

THEODORE HARTS  
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Highway Commissioner  
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# TOWN OF STERLING

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S MEETING

MINUTES OF AUGUST 26, 2020

A meeting of Sterling Township Supervisor and the Board of Trustees was held on August 26 via teleconference 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, 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. Sindy Sotelo.

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

**Item 4 – Approval of Agenda** – Motion was made by Mrs. Stanley and seconded by Mr. McGinn 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 Mr. McGinn and seconded by Mrs. Stanley 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 – NONE**

**Item 7 – Riverside Cemetery Report - NONE**

**.Item 8 – Assessor Report - NONE**

**Item 9 – Clerk Report - NONE**

**Item 10 – Highway Commissioner Report - NONE**

**Item 11 – Supervisor Report –Bills**

**Town Fund - \$17,612.10** - Motion was made by Mrs. Stanley and seconded by Mr. Ausman 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 - \$4,818.24** - Motion was made by Mr. McGinn and seconded by Mrs. Stanley 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 - \$1,200.88** - Motion was made by Mr. Ausman 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.

**Community Development - \$3,763.76** - Motion was made by Mrs. Stanley and seconded by Mr. Ausman 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 - \$1,273.97** - Motion was made by Mrs. Stanley and seconded by Mr. Ausman 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.

**Road and Bridge Fund - \$9,642.02** - 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 \$1,322.28** - Motion was made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mrs. Stanley 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.

**Equipment & Building - \$13.96** - Motion was made by Mrs. Stanley, and seconded by Mr. Ausman to authorize and pay the expenses of the Equipment & Building Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Stanley, Mr. Duncan and Mr. Harts voted aye. Motion carried.

**Highway Social Security Fund - \$550.74**

**Highway IMRF Fund - \$571.75**

Motion was made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mrs. Stanley 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:**

**Supervisor, Mr. Harts**, talked about the new rules that Governor Pritzger has set. Mr. Harts also

talked about the new hours and new rules for the township offices.

**Item 12– New Business: Supervisor, Mr. Harts**, presented the resignation letter from Mr. Duncan and a motion was made, with regret, by Mr. Ausman and seconded, with regret, by Mrs. Stanley to accept the resignation of Mr. Ken Duncan. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Stanley and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

**Item 13– Old Business** – Mr. Ausman asked the supervisor if he had heard any further information about the annual town meeting. Mr. Harts said that he would call TOI to see if there was any new information about that. He will let the board know at the next meeting.

**Item 14– Closed Session- (Pursuant to the IL. State Statute 5ILCS 120/2 c). :Personnel**

A motion was made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mrs. Stanley that the board go into closed session. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Stanley, Mr. Duncan and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was had in executive session. After discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Stanley and seconded by Mr. Ausman to close executive session and go into the regular meeting. 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 Mrs. Stanley to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Next meeting will be held on September 9, 2020, at 8:30 am, at 108 Fourth Avenue, Suite 2 in Sterling.

Frances Leal,  
Township Clerk