

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

December 9, 2020

The Annual Town Meeting was held at the Groveland Township Office, located at 173 Washington Street, Groveland, IL 61535.

Due to the restrictions from the Pandemic (Covid-19 virus) regarding social distancing and masks being mandatory, the meeting was done virtually via Zoom. The public was invited to view this meeting on Zoom and invitations were sent out. The audience consisted of Jim Yocum, RaeLyn McCormick, Stephanie Stecken, John Shallenberger and JoAnna Fleckenstein.

Meeting was called to order by: JoAnna Fleckenstein, Town Clerk at 6:00 pm.

Opening Prayer: None.

Pledge of Allegiance led by: JoAnna Fleckenstein, Town Clerk

Clerk Fleckenstein opened the floor for nominations of Meeting Moderator.

Stephanie Stecken made the motion to nominate John Shallenberger for Moderator and Jim Yocum made the second. All "Ayes". Motion carried.

Oath of Office: Clerk Fleckenstein administered the Oath of Office to Moderator Shallenberger

Roberts Rules of Order – Jim Yocum made the motion to use Roberts Rules of Order; Stephanie Stecken seconded. All "Ayes". Motion carried.

Minutes: There being no additions or corrections to the April 9, 2019 minutes. Motion Carried.

Discussion: None. Motion carried.

The next Annual Town Meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 6:00 pm with location to be determined at a later date. Motion carried with all in attendance voting "Aye."

Moderator Shallenberger addressed the audience. He gave a brief overview of the Township boundaries which consist of the outlying parts of Pekin and Morton, most of Creve Coeur with the exception of the Homewood Heights area, most of Marquette Heights, and a large section of East Peoria. He shared that Groveland Township is the third largest with a population of over 20,000 residents. He also states that Township Government is the most democratic form of government mandated by law and the closest form of government to serve the needs of the people. He then announced to the audience, the names of the Elected Officials and staff of Groveland Township: Supervisor John Shallenberger, Assessor RaeLyn McCormick, Highway Commissioner Jim McCool, Clerk JoAnna Fleckenstein, Trustee Roger Pentecost, Trustee Kevin Bresnahan, Trustee Darcy Lawson, and Trustee Michael Turner. Office Manager Stephanie Stecken.

1. Supervisor's report: Township Finances

Moderator Shallenberger read the Township's financial report of all funds for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2020. He briefly reviewed the various funds for Town, General Assistance, Road and Bridge, Audit, Social Security, IMRF, Insurance and Permanent Road. Overall, this year's funds are in good shape going into the next fiscal year.

2. Road Commission's Report: Infrastructure of Roads

In the absence of Road Commissioner McCool, Stephanie Stecken read the report. Roads are in good shape. The fleet is being prepared for the winter months along with working on a couple of major jobs for the next fiscal year. The projects include box culvert project on Veteran's Road and drainage ditches on Bloomington Road.

3. Assessor's Report – Field Work

Assessor McCormick introduced herself and gave an overview of the work that had been completed this past year. She stated that 2020 is the quadrennial year and all homes will be re-assessed this year.

She has been using new GIS program which identifies all changes between 2015 to 2019. She reported that she has been looking at Creve Coeur and East Peoria primarily.