

Regular Meeting
April 14, 2014 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 (x) Feger (x) Shallenberger (x) Hranka (x) Hiller (x)
Risinger (x) McCormick (x) Christianson (x)

Guests: Joe Hranka, Les (Woody) Knollenberg, Attorney Bill Anderson, Rea Lyn McCormick

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & COMMENTS: Rea Lyn McCormick wants to remind everyone that the "Garage Sale" scheduled for May 2-3 is fast approaching and we are in need of more items to sell as well as help with set up etc. Anyone wishing to donate items can drop them at the township office. There will also be a post code mailing going out next week for anyone in the community who would like to help. Les (Woody) Knollenberg announced that The Pioneer Committee has elected to move the Carnival to a different location. He says the committee wishes to express their gratitude to the Township for all their help to this point. He adds that he hopes to see everyone there and of course we are always in need of extra volunteers. Trustee Arnold asks about the initial "seed money" given by the Township last year and if there are plans for repayment. Joe Hranka says the committee will look into how it was given but his impression that this money was a donation. Trustee Arnold points out that "Pioneer Committee Report" in the minutes from The Annual Town Mtg. 2013 stated that it is the committee's hope and intention to repay the Township from the proceeds of planned events. Atty. Anderson says he will take this to the next Pioneer Committee Board meeting for a resolution.

Motion to Approve Minutes of: Regular Meeting March 10, 2014

Motion by: Shallenberger

Second by: Hranka

Discussion: None

Voice Votes: All in favor: Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: 1.) Federal Register (Poverty Guidelines. 2) Three Midland Davis letters. 4) Environmental Health correspondence. 4) IDHS Emergency Food Program guidelines. 5) Tazewell County Levy Extension letter. 6) Township Officials 2014 Educational Program letter.

Supervisor McCormick points out that both of the Food Banks follow these guidelines and he was made aware about two weeks ago that recipients must sign up every month and fill out the appropriate paperwork to qualify. He also strongly encourages all the elected officials who can attend this year's educational program in July.

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion by: Arnold

Second by: Shallenberger

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (x)

Feger (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

OLD BUSINESS:

1.) Discuss guidelines for Food Pantries and funding mechanisms.

This item is "tabled" until the next regular meeting. This is one of the goals assigned to Trustee Feger and he will bring relevant idea's to the next meeting.

2.) Goal assignments—discussion.

Supervisor McCormick says that in reviewing items for Township Goals to be accomplished by 2017, it is obvious that they can probably be accomplished if everyone participates and takes some responsibility for specific goals. He states the he has made assignments for each member of the Board to the best of his ability taking into consideration the Board members schedules etc.

3.) Motion to pass Town Budget:

Motion by: Arnold

Second by: Shallenberger

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (x)

Feger (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

4.) Motion to pass Road Budget:

Motion by: Feger

Second by: Shallenberger

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (x)

Feger (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) Re-appoint Ross Hovind to Groveland Fire District.

Motion to Re-Appoint Ross Hovind

Motion by: Shallenberger

Second by: Hranka

Discussion: Trustee Hranka states she would like to see more communications and/or minutes from the Fire Board and Water Boards. Supervisor McCormick says he will bring that to the Boards.

Roll Call:

Arnold (x)

Feger (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

- 2.) Motion to pay half of the Road Commissioner's salary out of Special Road.

Motion by: Arnold

Second by: Hranka

Discussion:

Roll Call:

Arnold (x)

Feger (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

- 3.) Motion to accept the Road Commissioner's recommendations to allow the Special Road Fund to loan Road and Bridge Fund \$25,000 until taxes are available in mid-summer.

Motion by: Shallenberger

Second by: Feger

Discussion: Supervisor McCormick read the Resolution pointing out that it was prepared by the auditor and that we may need to do this the next couple of years.

Roll Call:

Arnold (x)

Feger (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

- 4.) **Garage Sale:** Since this fund raiser directly benefits the Hart Scholarship, I encourage board members and friends to donate items and volunteer in some capacity during the May 2- 3 event.

Supervisor McCormick says this is a follow up to Rea Lyn's comments earlier but urges the board to donate items and/or time to this event.

Road Commissioner's Report: Resolution of Support for New Transportation Infrastructure Construction Program for State & Local Governments to Benefit the Economy & Citizens of the State of Illinois.

Motion by: Feger

Second by: Shallenberger

Discussion: Road Commissioner Risinger says that with new government legislation it will allow him to solicit additional funds for road projects such as Terminal Rd. The goal would be to complete this project by next spring but it could be completed earlier provided there are no other roadblocks. Supervisor McCormick says the simplest way to get this job done is for the Township to do the work. The residents on Terminal Rd. cannot afford an assessment and we have the funds. Over the next two years we would maintain the road and in the second year we can ask for money from the State.

Roll Call:

Arnold (x)

Feger (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

Assessor's Report: Mr. Hiller reports they are moving along. There have been some problems with the computers and internet connections and of course the weather has caused delays.

General Assistant Report: March/April 2014 by: Stephanie Stecken, Case Worker.

This month there were six inquires. One case was referred to Public Aid, two cases were sent the appropriate documents and two were found not eligible.

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

March/April E.A. REPORT: January/February E.A. REIMBURSEMENTS: \$00

PAYING OF BILLS:

Motion to Pay Town Bills:

Motion by: Shallenberger

Second by: Arnold

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (x)

Feger (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

Motion to pay GA bills:

Motion by: Feger

Second by: Arnold

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (x)

Feger (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

Motion to Pay Road & Bridge bills:

Motion by: Arnold

Second by: Feger

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (x)

Feger (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

Motion to Pay Special or Permanent Road Bills:

Motion by: Shallenberger

Second by: Arnold

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (x)

Feger (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUEST:

MOTION TO ADJOURN by: Arnold **Second by:** Shallenberger

Voice Votes: All in Favor **Motion Carried:**

Meeting Adjourned at: **6:55PM**

Respectfully Submitted: Pam Christianson Town Clerk