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BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S MEETING

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2021

A meeting of Sterling Township Supervisor and the Board of Trustees was held 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, Mrs. Kurpius 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.

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

Item 4 – Approval of Agenda – Motion was made by Mrs. Stanley and seconded by Mrs. Kurpius 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 Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mrs. Stanley 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 – Mr. Carroll gave out a Lots and Burial report.

Item 8 – Assessor Report – Mrs. Lawrence said that her office is busy taking care of exemptions, senior freezes, and disability forms for people.

Item 9 – Clerk Report – Mrs. Leal is staying in touch with the county clerk, Ms. Dana Nelson, to make sure all of the township information for the election is correct.

Item 10 – Highway Commissioner Report – Mr. Stutzke said that his crew is very busy clearing out the road. They have been working overtime to make sure the roads are clear.

Item 11 – Supervisor Report –Bills

Town Fund - \$12,141.25 - Motion was made by Mrs. Stanley and seconded by Mrs. Kurpius

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 - \$1,455.45 - 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.

Community Development - \$1,296.70 - 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, Mrs. Kurpius and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

Town Social Security - \$1,121.44 - Motion was made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mr. McGinn 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.

Cemetery General Fund - \$4,040.42 - Motion was made by Mrs. Stanley and seconded by Mr. Ausman to authorize and pay the expenses of the Cemetery General Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Kurpius and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

Cemetery Payroll Fund - \$12,401.11 - Motion was made by Mr. McGinn and seconded by Mrs. Kurpius to authorize and pay the expenses of the Cemetery Payroll Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Kurpius and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge Fund - \$11,374.76 - 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, Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Kurpius and Mr. Harts voted aye. Motion carried.

Road Tax Fund \$1,284.89 - Motion was made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mrs. Kurpius 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.

Equipment & Building - \$1,118.00 - Motion was made by Mrs. Kurpius and seconded by Mrs. Stanley to authorize and pay the expenses of the Equipment & Building Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Kurpius and Mr. Harts voted aye. Motion carried.

Highway Social Security Fund - \$694.94

Highway IMRF Fund - \$638.96

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:

Supervisor, Mr. Harts said that the rental of the CFY has started up again. He also said that the

ESL classes have begun also. The township pantry will start on March 2 and will go through October 26, 2021. He also said that for the next two weeks he will take vacation but will be in and out of the office during that time.

Item 12– New Business - NONE

Item 13– Old Business – NONE

Item 14– Closed Session- (Pursuant to the IL. State Statute 5ILCS 120/2 c). – A motion was made by Mr. Ausman seconded by Mrs. Stanley for the board to move into executive session. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Kurpius and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mrs. Stanley to close executive session and move back into the regular meeting. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Kurpius 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 February 24, 2021, at 8:30 am, at 108 Fourth Avenue, Suite 2 in Sterling.

Frances Leal,
Township Clerk