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BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S MEETING

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 22, 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, Mrs. Angela Schneider.

Item 2 – Roll Call – Elected officials of the Sterling Township board present included: Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mrs. Kurpius, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Schneider. Also present were the highway commissioner, Mr. Glazier and the assessor, Mrs. Lawrence and the clerk, Mrs. Leal. Others present were the cemetery manager, Mr. Carroll.

Item 3 – Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Mrs. Wilkinson.

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

Item 5 – Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – Motion was made by Mrs. Wilkinson and seconded by Mrs. Kurpius to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mrs. Kurpius, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Schneider all voted aye. Motion carried.

Item 6 – Communication from Visitors – NONE

Item 7 – Riverside Cemetery Report – Mr. Carroll said that they are finishing winterizing all of their equipment. The cemetery office will be closed for a couple of days but Mr. Carroll is always on call.

Item 8 – Assessor Report – Mrs. Lawrence said that today she will be going to the Assessor's Annual meeting in Morrison.

Item 9 – Clerk Report - NONE

Item 10 – Highway Commissioner Report – Mr. Glazier said that they have finished transferring the highway accounts from Sterling Federal Bank to Sauk Valley Bank.

Item 11 – Supervisor Report –Bills

Town Fund - \$13,396.92 - Motion was made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mrs. Wilkinson to authorize and pay the expenses of the Town Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mrs. Kurpius, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Schneider all voted aye. Motion carried.

General Assistance - \$2,758.05 - Motion was made by Mrs. Kurpius and seconded by Mrs. Wilkinson to authorize and pay the expenses of the General Assistance Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mrs. Kurpius, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Schneider all voted aye. Motion carried.

Town IMRF Fund - \$1,408.19 - Motion was made by Mrs. Wilkinson and seconded by Mr. Ausman to authorize and pay the expenses of the Town IMRF. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mrs. Kurpius, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Schneider all voted aye. Motion carried.

Community Development - \$213.94 - Motion was made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mrs. Wilkinson to authorize and pay the expenses of the Community Development Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mrs. Kurpius, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Schneider all voted aye. Motion carried.

Town Social Security - \$900.96 - Motion was made by Mrs. Wilkinson and seconded by Mrs. Kurpius to authorize and pay the expenses of the Town Social Security Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mrs. Kurpius, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Schneider all voted aye. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge Fund - \$15,450.74 - Motion was made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mrs. Wilkinson to authorize and pay the expenses of the Road and Bridge Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mrs. Kurpius, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Schneider voted aye. Motion carried.

Road Tax Fund \$1,191.97 - Motion was made by Mrs. Wilkinson and seconded by Mrs. Kurpius to authorize and pay the expenses of the Road Tax Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mrs. Kurpius, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Schneider voted aye. Motion carried.

Equipment & Building - \$117.72 - Motion was made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mrs. Kurpius to authorize and pay the expenses of the Equipment & Building Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mrs. Kurpius, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Schneider voted aye. Motion carried.

Highway Social Security Fund - \$569.38 - Motion was made by Mrs. Wilkinson and seconded by Mrs. Kurpius to authorize and pay the expenses of the Social Security Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mrs. Kurpius, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Schneider all voted aye. Motion carried.

Highway IMRF Fund - \$573.90 - Motion was made by Mrs. Kurpius and seconded by Mr. Ausman to authorize and pay the expenses of the Hwy IMRF Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mrs. Kurpius, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Schneider all voted aye. Motion carried.

Item 11 – Trustee and Supervisor/Staff Reports:

Mrs. Schneider informed everyone of the Chamber Dinner which is being held on January 27, 2022. Anyone wishing to go please call the office so that tickets can be purchased.

Item 12– New Business – LEVIES

TOWN LEVY

The 2021 Town levy, collectable in 2022, was presented to the board of Trustees in the amount of Nine hundred ninety eight thousand three hundred thirty one. (\$998,331.). Trustee, Mr. Ausman asked if there were any changes to the levies since they were last looked at and the answer was no. There were no changes to the levies.

Town	\$594,582	Audit Tax	\$ 4,000
Insurance	10,000	IMRF	12,000
Social Sec.	19,000	General Assistance	1,000
Cemetery	356,749	Unemployment	1,000

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilkinson seconded by Mrs. Kurpius to approve and pass the Sterling Township Levy as presented. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mrs. Kurpius, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Schneider all voted aye. Motion carried.

ROAD DISTRICT LEVY

The 2021 Road District levy, collectable in 2022, was presented to the Board of Trustees in the amount of Five hundred fifty three thousand four hundred forty five. (\$553,445.)

Road & Bridge Fund	\$392,424	Audit Tax	\$ 4,000
Insurance Tax	10,000	I.M.R.F.	6,890
Social Security Tax	6,890	Road Tax Fund	00
Special Bridge Fund	30,000	Equip & Building	83,241
Road Damage Fund	20,000		

A motion was made by Mr. Ausman seconded by Mrs. Kurpius to approve and pass the Sterling Township Road District levy as presented. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mrs. Kurpius, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Schneider all voted aye. Motion carried.

BOARD MEETING TIMES:

After discussion, there was a motion made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mrs. Kurpius to change the board meeting times from 12 noon to 8:30 am, effective January 12, 2022. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mrs. Kurpius and Mrs. Wilkinson voted aye and Mrs. Schneider voted nay. Motion carried with the majority of votes.

Item 13– Old Business – Mr. Ausman asked everyone to keep the firefighters in their prayers for all

they do to keep everyone safe.

Item 14– Closed Session- (Pursuant to the IL. State Statute 5ILCS 120/2 c);

CLOSED SESSION: RELEASE OF EXECUTIVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Ausman seconded by Mrs. Wilkinson to go into executive session for the review of executive minutes. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mrs. Kurpius, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Schneider all voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was had in executive session and then a motion was made by Mr. Ausman seconded by Mrs. Wilkinson to close executive session and go back into the regular meeting. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mrs. Kurpius, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Schneider all voted aye. Motion carried.

Item 14– Communication from Visitors – NONE

Item 15– Adjournment – Motion was made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mrs. Kurpius to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Next meeting will be held on January 12, 2022, at 8:30 am, at 108 Fourth Avenue, Suite 2 in Sterling.

Frances Leal,
Township Clerk