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BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S MEETING

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 23, 2020

A meeting of Sterling Township Supervisor and the Board of Trustees was held on November 23 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, Mrs. Kurpius, and Mr. Harts. Also present was the highway commissioner, Mr. Stutzke. Mrs. Schneider served as deputy clerk. Others present were Mrs. Sotelo, Ms. Rundall, and Kevin Carroll.

Item 3 – Pledge of Allegiance – Led by __Ruth Stanley_____.

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

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

Item 6 – Communication from Visitors – NONE

Item 7 – Riverside Cemetery Report- On Friday, November 20th, someone ran into the Cemetery fence. Mr. Carroll has not received the police report yet. He will submit it to TOIRMA when he gets it. The accident caused damage to an 8 foot section of the fence and totaled the vehicle. He is going to get an estimate from Sterling Fence for the repairs of the fence.

Item 8 – Assessor Report- none

Item 9 – Clerk Report- none

Item 10 – Highway Commissioner Report – Mr. Stutzke reported that their backhoe is very old and breaks down frequently. Mr. Stutzke said that they would like to buy a good used one.

Item 11 – Supervisor Report –Bills

Town Fund - \$14,444.59 - 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, Mrs. Kurpius and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

General Assistance - \$3,467.7 - Motion was made by Mr. McGinn and seconded by Mr. Ausman to authorize and pay the expenses of the General Assistance Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Kurpius and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

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

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

Town Social Security - \$1,114.89 - 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, Mrs. Kurpius and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge Fund - \$19,684.58 - Motion was made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mrs. Stanley to authorize and pay the expenses of the Road and Bridge Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Kurpius and Mr. Harts voted aye. Motion carried.

Road Tax Fund \$2,670.99 - Motion was made by Mr. McGinn and seconded by Mr. Ausman to authorize and pay the expenses of the Road Tax Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Kurpius and Mr. Harts voted aye. Motion carried.

Highway Social Security Fund - \$617.89

Highway IMRF Fund - \$585.00

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

Item 11 – Trustee and Supervisor/Staff Reports:

Mrs. Stanley- The TOI officers will remain the same at this time since there was not a TOI conference in person this year.

Supervisor’s report- Mr. Harts said that the board will vote on the levy at the next board meeting.

Mr. Harts said that Illinois is in phase 3 mitigation for the Corona virus. He said the staff is working part time in the office and part time at home. We are having a staff meeting today to make sure that we are all set up to work 100% at home if we need to. We are exempt from stay

at home orders so the staff can come to the office is needed. All of the staff will keep a copy of the order in their cars. All staff wear masks anytime they work with the public.

Mr. Ausman mentioned that he received a letter from the City of Sterling regarding annexing more property. The homes that are being annexed seem to be random. Mr. Stutzke said he had a discussion with Scott Schumard regarding the sewer system. He said the Township and the city have an agreement regarding snow plowing. Currently the City will plow up to McCue Road.

Mr. Harts said that Jeremiah will talk to Kevin regarding snow removal so that everyone is on the same page. Jeremiah is working on cleaning things out of the GA building. The old furnace was taken to Cimco recycling and we received \$6 for it.

Item 12– New Business:

CHRISTMAS DONATION: The board talked about giving a Christmas donation. A motion was made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mr. McGinn to give a donation of \$1,000 to the Salvation Army in lieu of the Christmas party. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Kurpius and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

HEALTH INSURANCE: The supervisor and Ms. Rundall also presented the health insurance options. The township will stay with Blue Cross Blue Sheild for the next year. A motion was made by Mr. McGinn and seconded by Mr. Ausman to stay with BCBS for the next year. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Kurpius 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 Mrs. Stanley and seconded by Mr. Ausman to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 9th, at 8:30 am, at 108 Fourth Avenue, Suite 2 in Sterling.

Frances Leal,
Township Clerk