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## BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S MEETING

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 28, 2020

A meeting of Sterling Township Supervisor and the Board of Trustees was held on October 28 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, Mrs. Stanley, and Mr. Harts. Also present were the highway commissioner, Mr. Stutzke and the assessor, Mrs. Lawrence. Cindy Kurpius, a prospective for the vacant Trustee position was also present.

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

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

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

**Item 6 – Communication from Visitors – NONE**

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

**Item 8 – Assessor Report** – The appeal deadline of October 22<sup>nd</sup> has past and there are 15 appeals to date. Appeals are mainly for commercial properties appealing for reduction due to the impact of poor economic conditions as a result of Covid-19 restrictions.

**Item 9 – Clerk Report - NONE**

**Item 10 – Highway Commissioner Report –**

The Highway Commissioner stated the Highway Department

- Is researching and looking into changing banks.
- Has purchased a MAC dump truck at \$165,000. The truck is \$158,000 without the salt spreader and plow and the final purchase price after adding salt spreader and plow is \$165,000. Payment will be taken from the Equity and Building Fund.
- Has completed roadwork at Parkview, Riverview and Crestview and the cost came in \$12,000 over estimate/budget. The edges were 6 to 7 inches rather than 2 to 2 1/2 which accounts for some of the overage.

**Item 11 – Supervisor Report –Bills**

**Town Fund - \$13,546.38** - 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, and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

**General Assistance - \$2,718.75** - 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, and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

**Town IMRF Fund - \$1,080.50** - Motion was made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mr. McGinn to authorize and pay the expenses of the Town IMRF. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Stanley, and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

**Community Development - \$1,232.00** - 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, and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

**Town Social Security - \$1,175.50** - Motion was made by Mrs. Stanley and seconded by Mr. McGinn to authorize and pay the expenses of the Town Social Security Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Stanley, and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

**Road and Bridge Fund - \$10,012.69** - Motion was made by Mrs. Stanley and seconded by Mr. Ausman to authorize and pay the expenses of the Road and Bridge Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Stanley, and Mr. Harts voted aye. Motion carried.

**Road Tax Fund \$1,707.04** - Motion was made by Mr. McGinn and seconded by Mrs. Stanley to authorize and pay the expenses of the Road Tax Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Stanley, and Mr. Harts voted aye. Motion carried.

**Highway Social Security Fund - \$600.59**

**Highway IMRF Fund - \$573.55**

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, Mrs. Stanley, and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

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

##### **Trustee –**

Ruth Stanley had no report and only inquired about who attended Conference. No one attended Conference.

##### **Supervisor –**

- Thanksgiving Basket distribution is different this year. Walmart and Kroger cannot do bulk orders and are not receiving Turkeys this year. Due to Covid-19 there has been a disruption in the supply line and they cannot get turkeys in. This year Township is distributing a \$30 voucher from County Market. Sign-up/Pick-up is Monday thru Thursday 9 – 12. Sterling Township will authorize 600 vouchers and this is independent of Coloma Township. Coloma Township is doing a distribution independently. If 600 max vouchers have been reached then the Township will re-evaluate distribution of additional vouchers.
- The Supervisor, Ted Harts, shared articles regarding the food crisis. Food banks, food pantries and individuals are struggling to get food more so due to the Covid 19 impact. To date, food banks have distributed two times more than they had at this time previous years.
- The Dillon Foundation has donated \$6000 to our Thanksgiving Basket Drive 2020.

- The staff has started taking online courses, including Fred Pryor training and certification programs offered by Tri- County.

**Item 12– New Business:**

**SALARIES:**

The new salaries for the elected officials were discussed at the last meeting and at today’s meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Ausman seconded by Mrs. Stanley to accept and pass the salaries as presented for the next four years for the township officials. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Stanley and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

The Road Commissioner has stated that for this four year term beginning May 17, 2021 and ending May 18, 2025, he agrees to pay half of the Road Commissioner Salary out of the Road Funds and the Town will pay half of the salary

**TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT:**

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Harts and seconded by Mrs. Stanley to appoint Cindy Kurpius to the position of township trustee. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Stanley and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

**NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING:**

The Board would like to change the second meeting in November to Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and this will be published in the Newspaper

**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 Mrs. Stanley to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Next meeting will be held on November 12, at 8:30 am, at 108 Fourth Avenue, Suite 2 in Sterling.

Frances Leal,  
Township Clerk