

Regular Meeting
March 18, 2013 6:00 P.M.

OPENING PRAYER offered by: Supervisor McCormick

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by: Supervisor McCormick

Call Meeting to order: Supervisor McCormick

ROLL CALL: Arnold (p) Feger (a) Shallenberger (p) Manuel (p) Hiller (p)
McCormick (p) Risinger (p) Christianson (p)

Guests: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & COMMENTS: None

Motion to Approve Minutes: February 19, 2013 Regular Meeting.

Motion by: Arnold

Second by: Manuel

Discussion:

Voice Votes: All in favor: Voice votes, all Aye. **Motion Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Gary Twist. Tazwell Co. Supervisor of Assessments

Supervisor McCormick referred the board to letter for review which will be discussed further under "Old Business".

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion by: Arnold

Second by: Shallenberger

Discussion: Last investment report for the year. Refer to pg. 7 "Fund Balances" at end of year this will be reflected in the new budget.

Roll Call:

Arnold (y)

Feger: (a)

Shallenberger (y)

Manuel (y)

McCormick (y)

Motion Carried:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss the implications of the letter from Gary Twist

a.)The need to maintain an elected township Assessor

Mr. McCormick notes that Mr. Hiller is well qualified with all the necessary current certifications but points out the need to plan ahead for a future transition time.

b.) The need to plan for the future.

The letter from Gary Twist lists suggested recommendations which Mr. McCormick and Mr. Hiller both agree. To begin this process in a timely manner. while current Assessor is in place.

c. Qualifications involved CIAO certificate

Mr. Hiller comments that there are 5 mandatory classes required by the Illinois Department of Revenue for certification as well as additional refresher classes ongoing over time.

d.) Linda's plans -- Linda Hiller plans to retire at the end of this year.

e.) Deputy Assessor – Mr. Twist's recommendation, considering the size of the township, is to hire someone to work with the current Assessor for a period of time (a deputy assessor) prior to any eventual transition. Mr. McCormick will prepare a job description to present to board at the next regular Township meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Annual Town Meeting Agenda

a.) Report of the Supervisor-Township finances.

Town Meeting mandated by law to be the second Tuesday in April each year and this year that date is April 9, 2013

b.) Report from Fire Trustee.

We have 2 different boards.

c.) Report from Pioneer Committee.

May & June 2013 Events

d.) Hart Scholarship

e.) Permission to sell excess equipment.

f.) Etc.

Motion to Accept Agenda

Motion by: Shallenberger

Second by: Manuel

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (y)

Feger: (a)

Shallenberger (y)

Manuel (y)

McCormick (y)

Motion Carried:

3.) Motion to tentatively approve the budgets pending a public hearing and passage at the April Town meeting.

Motion by: Arnold

Second by: Manuel

Discussion: Supervisor McCormick referred the board to the following pages for review Pg. 26 - and the numbers at the bottom of page.

Pg. 27 - noting a correction in the ending balance.

Pg. 29 - noting more money levied every 4 years to allow for increases in costs. The current accounting service for example had price increases prompting Mr. McCormick to look into a change in accounting firms to reduce these costs for next year.

Pg. 31- reflect the Road and Bridge budget with more in the budget for salaries and higher cost for road work.

Pg. 36 – Town Budget numbers have increased. Property loan not paid for reflects final payment.

Pg. 37 – Accounts for Deputy Assessor.

Roll Call:

Arnold (y)

Feger: (a)

Shallenberger (y)

Manuel (y)

McCormick (y)

Motion Carried:

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Dave Risinger

Mr. Risinger reports that next week he will be seeking bids for upcoming roadwork. Currently they are in the process of switching over from snow removal equipment and working on trimming trees. Otherwise it is business as usual.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Assessor Hiller reports an unusual case. This is a property where the developers name is still listed on the lot as owner. The structure has been built but now the property is in foreclosure for the homeowner. This case remains unresolved at this time.

General Assistant Report: February 20, March 18, 2013 by: Stephanie Stecken, Case Worker.

Feb./March CLIENT G.A. /E.A. EXPENDITURES:

Feb./March G.A. REPORT: There were 7 inquires this month. Of the seven, 3 were determined not eligible and 5 were sent documents for application. No further action taken as of this date.

Feb/March E .A. REIMBURSEMENTS: \$00

PAYING OF BILLS:

Motion to Pay Town Bills:

Motion by: Arnold

Second by: Manuel

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (y)

Feger (a)

Shallenberger (y)

Manuel (y)

McCormick (y)

Motion Carried:

Motion to pay GA bills:

Motion by: Manuel

Second by: Arnold

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (y)

Feger (a)

Shallenberger (y)

Manuel (y)

McCormick (y)

Motion Carried:

Motion to Pay Road & Bridge bills:

Motion by: Shallenberger

Second by: Arnold

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (y)

Feger (a)

Shallenberger (y)

Manuel (y)

McCormick (y)

Motion Carried:

Motion to Pay Special or Permanent Road Bills:

Motion by: Arnold

Second by: Manuel

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (y)

Feger (a)

Shallenberger (y)

Manuel (y)

McCormick (y)

Motion Carried:

Supervisor McCormick reminded the board that there will be a PUBLIC HEARING on the Budget April 15, 2013 at 5:30pm before Regular Township Meeting at 6:00pm.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by: Shallenberger

Second by: Arnold

All in favor: Voice Votes: Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at: 5:35p

Respectfully Submitted:

Pam Christianson Town Clerk