

Regular Meeting
October 13, 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 (-) Shallenberger (x) Hranka (x) Risinger (x)
Hiller (-) McCormick (x) Christianson (x)

Guests: Jim McCool, RaeLyn McCormick

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & COMMENTS: Auditor Eric Jones presentation of proposed Levies for 2015 (explanation and rationale). Mr. Jones reviewed with the board the Tax Levy Ordinances for Township and Road District for fiscal year 2014-2015. He suggests that we be careful of “thresholds” and to pass at the November meeting.

Motion to Approve Minutes of: Regular Mtg. September 9, 2014 and Special Mtg. October 9, 2014

Motion by: Arnold

Second by: Shallenberger

Discussion: None

Voice Votes: All in favor: Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1.) Series of letters received in the month of September 2014 from the Supervisor of Assessments Gary Twist.
- 2.) Thank you from the family of James “Pat” Underwood.

APPROVE TREASURER’S REPORT:

Motion by: Hranka

Second by: Arnold

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (x)

Feger (-)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

OLD BUSINESS:

1.) Approve the amended budgets for Town and Road

Motion by: Arnold

Second by: Shallenberger

Discussion: Supervisor McCormick says funds are in good shape but the Town Fund may face a shortage between April and July when we may have to borrow again, but says we will face that when we get there.

Roll Call:

Arnold (x)

Feger (-)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

2.) Review goal progress and discuss any possible additions. Supervisor McCormick says that he and Mr. Ringer are responsible for three things.

1.) Find ways of increasing revenue sources (there is surplus monies in a number for funds).

2.) Increase funding for charitable contributions. He says that right now charitable contributions only have \$1600.00 for the remainder of the year.

3.) Initiate terminal road project. Dave will give his update in item #4 below.

He also suggests a new goal for Road Commissioner and Assessor to submit written reports each month for the regular meeting. Trustee Shallenberger says he is good with the Road Commissioner only giving an oral report. Trustee Arnold motions for Assessor's written report only.

Motions to have Assessor submit a monthly written report:

Motion by: Arnold

Second by: Hranka

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (x)

Feger (-)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

Trustee Feger: 1.) Assist the Board in scrutinizing applicants for the boards we appoint. 2.) Develop a policy that dictates how the township assists food pantries. No update in Trustee Fegers absence.

Trustee Shallenberger – Goal to establish fund raising efforts to support the Hart Scholarship fund. Update under item # 3 below.

Trustee Arnold-- Explore options for the township to sponsor some activities for the senior population. He is looking into having a free, possibly recurring, senior lunch or dinner. Says he will contact Creve Coeur Community Center to see if they would donate that space. Trustee Hranka suggests T.C.R.C. as a possible resource and says they are easy to work with.

Trustee Hranka—Explore possible space needs for the future options relating to a township cemetery. Trustee Hranka says we need revenue before we can move forward to purchase land etc. and given current budget restraints we are at least one, possibly two years away. Supervisor McCormick suggests having attorney Redlingshafer in to consult.

3.) Hart Scholarship has funds for one more year.

Supervisor McCormick states that there is only \$1300.00 left in the scholarship fund and suggests at least two fundraisers a year to keep the fund going. He says if the "Pioneer Committee" doesn't have something already planned for the coming year that the township can take back responsibility for holding a yard sale. This has been quite successful in the past. Trustee Shallenberger says he is working on a possible spaghetti supper for the first part of the year as well as considering some other ideas.

4.) Terminal Road update.

Road Commissioner Risinger says the recent public meeting on the Terminal Road project was attended by about 30 people consisting of property owners, Hanson & Assoc., County engineers and assistants. All property owners are in favor of the plan with one owner retaining an attorney for issues related to septic and water system concerns. Eight owners getting right of way, Fondulac Park is on board and we are exchanging information with Dan Parr.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.)** Approve the Appointment of RaeLyn McCormick to the position of Groveland Township Assessor, effective October 15, 2014, with a salary of \$30,000.00 with the same benefits extended to the previous assessor (IMRF and insurance).

Motion: Appoint RaeLyn McCormick Groveland Township Assessor.

Motion by: Arnold

Second by: Hranka

Discussion: RaeLyn comments that she will do her very best for the Township and that her first priority are 50 new properties, her second will be the 77 tornado damaged properties where there were 11 or 12 100% destroyed.

Roll Call:

Arnold (x)

Feger (-)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

2.) There will be a swearing - in ceremony and reception at the Township office next Wednesday, the 13th at 10:00am. The Board and other interested parties are encouraged to attend. Supervisor McCormick let the board know that all are welcome to attend. There will be a small ceremony and light refreshments.

3.) T.O.I. Educational Seminar Nov. 9th – 11th - Who is interested in attending.

Supervisor McCormick says if interested let us know so we can file paperwork and pay the fees.

Road Commissioner's Report: Dave Risinger reports that all scheduled road work for this year has been completed and came in under the original bid; they did a good job for us. There are four other jobs still on the drawing board; Queenwood, Lampe, and Fahey Hollow that we would have liked to have completed these this year. The biggest issue right now he says is a major engine problem with one of the trucks and the decision about the cost of repair. He is looking into an in-frame overhaul which is also costly but not as costly as a replacement. He states that the Road Dept. will need to start replacing the fleet in the next couple of years and the less expensive option would likely be the best remedy in the short term. Right now the leaves are the big problem but otherwise it's business as usual.

Assessor's Report: No Report.

General Assistant Report: Sept/Oct. 2014 by: Stephanie Stecken, Case Worker.

Sept/Oct CLIENT G.A. /E.A. EXPENDITURES: \$925.00

Sept/Oct G.A. REPORT: There were 10 inquires this month. Two (2) cases were eligible for EA assistance, four (4) were not eligible and four (4) were sent appropriate documents. We also had out first GA case this month. He was set up with "Work Fare" at Christ Followers Church with his next appointment in early November. He also received GA of \$225.

Sept/Oct E.A. REIMBURSEMENTS: \$00

ESECUTIVE SESSION REQUEST: None Requested

PAYING OF BILLS:

Motion to Pay Town Bills:

Motion by: Hranka

Second by: Arnold

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (x)

Feger (-)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

Motion to pay GA bills:

Motion by: Arnold

Second by: Hranka

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (x)

Feger (-)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

Motion to Pay Road & Bridge bills:

Motion by: Arnold

Second by: Hranka

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (x)

Feger (-)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

Motion to Pay Special or Permanent Road Bills:

Motion by: Shallenberger

Second by: Hranka

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Arnold (x)

Feger (-)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

MOTION TO ADJOURN by: Arnold **Second by:** Hranka
Voice Votes: All in Favor Motion Carried:
Meeting Adjourned at: 7:27PM

Respectfully Submitted: Pam Christianson Town Clerk