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BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S MEETING

MINUTES OF MARCH 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 Mrs. Kurpius.

Item 4 – Approval of Agenda – Motion was made by Mr. McGinn and seconded by Mrs. 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 Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mr. McGinn 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 February Lots and Burial report.

Item 8 – Assessor Report – Mrs. Lawrence said that so far her office has helped fill out forms for 111 exemptions, 86 freezes and also helped with landlord tenant agreements.

Item 9 – Clerk Report - NONE

Item 10 – Highway Commissioner Report – Commissioner, Mr. Stutzke said that they are very busy working on the township roads.

Item 11 – Supervisor Report –Bills

Town Fund - \$22,673.50 - Motion was made by Mr. McGinn 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 - \$3,067.27 - 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. Kurpius 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 - \$1,168.14 - 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, Mrs. Kurpius and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

Riverside Cemetery General Fund - \$1,657.84 - Motion was made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mrs. Stanley 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.

Riverside Cemetery Payroll Fund - \$10,489.30 - Motion was made by Mr. McGinn and seconded by Mrs. Stanley 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 - \$10,236.55 - 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, Mrs. Kurpius and Mr. Harts voted aye. Motion carried.

Road Tax Fund \$2,569.78 - 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, Mrs. Kurpius and Mr. Harts voted aye. Motion carried.

Highway Social Security Fund - \$694.87

Highway IMRF Fund - \$670.47

Motion was made by Mr. McGinn 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, Mrs. Kurpius and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

Item 11 – Trustee and Supervisor/Staff Reports:

Mr. Harts said that the first couple of days that the food pantry was open, they served 89 people. He also read a thank you note from St. Vincent de Paul, thanking the township for the donation that was given to them.

Item 12– New Business –

SAUK VALLEY FOOD BANK – Mr. Harts introduced a grant for the Sauk Valley Food Bank then a motion was made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mrs. Kurpius to give the Food Bank a donation in the amount of \$15,000.. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Kurpius and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AGENDA – The clerk presented the annual town meeting agenda to the board. A motion was made by Mrs. Stanley and seconded by Mrs Kurpius to accept the agenda as presented. 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). – A motion was made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mrs. Kurpius that the board move into a closed 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. Kurpius to close executive session and that the board 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 Mrs. Stanley and seconded by Mrs. Kurpius to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Next meeting will be held on March 24, 2021, at 9:00 am, at 108 Fourth Avenue, Suite 2 in Sterling.

Frances Leal,
Township Clerk