

**Regular Meeting
May 15, 2017 5:00 P.M.**

OPENING PRAYER Offered by: Offered by: Supervisor McCormick

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by: Supervisor McCormick

Meeting called to order by: Supervisor McCormick

ROLL CALL: Feger (x) Shallenberger (x) Tabor (-) Turner (-) McCool (x) McCormick (x) McCormick (x) Christianson (x)

Guests: Stephanie Stecken, Kathy & Ned Shepherd, Marilyn Stevens, Debbie Shallenberger, John Shallenberger, Miarae Shallenberger, Gordon Sweet,

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & COMMENTS: No Comments

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS LEAVING OFFICE:

Supervisor McCormick took this opportunity to give some parting thoughts on his retirement as Township Supervisor. He suggests to the incoming board that they not take the job for granted but to give great consideration to the task at hand, most especially to serving the people of the township. He also noted that in his 25 years of service to Groveland Township he has served as Trustee, Town Clerk and Supervisor both in good times and difficult times. Right now we are difficult times he says due to finances that control what and how much you can do. Additionally, the State of Illinois is trying to eliminate Township Government making the future somewhat uncertain. He also reviewed the representative accomplishments he felt worth noting. **1.** The new business office that was paid for out of our regular budget within a two year period. He gave special thanks to the previous Road Commissioner Dave Risinger who without his involvement the project would not have happened. **2.** The township now has a salt dome constructed in house at a cost of less than \$40,000 out of budgeted funds. **3.** We now have an in-house Assessor who operates with regular office hours and has helped increase our overall assess value by several million dollars in the last 3 years. There is still a need for a Deputy Assessor going forward that should be a goal of the incoming board. **4.** The building of Terminal Rd. which is an unprecedented task that took over 30 to achieve. The current Road Commissioner Jim McCool inherited this project and did an admirable job of spearheading the project and bringing it in under budget. **5.** The Township Board now has clearly defined guidelines for appointments to Fire and Water Boards with responsibility for scrutinizing the applicants for those boards, but ending with the appointments. **6.** After years of struggling financially the Road Division has streamlined staff, paid off debts to banks and have begun to update equipment. By changing the way we levy for road funds we are able to increase revenues. Much of the credit for the levy process goes to John Redlingshafer, township attorney. **7.** We have been able to use our surplus space to accommodate the Community Library giving them a new home and modern atmosphere. However, this may be an area to re-examine in the future. **8.** As a result of changing auditors, we have been able to correct errors that have existed for decades.

Supervisor McCormick noted that while the successes have been rewarding, there are several challenges ahead that the board will face. **1.** The issue of additional space for the Assessor and the Road District. **2.** Town Fund revenues, we will either need more money or make cuts so he recommends the new board carefully monitor expenditures and constantly look for ways of curtailing costs as well as exploring ways of generating more revenue. **3.** Keeping the township board concentrated on township issues. **4.** The township board must realize they have an obligation of working with the Supervisor to help organize agenda entries and an obligation to do your homework to prepare to participate in important and worthwhile discussion and decisions. **5.** Setting board goals is an excellent exercise in helping to provide direction for the Board over a 4 year period.

With a personal note Supervisor McCormick had some final thoughts giving special thanks to Stephanie Stecken for her loyalty and patience over the years. To the previous Road Commissioner Dave Risinger for being a friend and colleague who made sure the needs of the township was a priority. He thanked Barb Hart for her dedication to

perfection and her desire to help our youth. He also gave special thanks to Tony Feger for always being there and stepping up when needed. Finally thanking RaelLyn for her intellectual support and objective viewpoints that have helped him look at situations with fresh eyes. He then wished the best of luck to the incoming board and offered his help should it be needed.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY: Newly Elected Officials:

Town Clerk Christianson then swore in the following newly elected Board members:

John Shallenberger – Supervisor

Trustees – Kevin Bresnahan, Joe Hranka, Darcy Lawson and Roger Pentecost.

After being seated the meeting opened with a new Roll Call

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

Approve Minutes for: March 20, 2017 Minutes Public Hearing & Regular Meeting:

Motion by: Pentecost

Second by: Bresnahan

Discussion: None

All in favor: Voice vote with all voting Aye. Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE: None

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion by: Hranka

Second by: Bresnahan

Discussion: Trustee Hranka asked if the amount for IT services was a monthly cost. Stephanie Stecken office manager answered affirmative to that question

Roll Call

Bresnahan (x)

Hranka (x)

Lawson (x)

Pentecost (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Banking Resolution 2018-2

Motion by: Hranka

Second by: Lawson

Discussion: None

Roll Call

Bresnahan (x)

Hranka (x)

Lawson (x)

Pentecost (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Motion Carried

2. Freedom of Information Resolution 2018-3

Motion by: Bresnahan

Second by: Pentecost

Discussion: None

Roll Call

Bresnahan (x)

