

Sept. 17, 2012
Regular Meeting 6:05 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 (p) Hiller (p) Christianson (p) McCormick (p) Shallenberger (p) Shaw (p) Risinger (p)

GUESTS: Brian Manuel

PUBLIC PARTICIPATIONS & COMMENTS: None

Approve Minutes Of: Regular Meeting held Aug. 20, 2012

Motion by: Shallenberger

Second by: Arnold

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

Correspondence:

1. Netbook Revision:

Supervisor McCormick apprised the board of a change in the proposed "Netbooks" purchase approved at the last meeting. Mark Reese now recommends purchase of a "Notebook" as opposed to the previously recommended "Netbooks". The netbook concept is being phased out in favor of notebooks and he suggests the Acer Aspire Timeline-X. While the cost is slightly higher at \$399.99 per unit, this model does offer a DVD drive not offered with the netbook, and Office 2010 software is pre-installed (with a 30-day free trial, after which time a key would need to be purchased to continue using the software). Additionally, it has a 14" display close to the size of the netbook (typically 12"). Two of the four units have arrived with the other two on backorder.

2. Recommendations from John Arnold:

Mr. Arnold presented to the board, for its review, the proposed Barb Hart Scholarship Guidelines and Application form for 2013-2014.

3. Groveland Pioneers Committee updates:

The Pioneer Committee has met twice in the past month with the next meeting scheduled for Oct. 8, 2012 at 7pm at the Town Hall. Attendees decided on 3 major activities with proceeds going to charity; the Barb Hart Scholarship, Food Pantry, and St. Jude.

* Groveland Pioneer Days (Carnival) June 27, 28, & 29, 2013

* Groveland Community Days (Garage Sale) May 3rd & 4th, 2013

* St. Jude stopover Day 1st Saturday in August 2013

Discussion of upcoming events centered on general logistics; required permits, liability, available space, parking and proceeds etc. Supervisor McCormick commented that the Pioneer Committees' efforts have the full support and cooperation of the Township.

Approve the Treasurer's report:

Motion by: Arnold

Second by: Shaw

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (y)

Feger (y)

Shallenberger (y)

Shaw (y)

McCormick (y)

Motion Carried:

Old Business:

1. Discuss Scholarship qualifications and revisions:

Mr. Arnold read the revised guidelines which have been streamlined to include "Three" primary qualifications with winners being decided by a drawing. Questions and concerns expressed by the various board members include the following.

1.) Shaw expressed a preference for the "essay" requirement. She also wonders if there is some means of better promotion within the community to attract more applicants.

2.) Mr. Arnold and Mr. Shallenberger like the simplified guideline modeled after the UAW Scholarship guidelines.

3.) Supervisor McCormick is open to the idea that the scholarship would be open to "any" student wanting a college degree vs. only students entering a specific areas of study.

There being no consensus as to a specific set of requirement at this time it was decided that more revision is needed and that the goal for that decision will be before the end of the year.

2. Township involvement with Pioneer committee.

This item already covered. (See above).

New Business:

1. Change October Meeting Date from Oct. 15, 2012 to Oct. 22, 2012

There being no conflict with board members the Regular Meeting for October 2012 will be held on the 22nd at 6:00pm.

Road Commissioner's Report: Road Commissioner Risinger.

During an overhead pictorial presentation of the **Cole Hollow Rd. Bridge Project** Commissioner Risinger reviewed with the board the extent of the work required to repair the bridge and culvert. Erosion and strong water flow had caused major problems that could have caused the bridge and road to collapse. County engineer Dan Parr assisted with the project and helped design the repairs. The estimated cost to repair the bridge and culvert were in excess of \$100,000 or more; however, because the project was completed as an emergency project in-house, the total cost to the township was less than \$10,000. The pictures will be posted on the website. Another large project is now in the planning stages. Recent rains have increased the need for mowing and the road crew is working on this. Otherwise it is business as usual.

Assessor's Report: Assessor Hiller:

Assessor Hiller reports numerous calls from property owners wanting to appeal assessment values. Sometimes these can be adjusted, sometimes not. Currently there are 37 vacant properties in Creve Coeur which of course does affect values. He anticipates more calls in the future if the economy doesn't turn around, but is encouraged that we are on par with new construction.

**General Assistance report for Aug., 2012 – Sept. 2012
Stephanie Stecken, Case Worker**

August/Sept. - Client GA/EA Expenditures: \$0.00

August/Sept. G.A. Report:

There were six GA inquires this past month. After intake interview it was determined in each case that they did not meet eligibility requirements.

August/Sept. G. A. Reimbursements: \$0.00

Paying of Bills:

Motion to pay Town Bills;

Motion by: Arnold

Second by: Shaw

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (y)

Feger (y)

Shallenberger (y)

Shaw (y)

McCormick (y)

Motion Carried:

Motion to pay GA bills;

Motion by: Shaw

Second by: Feger

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (y)

Feger (y)

Shallenberger (y)

Shaw (y)

McCormick (y)

Motion Carried:

Motion to pay Road and Bridge bills;

Motion by: Shallenberger

Second by: Arnold Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (y)
Feger (y)
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 (y)
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 6:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela M. Christianson, Town Clerk