

**Regular Meeting
August 21, 2017 6:00 P.M.**

OPENING PRAYER Offered by: Offered by: Supervisor Shallenberger

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by: Supervisor Shallenberger

Meeting called to order by: Supervisor Shallenberger

ROLL CALL: Bresnahan (x) Hranka (-) Lawson (x) Pentecost (x) Shallenberger (x) McCormick (x) McCool (x) Christianson (x)

Guests: Gordon Sweet, Jim Yocum, John Redlingshafer, Marvin Claussen

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & COMMENTS: John Redlingshaffer attended tonight's meeting to address a budgetary questions raised by Road Commissioner McCool as it relates to monies in the budget that has been earmarked for future equipment purchase. He suggests that rather than do an "Amended Budget" now which requires a "Special Hearing" that has to be published, that this could be done closer to the next years 2018-2019 budgets. He suggests that there may be a need for other amendments over time that would then require more than one "Special Hearing" and public notice. The other issue addressed was the "Levy" and what the Township could do to address ways to increase within current tax limitations. Mr. Redlingshaffer discussed and answered questions from the board as it relates to this issue and suggests a possible meeting be scheduled with himself, Supervisor Shallenberger and Tazewell County to discuss this going forward.

Approve Minutes for: July 17, 2017 Minutes Regular Meeting:

Motion by: Pentecost **Second by:** Bresnahan

Discussion:

All in favor: Aye - 4 Nay – 0

Motion Carried:

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Groveland Community Library Annual Meeting Minutes.
2. Letter of Thanks: Groveland Community Library.

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion by: Bresnahan

Second by: Lawson

Discussion: Supervisor Shallenberger reviewed the report with the board noting that the 2 food banks received \$1000 this month.

Roll Call

Bresnahan (x)

Hranka (-)

Lawson (x)

Pentecost (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS: Audit Discussion

Supervisor Shallenberger says that he has talked with the Auditor and this year's report should be ready by the 21st of September, and he will try to get a copy for the board to review in advance of that date.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Township Days September 21, 2017: Discussion

The suggestion for this year is to open the office for drop-ins throughout the day and to ask that the new trustee's schedule some time during the day to be available to meet and greet attendee's and answer questions. Coffee and cookies will be provided.

2. Goals: Discussion. Town Clerk Christianson states that her goal this term is to update, move and archive all files related to Township records. Other trustees are encouraged to evaluate potential goals they would like to see achieved.

3. Recycling: Discussion. Supervisor Shallenberger says the county would like us to consider putting in a recycling system again. We ended the past recycling plan due to the cost to operate and the illegal dumping done after hours by residents and possibly others just taking advantage. Past problems included non-recycling items that had to be sorted by township employees or actually having to haul away items, by township employees to the appropriate disposal site.

4. Light Bulbs for Township Building:

Supervisor Shallenberger referred the board to pg. 34 in the packet showing a cost estimate of an "Energy Savings Lighting Systems" suggesting replacement of all lighting fixtures in the Township Bldg. The lighting itself would be better for employee's who use computers and better for their eyes, and also more efficient to operate. After the initial purchase cost, the operational cost savings would be nearly one half. With budgets tight, looking for even small savings would be a plus.

Road Commissioner's Report: by Jim McCool: Commissioner McCool says he is re-evaluating the Doyle Lease agreement as there is no longer a need for equipment or extra supply storage on that property. With budgets being increasingly tight it only makes sense to look for savings in any area we can.

Assessors Report by: Assessor McCormick referred the board to pg.35 in the packet and happily reports that following this year's quadrennial reassessment of property values there is no "equalization factor", this is good news!!! There are no angry phone calls as yet, mostly just questions, but she does say that could change after all the County Appeals are in. She also reports that all of Pekin of Section 4 has been completed.

General Assistant Report: July/Aug 2017 by: Stephanie Stecken, Case Worker.

July/Aug CLIENT G.A./E.A. EXPENDITURES: \$00

July/Aug G.A. REPORT: There were two inquires this month. One client was provided needed documents but as of this report we are waiting on two of those to be returned. The other client was found not to be eligible.

July/Aug E.A. REIMBURSEMENTS: \$.00

RaeLyn McCormick commented that G.A. may need to be amended. Supervisor Shallenberger agrees and suggests we get more information and discussing it further at the next meeting.

Executive Session Request: None Requested

PAYING OF BILLS:

Motion to Pay Town Bills:

Motion by: Lawson

Second by: Bresnahan

Discussion: None

Roll Call

Bresnahan (x)

Hranka (-)

Lawson (x)

Pentecost (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Motion Carried

Motion to pay GA bills:

Motion by: Bresnahan

Second by: Pentecost

Discussion: None

Roll Call

Bresnahan (x)

Hranka (-)

Lawson (x)

Pentecost (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Motion Carried

Motion to Pay Road & Bridge bills:

Motion by: Bresnahan

Second by: Lawson

Discussion: None

Roll Call

Bresnahan (x)

Hranka (-)

Lawson (x)

Pentecost (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Motion Carried

Motion to Pay Special or Permanent Road Bills:

Motion by: Lawson

Second by: Bresnahan

Discussion: None

Roll Call

Bresnahan (x)

Hranka (-)

Lawson (x)

Pentecost (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Motion Carried

MOTION TO ADJOURN by: **Motion by:** Bresnahan **Second by:** Lawson

Voice Votes: All in Favor **Motion Carried:** **Meeting Adjourned at:** 7:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Pam Christianson Town Clerk