

Regular Meeting
May 11, 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: Brian Manuel, Marilyn Stevens, Les Knollenberg

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & COMMENTS: Brian Manuel asked to address the board in reference to the recent Peoria Journal Star article on April 22, 2015 about the locked fire hydrants along Springfield Rd. He feels strongly that comments made by Trustee Hranka and Les Knollenberg were grossly misleading and left the impression that the people in Groveland are inept at resolving problems. He referenced in particular the comments about the hydrants being "useless" saying he does not feel it is productive to accuse the Water Dept. of purposely withholding water from the residents when there is a fire. He says in fact the hydrants were never designed to fight fires and noted a recent engineering study conducted by the Farnsworth Group that supports this. Additionally, he questioned the reference to "head scratching visitors" mentioned in the article and wondered; "who are these visitors and why are they and not the residents concerned"? He also mentioned the implication in the article that the locks were placed on the hydrants to also prevent theft and asks; "are there thieves in Groveland, who would let this happen and is Groveland safe?" He wonders "who would want to live a town where people are stealing water and fighting among themselves?" In conclusion he stated that he feels "this was a personal attack on Bill Compton" who in his opinion has given 37 years of dedicated service to the Water Department and that this article has brought public disgrace to Groveland!"

Supervisor McCormick says he apologizes for not being here for the Annual Town Mtg. and first of all thanked Stephanie Stecken (office manager) for all her help during his absence. He also thanked the board for their support and especially Tony for handling himself so well given the unbearable situation he found himself in at the Annual Town Meeting. He went on to say that one item in the newspaper article is false, noting that we are a board of elected officials for Groveland Township and not the Governing Board for Groveland. It is not our business to interfere with the business of the other boards.

In response Trustee Hranka says that she has not received the Farnsworth study and was out of town and did not preview the article prior to publication.

Les Knollenberg in a heated response said he asked Mr. Compton several times at the Annual Town Meeting if the Water Board voted to lock the hydrants and he said they did not but he told the newspaper something different. He also commented on the "visitors" quote from the article saying it was Mr. Anderson's mother, while dining at his restaurant, who called the newspaper generating the article. He went on to say he does not have an axe to grind with Mr. Compton but said "just wait until we have a fire and then a law suit". He also said in reference to the Insurance question that he is still waiting on a response from Mr. Compton. Trustee Feger asked Mr. Knollenberg what does that have to do with this board, we appoint people to those boards to solve these problems. Mr. Knollenberg in response said "if my new building catches fire and the hydrants are for drinking water only then I have been operating

under a misconception". He went on to say that he has been considering resigning from his position on the Groveland Fire Protection board anyway but then stood up saying, "no I am issuing my resignation as of now", and walked out of the meeting.

Trustee Hranka apologized for being identified in the article as Groveland Township Trustee and not as a resident saying she is very sorry for offending anyone. Trustee Feger thanked Trustee Hranka for her apology and wonders why the Water Board and Fire Boards cannot get together and resolve this issue. Trustee Shallenberger commented that all that was needed was one piece of paper to get the locks removed. Trustee Hranka says this is one reason that the community of Groveland needs to incorporate in the future and that residents of Groveland have no place to go to complain about issues.

Motion to Approve Minutes of: April 13, 2015 Public Hearing and April 13, 2015 Regular Meeting

Motion by: Shallenberger

Second by: Feger

Discussion: None

Voice Votes: All voted Aye: Hranka abstained - Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1.) Mr. McCool's letter of rejection of all Terminal Road bids. Commissioner McCool commented that it would have taken 1/3 of the budget so bids will be re-let. Trustee Feger asked if there is a time frame. Mr. McCool responded by saying he is not sure but thinks by July.
- 2.) St. Jude Letter.
- 3.) Final Tax Computation report.
- 4.) Letter of opinion from Attorney Redlingshafer.

Supervisor McCormick reviewed his letter of opinion with the board regarding questions raised following the 2015 Annual Town Meeting noting that this should make clear the appropriate protocol for the Annual Town Meeting as well as the role of Trustee's for the various boards within the township. A copy this letter will be posted on the bulletin board at the Township office.

