

**Regular Meeting  
December 14, 2015 6:00 P.M.**

**OPENING PRAYER:** Offered by: Supervisor Dan McCormick

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Led by: Supervisor Dan McCormick

**Call Meeting to order:** By: Supervisor Dan McCormick

**ROLL CALL:** Feger (x) Shallenberger (x) Hranka (x) Tabor (x) McCool (x)  
McCormick (x) McCormick (x) Christianson (x)

**Guests:** Commissioner John Kahl (East Peoria Public Health & Safety) Al Servis East Peoria Fire Chief, Glen Edwards, Gordon Sweet, Vicky Bland, Jared Smith, Marvin Claussen.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & COMMENTS** – Fire Chief Servis introduced himself and Commissioner Kahl stating they are attending this meeting to introduce themselves to the Township Board and to offer their cooperation to the Township & Township Fire Boards.

**Motion to Approve Minutes of:** December 14, 2015

**Motion by:** Shallenberger

**Second by:** Tabor

**Discussion:** None

**Voice Votes:** All voted Aye - Motion Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**Motion by:** Feger

**Second by:** Shallenberger

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call:**

Feger (x) Shallenberger (x) Hranka (x) Tabor (x) McCormick (x)

**Motion Carried:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1.) Discuss scholarship options and decide what to do with the East Peoria High School offer.**

Supervisor McCormick reminded the board of RaeLyn's presentation last month noting that the consensus of the board at that time was to accept the East Peoria offer and asking if there are any further questions or concerns. RaeLyn states that she is also in agreement but as she noted last month we will not be able to get on board this year due to the timing for participation this year. Supervisor McCormick says there being no other concerns or questions he asks that RaeLyn contact East Peoria HS to let them know we would like to be included next year, that possibly we could include funding for the scholarship in the next Levy and that we will add this to the June Agenda for further review.

**2.) Replacement Tax settlement updates.**

Supervisor McCormick referred the board to page 25 in the packet noting that Atty. Redlingshafer has been advised by Mike Tibbs that the requested revisions to the agreement requested by Marquette Heights/East Peoria are acceptable and he will send them out for signature first thing next week. Supervisor McCormick goes on to say that we should have acceptance of settlements from all five municipalities by January.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1.) Motion to approve 2 transfers of appropriations allowing Road Commissioner the opportunity of purchasing the John Deere Loader through a loan from the Fondulac Community Bank.**

**Motion 1: Transfer from line item (Maint. Service-Road) to (Equipment Purchase)**

**Motion by:** Feger

**Second by:** Tabor

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call:**

**Feger (x)**

**Shallenberger (x)**

**Hranka (a)**

**Tabor (x)**

**McCormick (x)**

**Motion Carried:**

**Motion 2: Transfer from line item (Equipment Rental) to (Equipment Purchase)**

**Motion by:** Shallenberger

**Second by:** Tabor

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call:**

**Feger (x)**

**Shallenberger (x)**

**Hranka (a)**

**Tabor (x)**

**McCormick (x)**

**Motion Carried:**

**2.) Discuss the role of the Township Board as it relates to the Fire Districts and the options for creating 5 member boards.**

Supervisor McCormick reviewed with the board Atty. Redlinshafers list of things we should be considered contained in the packet. These items are as follows; 1. The size of fire boards can be increased by ordinance origination from the Fire Board. 2. Referendums cost money and might fail. He also reviewed the Role of the Township Board as it relates to this issue; 1. Appoint the fire board or 2. By ordinance, declare its desire to transition the fire board from an appointed board or to an elected board. 3. Any decision to increase the size is my by the public or the fire board itself.

Trustee Hranka states that yes they can do an ordinance and feels that is what they should do. Jared Smith says he also likes this idea. Supervisor McCormick states that the Township has shared all of the information related to this issue with the Fire Boards. Trustee Shallenberger commented that his concern is that smaller boards may be in violation of the OMA, and also not have a quorum.

**Road Commissioner's Report: by Jim McCool: No Report**

**Assessors Report by RaeLyn McCormick:**

Phone Calls – 3 (Taxpayers) – 2 (SAO) – 2 (BOR)

Walk-ins – 0

Building Permits – Creve Coeur – 3, East Peoria – 4, Marquette Heights – 5, Morton – 1, Pekin – 2, Tazewell County – 1

Assessor McCormick noted that she won a \$100 gift certificate at the TOI conference from the IL Property Assessment Institute to use towards her next class. She also states they are continuing to finish everything in the database before 1/1/2016. Next month we will be sharing some of the more interesting “finds” and walking you through the assessment process. Jason and I attended the Annual Assessor’s meeting and referred the board to the attached information on 2015 “New Property” & “Total AV” prior to BOR, noting especially where Groveland Township falls in the ranking.

**General Assistant Report: Nov/Dec 2015 by: Stephanie Stecken, Case Worker.**

**Nov/Dec CLIENT G.A/E.A. EXPENDITURES: \$00.**

**Nov/Dec G.A. REPORT:** There was one inquiry this month but after evaluation was over the income limit for assistance.

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

**Executive Session Request:** None Requested

Supervisor McCormick suggests a Motion to pay the last payment for Terminal Rd. to enable that payment to be included in next month’s board report.

**Motion to Pay Bill:**

**Motion by:** Shallenberger

**Second by:** Hranka

**Discussion:**

**Roll Call**

**Feger (x)**

**Shallenberger (x)**

**Hranka (x)**

**Tabor (x)**

**McCormick (x)**

**Motion Carried:**

**PAYING OF BILLS:**

**Motion to Pay Town Bills:**

**Motion by:** Hranka

**Second by:** Feger

**Discussion:** Feger

**Roll Call**

**Feger (x)**

**Shallenberger (x)**

**Hranka (x)**

**Tabor (x)**

**McCormick (x)**

**Motion Carried:**

**Motion to pay GA bills:**

**Motion by:** Shallenberger

**Second by:** Hranka

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call:**

Feger (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

Tabor (x)

McCormick (x)

**Motion Carried:**

**Motion to Pay Road & Bridge bills:**

**Motion by:** Tabor

**Second by:** Hranka

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call:**

Feger (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

Tabor (x)

McCormick (x)

**Motion Carried:**

**Motion to Pay Special or Permanent Road Bills:**

**Motion by:** Tabor

**Second by:** Hranka

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call:**

Feger (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

Tabor (x)

McCormick (x)

**Motion Carried:**

Road Commissioner McCool wants to note that the Road Division will be taking a few days off for the holidays provided of course there is no snow. Trustee Feger also wants to alert the rest of the board that he has his schedule for next year stating that he will be on straight nights which may necessitate possible consideration of a possible change in the Regular Mtg. times.

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

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

**Meeting Adjourned at:    6:37 PM**

**Respectfully Submitted:** Pam Christianson, Town Clerk