minutes to see which ones can be released. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Stanley, Mr. Duncan and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

After discussion Mr. Ausman made a motion seconded by Mr. McGinn to close executive session and go back into the regular meeting. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Stanley, Mr. Duncan and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried. Mr. Ausman then made a motion seconded by Mr. McGinn to release the minutes of May 24, July 12, September 27, and October 11, of 2017. Release the minutes of February 28, June 13, and December 20, of 2018. Lastly to release the minutes of January 9 and May 8, of 2019. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Stanley, Mr. Duncan and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

Item 14– Communication from Visitors – NONE

Item 15– Adjournment – Motion was made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mr. Duncan to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Next meeting will be held on May 22, 2019 at 8:30 am, at 108 Fourth Avenue, Suite 2 in Sterling.

Frances Leal,
Township Clerk