

July 16, 2012
Regular Meeting 6:00 P.M.

Opening Prayer offered by: Supervisor McCormick

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Supervisor McCormick

Call Meeting to Order by: Supervisor McCormick

Roll Call: Arnold (p) Feger (a) Hiller (a) Christianson (p) McCormick (p) Shallenberger (p) Shaw (p) Risinger (p)

Guests: Brian Manuel, Kate Owens, Mr. & Mrs. Owens, Tom Paulson Pres. Northern Oaks Homeowners Assoc., Hannah Sheppard, Mark & Nicole Reese.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATIONS & COMMENTS

Mr. Paulson reports that since recent vandalisms and thefts in the area they are now having problems with underage drinking in Northern Oaks, most likely by non-residents. Currently the offenders are being issued "warnings" but if it continues they will begin to press charges. Mr. Paulson will keep the township apprised of any future incident or actions.

Mr. Risinger commented that there has been damage at the Salt Dome and a Groveland resident has had her car broken into and her purse stolen. Those responsible may be known but no one has been caught in the act.

1. INTRODUCTION of 1st Annual Barb Hart Scholarship recipients

Kate Owens & Hannah Sheppard will each receive a \$500.00 Scholarship. Each introduced themselves to board and gave a brief overview of their plans and goals and expressing their appreciation saying they feel honored to be the first recipients of the Barb Hart Scholarship.

Kate lives Northern Oaks and graduated from Morton High School mid-year and then attended ICC. She will attend the University of Missouri in Columbia this fall majoring in Elementary Education with plans to Master in Administration. Kate thanked the board for her award saying the money will surely help with her college expenses and plans to use her award to purchase books.

Hannah Sheppard graduated from East Peoria High School in May. She will attend Illinois State University majoring in Elementary Education and plans to pursue a career in education after graduation. Hannah plans to use her scholarship towards books and room & board. Her extracurricular activities included; Student Council, Key Club, ROTC-Army & OSF Volunteer to name a few. Hannah works as a lifeguard at Splashdown and the Riverplex.

2. INTRODUCE Nicole Reese and review the new Website and future technological changes.

Ms. Reese introduced herself and discussed her work history and goals for the future. She has taught in elementary education for the past 13 years but in recent months has taken steps to pursue her real passion of working with technology; particularly in the desktop publishing/design area. In recent years she has worked to develop her skills in web design mostly on a voluntary basis (for family members' events/businesses and for places of employment). What started as a hobby quickly became a passion that is now a commitment to the pursuit of her passion and new career.

Using the overhead Nicole introduced the board to the new website showing the various aspects of the site, demonstrating how user friendly it will be, and discussed areas of future development. The main page has a brief description of the township area as well as space for public notices. At the top of the page

there are drop down menus with links to Township services, elected officials and staff, past agendas/ minutes of the town meeting etc. Also included are links to various services within the township (Fire Protection, Homeowners Assoc., Food Bank and Library). The new website should make it easier for township officials and staff to stay informed and communicate with each other, as well as offer the community at large better access to township activities and news. Mr. McCormick commented that in his opinion the new website is far ahead of other townships.

Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting held May 21, 2012

Motion by: Arnold

Second by: Shaw

Discussion: None Voice Votes... all trustees voted aye...motion carried.

Correspondence:

1. Letter from scholarship recipient Kate Owens
2. Letter from scholarship recipient Hannah Sheppard

Approve the Treasurer's report:

Motion by: Shaw

Second by: Arnold

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (y)
Feger (x)
Shallenberger (y)
Shaw (y)
McCormick (y)
Motion Carried:

Old Business:

1. **Motion to approve the budget line item changes involving the Road & Bridge and Special Road budgets.**

Motion by: Arnold

Second by: Shaw

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (y)
Feger (x)
Shallenberger (y)
Shaw (y)
McCormick (y)
Motion Carried:

2. **2nd Review of roadway burning ordinance.**

Mr. McCormick pointed out that section 3 (fines) needs revision. Discussion of ordinance centered on how to determine a minimum/maximum fine. Having a small fine likely would not offset the cost of any damage but where should the ceiling be to make it a realistic deterrent and how and who will

enforce the ordinance etc. After several minutes of discussion a motion was made to table ordinance until the next meeting pending review with Sheriff's Dept, States Attorney and Township Legal team.

Motion by: Shallenberger

Second by: Shaw

No further discussion

Roll Call:

Arnold (y)

Feger (x)

Shallenberger (y)

Shaw (y)

McCormick (y)

Motion Carried:

New Business:

1. 1st Installment of Tax Levy received

Mr. McCormick stated that this is the earliest we have received settlement.

Road Commissioner's Report: Road Commissioner Risinger.

1. Discuss the Road work bid and the projected road improvements.

Mr. Risinger reports that each summer the Township Road Division attempts to repair a substantial amount of roadway by cooperating with the County to secure the best bids. This year the Highway Division indicated that roadwork in the Township would cost around \$110,000. RA Cullinan has submitted a substantially lower bid of \$96,000. This will allow the Township to save money and perhaps add additional roadway repairs. He is optimistic that repairs can begin this month. A list of roads due for tar and chip improvements can be found on the new website under Road Commissioners link.

Mr. Risinger reports that the hot weather has caused the tar on a number of roads to "bubble up" causing a hazard to drivers. Road crews are working to add extra chip to those areas. A new type of chip is being used to test if it will be more effective. He also reports the road sweeper will be operational in the next day or two. Time and costs to repair were higher than anticipated due to having to order needed parts.

Mr. Manual suggested letter to homeowners and posting signs. Ms. Shaw suggested we add something to the website to alert homeowners.

Assessor's Report: Assessor Hiller not in attendance, no report.

General Assistance report for June/July by; Stephanie Stecken, Case Worker

June/July Client GA/EA Expenditures: \$0.00

June/July G.A. Report: 7 Inquires were made this month; 2 of these were sent documents to apply for GA/EA and the remaining 5 were determined not eligible due to not meeting the criteria.

June/July G. A. Reimbursements: \$0.00

Paying of Bills:

Motion to pay Town Bills;

Motion by: Arnold

Second by: Shallenberger

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (y)

Feger (x)

Shallenberger (y)

Shaw (y)

McCormick (y)

Motion Carried:

Motion to pay GA bills;

Motion by: Shaw

Second by: Arnold

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (y)

Feger (x)

Shallenberger (y)

Shaw (y)

McCormick (y)

Motion Carried:

Motion to pay Road and Bridge bills;

Motion by: Shallenberger

Second by: Shaw

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (y)

Feger (x)

Shallenberger (y)

Shaw (y)

McCormick (y)

Motion Carried:

Motion to pay Special or Permanent Road bills;

Motion by: Arnold

Second by: Shallenberger

Discussion: None

Roll Call

Arnold (y)

Feger (x)

Shallenberger (y)

Shaw (y)

McCormick (y)

Motion Carried:

Motion by to adjourn by: Arnold, Second by Shaw

Voice vote to adjourn: All voting members voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela M. Christianson, Town Clerk