

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, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Kurpius, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Schneider. The clerk, Mrs. Leal was also present at the meeting. Others present were Mr. Carroll, the cemetery manager.

Item 3 – Pledge of Allegiance – Led by trustee, Mrs. Kurpius.

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

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

Item 6 – Approval of Electronic Attendance - NONE

Item 7 – Communication from Visitors – Ms. Dawn Naffziger representing St. Vincent dePaul spoke to the board members about the food program that their organization operates. They are looking for financial help.

Item 8 – Riverside Cemetery Report – Mr. Carroll handed out a sales report for March. He has also clarified some wording on the township website.

Item 9 – Assessor's Report – The assessor's office has helped so far with 329 exemptions, 340 freezes, 11 disabilities and with 4 tenant agreements.

Item 10 – Clerks' Report - NONE

Item 11 – Highway Commissioner Report - NONE

Item 12a - Supervisor Report –Bills

Town Fund - \$43,025.92 - Motion was made by Mrs. Kurpius and seconded by Mrs. Wilkinson to approve and pay the expenses of the Town Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Kurpius, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Schneider all voted aye. Motion carried.

General Assistance - \$3,901.86 - Motion was made by Mr. McGinn and seconded by Mr. Ausman to approve and pay the expenses of the General Assistance Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Kurpius, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Schneider all voted aye. Motion carried.

Town IMRF Fund - \$1,554.71 - Motion was made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mrs. Wilkinson to approve and pay the expenses of the Town IMRF. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Kurpius, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Schneider all voted aye. Motion carried.

Community Development - \$500.00 - Motion was made by Mr. McGinn and seconded by Mrs. Kurpius to approve and pay the expenses of the Community Development Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Kurpius, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Schneider all voted aye. Motion carried.

Town Social Security - \$1,923.26 - Motion was made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mrs. Wilkinson to approve and pay the expenses of the Town Social Security Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Kurpius, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Schneider all voted aye. Motion carried.

Riverside Cemetery General Fund - \$4,271.72 - Motion was made by Mrs. Wilkinson and seconded by Mr. McGinn to approve and pay the expenses of the Cemetery General Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Kurpius, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Schneider voted aye. Motion carried.

Riverside Cemetery Payroll Fund - \$17,190.83 - Motion was made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mrs. Kurpius to approve and pay the expenses of the Cemetery Payroll Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Kurpius, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Schneider voted aye. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge Fund - \$90,956.28 - Motion was made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mrs. Wilkinson to approve and pay the expenses of the Road and Bridge Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Kurpius, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Schneider voted aye. Motion carried.

Highway Social Security Fund - \$1098.19 - Motion was made by Mrs. Kurpius and seconded by Mrs. Wilkinson to approve and pay the expenses of the Social Security Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Kurpius, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Schneider all voted aye. Motion carried.

Highway IMRF Fund - \$1056.43 - Motion was made by Mr. Ausman and seconded by Mr. McGinn to approve and pay the expenses of the Hwy IMRF Fund. Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Kurpius, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Schneider all voted aye. Motion carried.

Item 12b – Trustee and Supervisor/Staff Reports:

Mrs. Schneider said that she and Mrs. Tabor will be going to the GATI seminar on April 28. She also said that the township website has recently been updated.

Trustee, Mrs. Wilkinson asked about the decennial committee that has to be formed no later than June 10, 2023, where the committee will study local efficiencies and report to the county board.

Mrs. Schneider said that they are working on forming the committee.

Item 13 – New Business: GRANT / UNITED WAY

After discussion regarding grants, Mrs. Wilkinson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kurpius to give the United Way a grant in the amount of \$9,000 to help support the three programs that they operate. (LIFE, FEED THE CHILDREN, 211) Trustees, Mr. Ausman, Mr. McGinn, Mrs. Kurpius, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Schneider all voted aye. Motion carried.

Item 14 – Old Business - NONE

Item 15 – Closed Session- (Pursuant to the IL. State Statute 5ILCS 120/2 c). - NONE

Item 16 – Communication from Visitors - NONE

Item 17 – Adjournment – Motion was made by Mr. McGinn and seconded by Mrs. Kurpius to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Next meeting will be held on April 26, 2023, 8:30 am at 108 Fourth Avenue, Suite 2 in Sterling.

Frances Leal,
Township Clerk