Hranka (x)

Lawson (x)

Pentecost (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Motion Carried

3. Investment Policy Resolution 2018-4

Motion by: Pentecost

Second by: Hranka

Discussion: None

Roll Call

Bresnahan (x)

Hranka (x)

Lawson (x)

Pentecost (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Motion Carried

4. Roberts Rules of Order Resolution 2018-5

Motion by: Hranka

Second by: Bresnahan

Discussion: None

Roll Call

Bresnahan (x)

Hranka (x)

Lawson (x)

Pentecost (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Motion Carried

5. Meeting Dates Resolution 2018-6

Motion by: Bresnahan

Second by: Pentecost

Discussion: None

Roll Call

Bresnahan (x)

Hranka (x)

Lawson (x)

Pentecost (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Motion Carried

6. Appointment of Town & Road District Attorney Resolution 2018-7

Motion by: Hranka

Second by: Lawson

Discussion: None

Roll Call

Bresnahan (x)
Hranka (x)
Lawson (x)
Pentecost (x)
Shallenberger (x)
Motion Carried

7. Discussion of Library Lease.

Gene gave the board a brief history of the Groveland Library and it's evolution over time and how vital she feels the library is to the community as a whole. She points out that Groveland is a small community with few places or opportunities for the community to gather. She also points out that the library has a dedicated, all volunteer, staff that is committed to the citizens of Groveland. The library has over 11,000 books catalogued and offers a variety of programs to the residents. One especially important program in her opinion that is vital to school age children is the Summer Reading Program that acts to bridge the educational gap while they are on summer break.

Supervisor Shallenberger suggests that the consideration for this board as discussed at previous meetings is the potential need to add office space for conducting the business of the township. When this building was built we did not have the Assessor's office on site and with the current status of the Road Divisions deteriorating building there may be a future need for business office space for the Road Commissioner. He points out that with having a new board of trustees we may want consider changing the lease from a four year agreement to something more flexible to allow for evaluation of these needs after some modifications are made and then re-evaluating next year. After some discussion the board agreed and suggested making the lease yearly at this time.

Motion for a 1 year Library Lease:

Motion by: Hranka

Second by: Bresnahan

Discussion: None

Roll Call

Bresnahan (x)
Hranka (x)
Lawson (x)
Pentecost (x)
Shallenberger (x)
Motion Carried

8. Re-appointment of Nicolas Smith (Groveland Fire Protection Dist.)

Motion by: Bresnahan

Second by: Pentecost

Discussion: None

Roll Call

Bresnahan (x)
Hranka (x)
Lawson (x)
Pentecost (x)
Shallenberger (x)
Motion Carried

Road Commissioner's Report: by Jim McCool: He reports as the season begins its business as usual.

Assessors Report by: Assessor McCormick

Assessor McCormick reports that the "books" are now complete. We have been checking them to make sure that the values match the Property Record Cards; Home Improvement Exemptions are correct, noted and have the accompanying paperwork, etc. We will be starting our summer field work on Tuesday, May 30. I have had three contractors (Mark McBride, Kelley Construction and Wetterauer Home Building) look at the Assessment Office improvements and have asked for bids. All have received the Prevailing Wage Information. Waiting to receive bids...

We have received 54 Building Permits for March 2017 – May 2017, including 8 New Construction, 5 in Cottonwood Subdivision on Muller Rd., 1 in Cherokee Hills (Groveland) and 2 additional in East Peoria (Sherry Lane and Walnut Dr.). Additionally, I have received approximately 30 phone calls since tax bills came out.

General Assistant Report: April/May 2017 by: Stephanie Stecken, Case Worker.

April/May CLIENT G.A./E.A. EXPENDITURES: \$00

April/May G.A. REPORT: There were only two inquires this month and both have been sent the required documents but there has been no further action.

April/May E.A. REIMBURSEMENTS: \$.00

PAYING OF BILLS:

Motion to Pay Town Bills:

Motion by: Hranka

Second by: Bresnahan

Discussion: None

Roll Call

Bresnahan (x)

Hranka (x)

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 (x)

Lawson (x)

Pentecost (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Motion Carried

Motion to Pay Road & Bridge bills:

Motion by: Hranka

Second by: Bresnahan

Discussion: None

Roll Call

Bresnahan (x)

Hranka (x)

Lawson (x)

Pentecost (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Motion Carried

Motion to Pay Special or Permanent Road Bills:

Motion by: Bresnahan

Second by: Hranka

Discussion: None

Roll Call

Bresnahan (x)

Hranka (x)

Lawson (x)

Pentecost (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Motion Carried

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

Voice Votes: All in Favor Motion Carried: Meeting Adjourned at: 6:14 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Pam Christianson Town Clerk