

**Regular Meeting
December 8, 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) Risinger (x)
McCormick (x) McCormick (x) Christianson (x)

Guests: Rep. Keith Sommer, Jim McCool, Ron Harris, Dan Parr, Brian Manuel, Bill Compton, Nick Gauwitz, Marilyn Stevens, Thelma Gardner, Stephanie Stecken.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & COMMENTS: Rep. Keith Sommer comments that his father spent 28 yrs. in Township Government and he appreciates, in a very personal way, the value of township governance.

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

Motion by: Arnold

Second by: Hranka

Discussion: None

Voice Votes: All in favor: Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1.) From the Supervisor: Final Tax Disbursements. Supervisor McCormick says it's always nice to have the last taxes, it will help. He complimented the County for their speedy process.

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion by: Shallenberger

Second by: Feger

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (x)

Feger (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1.) **Motion to Approve Appointing Policy Resolution 2014-14**

Motion by: Feger

Second by: Hranka

Discussion: Trustee Shallenberger said he talked with Brian Manuel who asked about having input as well from his committee. Supervisor McCormick says he talked with Mr. Manuel as well but he does not think we should include this as part of the resolution. He says he wants to

avoid any possible *lobbying* for particular candidates by other Boards. Trustee Feger agrees saying that "we were elected as the Board of Trustee's for a reason". Trustee Hranka says she sees the Supervisors point that appointments should be the sole decision of the Board of Trustee's. Trustee Arnold is in agreement. Supervisor McCormick says we are set to appoint someone in January and asks for volunteers. Trustee Hranka and Feger volunteered to do the interview and will develop a set of questions. If the need should arise they will contact another Trustee to fill in. Trustee Hranka says they will do the interview and submit recommendation to be included in the packet for the January 2015 meeting.

Roll Call:

Arnold (x)
Feger (x)
Shallenberger (x)
Hranka (x)
McCormick (x)
Motion Carried:

NEW BUSINESS:

1.) Motion to pass transfer of appropriation for R & B (Maintenance Serv. Building to Health Insurance.

Motion by: Hranka

Second by: Arnold

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (x)
Feger (x)
Shallenberger (x)
Hranka (x)
McCormick (x)
Motion Carried:

2.) Motion to accept Road Commissioner's Retirement Letter.

Motion by: Shallenberger

Second by: Arnold

Discussion: Supervisor McCormick read the letter aloud and asked Mr. Risinger to make a correction to his last date of service to December 30, 2014. Trustee Shallenberger states that he would personally like to thank Mr. Risinger for his years of service to the Township and adds, "In my opinion Mr. Risinger has been the best road commissioner this township has ever had". Supervisor McCormick then presented Mr. Risinger with an engraved plaque noting the highlights of his service to the township. Supervisor McCormick comments that he has worked with three different road commissioners in his 25 years of service but Commissioner Risinger is "the best I have worked with".

Roll Call:

Arnold (x)
Feger (x)
Shallenberger (x)
Hranka (x)
McCormick (x)
Motion Carried:

3.) Motion to accept Warrant of Appointment of James McCool as Road Commissioner effective Dec. 31, 2014.

Motion by: Arnold

Second by: Shallenberger

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (x)

Feger (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

Road Commissioner's Report: Mr. Risinger was visibly moved in receiving his plaque, hearing all the kind words, and in talking about his years of service to the township. He says that when he started he did not know if he even wanted the job but that he could see there were people who really cared about the township. He then discussed some of the accomplishments he is most proud of; the salt dome, the new township & library building, the acquisition of more road equipment, and especially the Terminal Rd. project now set to get off the ground after a ten year process. Mr. Risinger credits the relationships that were formed with people like Dan Parr, Sen. Dave Koehler, Nick Gauwitz, and Dan McCormick among others that allowed for the feasibility of these projects. The new Township & Library Bldg. for instance he says would not have been financially feasible without the help and expertise of his road crew. Last year we had a bad winter that created a number of projects needing to be addressed but they are now in process and scheduled for completion next spring. He is confident that Jim McCool, who he recommended, will carry forward and see these projects to completion. Finally, he says that he has made many new friends in his years with the township and that while retirement will allow him more *free time* he will remain available to advise and assist that township in any way he can.

Assessor's Report: Assessor McCormick reports that these months there were 0 walk-in's, 15 phone calls, and 48 site visits. There are 14 new constructions to measure, photo and value (3 tornado properties). Additionally, there are 21 tornado damaged properties to view and value. The total number of building permits is 12. Three (3) in Tazewell Co. six (6) in Creve Coeur, two (2) in East Peoria, one (1) in Pekin, and zero (0) in Morton. Realizing that there had not been any for Marquette Heights since Sept. 2014 a quick phone call revealed that they had been sent to the former assessor's home. They will resend them to my office and I will make a report at the January Board meeting.

Assessor McCormick also reports that she has filled the position for part-time assistant with Jason McClain. His primary responsibility will be clerical but will also assist with field work when the weather allows. Jason filled in several years ago while Stephanie Stecken had surgery and is familiar with the Township. He has a degree in Construction Management with a minor in Computer Science. Please feel free to stop by and introduce yourself if you have not already done so.

The Annual meeting of the Tazewell County Township Assessors/Supervisor of Assessments is scheduled for Dec. 4, 2014 at the Tazewell County Justice Center. Jason and the Assessor will attend.

General Assistant Report: Nov/Dec 2014 by: Stephanie Stecken, Case Worker.

Nov/Dec CLIENT G.A. /E.A. EXPENDITURES:

Nov/Dec G.A. REPORT: One case applied for assistance this month and was sent documents for EA but we have had no further contact. A few other phone calls came in but did not even make it to the *Contact Sheet* phase. Additionally, the current GA case has been terminated. He was a no show for his

November meeting and was sanctioned for 30 days. He was re-scheduled for Dec. 3, 2014 and called that day saying it was too difficult to do his work fare and that he appreciated everything the Township did for him.

Nov/Dec E.A. REIMBURSEMENTS: \$00

ESECUTIVE SESSION REQUEST: None Requested

PAYING OF BILLS:

Motion to Pay Town Bills:

Motion by: Feger

Second by: Shallenberger

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (x)

Feger (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

Motion to pay GA 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 Road & Bridge bills:

Motion by: Arnold

Second by: Shallenberger

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:

Supervisor McCormick wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

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

Voice Votes: All in Favor Motion Carried:

Meeting Adjourned at: 6:48 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Pam Christianson Town Clerk