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BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S MEETING

MINUTES OF MARCH 24, 2021

A meeting of Sterling Township Supervisor and the Board of Trustees was held at the Sterling Town Hall at 9:00 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, Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Kurpius and Mr. Harts. Also present were the highway commissioner, Mr. Stutzke and the assessor, Mrs. Lawrence. Others present were Mrs. Schneider, Ms. Rundall, Mrs. Sotelo and Mr. Carroll.

Item 3 – Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Mr. Ausman in the highway hearing.

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

Item 6 – Communication from Visitors – NONE

Item 7 – Riverside Cemetery Report – Mr. Carroll reported that years ago a telephone pole fell down at the Mausoleum. Com Ed never came out to take care of it but it was found that the cemetery owned it so the cemetery had to discard it. He also said that the cleanup of the cemetery is under way. Mr. Carroll is also waiting for some quotes to resurface the roads at the cemetery. If the quotes are over \$20,000, it will have to be bid out.

Item 8 – Assessor Report – Mrs. Lawrence said that they are busy with exemptions, etc. So far they have helped with 329 exemptions, 340 freezes, 9 disability, and 5 tenant agreements.

Item 9 – Clerk Report – Mrs. Lawrence reminded everyone of the Annual Town meeting coming up on April 13, 2021 at the township hall at 6:30.

Item 10 – Highway Commissioner Report – Mr. Stutzke said that for the new truck some adjustments were made for salt spreader and new brakes were put on. He also said that the old truck was sold to Hopkins Township for \$16,000.

Item 11 – Supervisor Report –Bills

Town Fund - \$18,330.65 - Motion was made by Mrs. Stanley and seconded by Mrs. Kurpius to authorize and pay the expenses of the Town Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Kurpius and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

General Assistance - \$23,260.21 - Motion was made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mrs. Stanley to authorize and pay the expenses of the General Assistance Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Kurpius and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

Community Development - \$1,369.22 - 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, Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Kurpius and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

Town Social Security - \$1,080.56 - Motion was made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mrs. Stanley to authorize and pay the expenses of the Town Social Security Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Kurpius and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge Fund - \$11,749.54- 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, Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Kurpius and Mr. Harts voted aye. Motion carried.

Road Tax Fund \$3,122.80- Motion was made by Mrs. Kurpius and seconded by Mr. Ausman to authorize and pay the expenses of the Road Tax Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Kurpius and Mr. Harts voted aye. Motion carried.

Highway Social Security Fund - \$542.50

Highway IMRF Fund - \$558.79

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

Item 11 – Trustee and Supervisor/Staff Reports:

Mrs. Schneider explained to the board why the credit cards had late fees on them. It was due to the delay in the mail. She spoke with several representatives from the credit card companies and all of the late fees will be waved.

Mr. Harts said that PADS shelter has given him a Profit and Loss report for the board to review. They are requesting a grant from the township. The township also received a check from TOIRMA in the amount of \$6,199. This amount was more than last year.

Item 12– New Business – APPROVAL OF TOWN BUDGET: Motion was made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mrs. Kurpius to approve and pass the 2021 Town Budget in the amount of \$1,481,012. as presented. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Kurpius and Mr. Harts all voted aye. Motion carried. Budget Context:

TOWN	\$592,024.	GENERAL ASSISTANCE	\$253,700.
IMRF	\$35,000.	INSURANCE FUND	\$19,000.
COM DEV	\$106,488.	AUDIT FUND	\$5,000.
SOC SEC	\$41,000.	UNEMPLOYMENT	\$5,800.
CEMETERY	\$423,000.		
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		<u>\$1,481,012.00</u>	

GRANTS:

After grants were discussed, a motion was made by Mr. Ausman seconded by Mrs. Kurpius to give a grant to United Way in the amount of \$8,000. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, 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 Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mrs. Stanley to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Next meeting will be held on April 14, 2021, at 8:30 am, at 108 Fourth Avenue, Suite 2 in Sterling.

Frances Leal,
Township Clerk
By Marcy Lawrence