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### BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S MEETING

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2020

A meeting of Sterling Township Supervisor and the Board of Trustees was held on February 12 at the Sterling Town Hall at 8:30 am. 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, Mr. Duncan, and Mr. Harts. Also present were the highway commissioner, Mr. Stutzke and the clerk, Mrs. Leal. Trustee, Mrs. Stanley was absent from this meeting. Others present were Mrs. Schneider, Ms. Rundall, Mrs. Sotelo, Mr. Carroll and Mr. Gould.

**Item 3 – Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Mr. Stutzke.

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

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

**Item 6 – Communication from Visitors** – Mrs. Shirley Vasquez of Pads Shelter talked to the board on how the shelter operates and she said that they would like to stay open more hours. They are looking for financial support from the township.

**Item 7 – Riverside Cemetery Report** – Mr. Carroll gave out a January sales report and also talked about prices at the cemetery.

**Item 8 – Assessor Report** – Exemption notices have gone out so the assessor's office will be busy helping people fill their forms out.

**Item 9 – Clerk Report** – The clerk, Mrs. Leal, let everyone know that the budget hearing ads will be in the paper next week and the budgets will be voted on at the meeting of March 25. She also reminded everyone that the annual town meeting this year will be on April 14, 2020.

**Item 10 – Highway Commissioner Report** – The road commissioner, Mr. Stutzke said that everything was going smoothly at the highway department. He also handed out to the board the

2020 highway budget. There will be budget discussion at the next board meeting.

**Item 11 – Supervisor Report –Bills**

**Town Fund - \$24,591.72** - Motion was made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mr. McGinn to authorize and pay the expenses of the Town Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mr. Duncan and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

**General Assistance - \$9,078.36** - Motion was made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mr. McGinn to authorize and pay the expenses of the General Assistance Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mr. Duncan and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

**Town IMRF Fund - \$1,183.00** - Motion was made by Mr. McGinn and seconded by Mr. Duncan to authorize and pay the expenses of the Town IMRF. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mr. Duncan, and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

**Community Development - \$1,921.79** - Motion was made by Mr. McGinn and seconded by Mr. Ausman to authorize and pay the expenses of the Community Development Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mr. Duncan and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

**Town Social Security - \$1,252.45** - Motion was made by Mr. McGinn and seconded by Mr. Duncan to authorize and pay the expenses of the Town Social Security Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mr. Duncan and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

**Riverside Cemetery - \$3,032.69** - Motion was made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mr. Duncan to authorize and pay the expenses of the Riverside Cemetery Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mr. Duncan and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

**Riverside Payroll Fund - \$18,130.25** - Motion was made by Mr. McGinn and seconded by Mr. Ausman to authorize and pay the expenses of the Riverside Payroll Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mr. Duncan and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

**Road and Bridge Fund - \$23,431.29** - Motion was made by Mr. McGinn and seconded by Mr. Ausman to authorize and pay the expenses of the Road and Bridge Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mr. Duncan and Mr. Harts voted aye. Motion carried.

**Road Tax Fund \$1,675.77** - Motion was made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mr. Duncan to authorize and pay the expenses of the Road Tax Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mr. Duncan and Mr. Harts voted aye. Motion carried.

**Equipment & Building - \$161.00** - Motion was made by Mr. Duncan and seconded by Mr. Ausman to authorize and pay the expenses of the Equipment & Building Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mr. Duncan and Mr. Harts voted aye. Motion carried.

**Special Bridge Fund - \$275.00** - - Motion was made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mr. Duncan

to authorize and pay the expenses of the Special Bridge Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mr. Duncan and Mr. Harts voted aye. Motion carried.

**Highway Social Security Fund - \$768.14**

**Highway IMRF Fund - \$763.65**

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

**Item 11 – Trustee and Supervisor/Staff Reports:**

**Mr. Gould** said that a new furnace was installed in the G.A. building, he also gave some updates on the computer security system.

**Mrs. Schneider** handed out the 2020 township budget. She also gave out a final report on the Thanksgiving Baskets.

**Mr. Harts** reminded everyone of the Ready Youth taco lunch on Saturday, February 15, from 11:00 to 1pm.

**Item 12– New Business – GRANTS** - There was discussion regarding grants for St. Vincint DePaul and United Way. A motion was made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mr. Duncan to grant \$3,500 to St. Vincent DePaul and to give a grant in the amount of \$7,000 to the United Way. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mr. Duncan and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION: LAND ACQUISITION;** Mr. Harts presented a Resolution Authorizing Land Acquisition. A motion was made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mr. McGinn to approve and pass the RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LAND ACQUISITION BY THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FROM STERLING TOWNSHIP. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mr. Duncan and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

**Item 13– Old Business – NONE**

**Item 14– Closed Session- (Pursuant to the IL. State Statute 5ILCS 120/2 c). - NONE**

**Item 14– Communication from Visitors – NONE**

**Item 15– Adjournment** – Motion was made by Mr. McGinn and seconded by Mr. Duncan to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Next meeting will be held on February 26 at 8:30 am, at 108 Fourth Avenue, Suite 2 in Sterling.

Frances Leal,  
Township Clerk