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion by: Hranka

Second by: Shallenberger

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Feger (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

Tabor (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1.) We have an opening on the Water Board. Supervisor McCormick points out that we have on letter of application from Bill Anderson and asks trustee's to do an interview. He also mentioned that there are seven Water Board members and suggests that they can also make referrals.
- 2.) Discuss the Barb Hart Scholarship. There are two areas of concern for selection of scholarship winners, the essay requirement and the freshman only requirement. Scholarship winners are currently selected by lottery and not by stated need of applicant. It was the consensus of the board,

after reviewing the guidelines, to add back the essay requirement to the guidelines and allow for past applicants to reapply. Supervisor McCormick calls for a motion to that effect.

Motion: Add essay requirement to Scholarship guidelines.

Motion by: Hranka

Second by: Feger

Discussion: Raelyn McCormick commented that she looked at past scholarship applicants to fill summer internships/employment positions for the Assessor's office and that it was especially helpful to have the essay portion in making her selection.

Roll Call:

Feger (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

Tabor (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

Motion: Previous applicants/winners may not re-apply.

Motion by: Feger

Second by: Shallenberger

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Feger (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

Tabor (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

NEW BUSINESS:

1.) Motion to Approve Budget & Appropriation Ordinance 2015/2016-Town.

Motion by: Hranka

Second by: Feger

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Feger (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

Tabor (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

2.) Motion to Approve Budget & Appropriation Ordinance 2015/2016-Road.

Motion by: Feger

Second by: Hranka

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Feger (x)
Shallenberger (x)
Hranka (x)

Tabor (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

3.) Re-appointment for Richard Scott as a Trustee of the Gardena Fire Protection District.

Motion by: Shallenberger

Second by: Hranka

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Feger (x)
Shallenberger (x)
Hranka (x)

Tabor (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

4.) Banking Resolution 2015-1

Motion by: Hranka

Second by: Tabor

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Feger (x)
Shallenberger (x)
Hranka (x)

Tabor (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

5.) Freedom of Information Resolution 2015-2

Motion by: Hranka

Second by: Shallenberger

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Feger (x)
Shallenberger (x)
Hranka (x)

Tabor (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

6.) Investment Policy Resolution 2015-3

Motion by: Hranka

Second by: Shallenberger

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

7.) Meeting Dates Resolution 2015-4

Motion by: Feger

Second by: Hranka

Discussion: Trustee Feger thanked the board for adjusting meeting times to fit his work schedule.

Roll Call:

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

8.) Roberts Rules of Order Resolution 2015-5

Motion by: Hranka

Second by: Feger

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

9.) Letter from the Clerk -- Clerk Christianson reviewed with the board the appropriate website along with the instructions for completing the required Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act training.

Executive Session Request: by Assessor. None Requested

Road Commissioner's Report: by Jim McCool: Commissioner McCool reports that right now the rain is a big issue. Roth Rd. for instance is being used as a highway, especially with trucks over the load limit causing the greatest issue making it difficult to get in to do patching.

Assessor's Report: Raelyn McCormick: Assessor McCormick reports 1 walk-in this month, 25 phone calls from taxpayers, 21 calls from SAO, and 2 other calls. Building Permits include 10 (1 NC) for Creve Coeur, 26 (4 NC) for East Peoria (March & April), 9 for Marquette Heights, 0 for Morton, 5 (1 NC) for Pekin and 9 (4 NC) for Tazewell County.

She also reports that she has found 2 maps that may assist with the Barb Hart Scholarship Fund. She will be speaking to the Groveland Missionary Church Prime Time Group (seniors) on Wednesday May 27, 2015 at noon.

Summer field workers—Garrett Lawson and Paul Flores, will start work on May 26. They will be spending the first two weeks in training and working with me in the field. They will also be attending the meeting at the Groveland Missionary Church.

Jason will be off most of the summer. After May 26th he will be in at least once a month to maintain the Building Permits database until school resumes in August.

General Assistant Report: Apr/May 2015 by: Stephanie Stecken, Case Worker.

Apr/May CLIENT G.A./E.A. EXPENDITURES: \$250.00

Apr/May G.A. REPORT: There were six inquiries this month. One client needed to verify cash income to establish and income level but has never called back. Four clients were sent documents but no further action has taken place. One client was found eligible and issued a check.

Mar/Apr E.A. REIMBURSEMENTS: \$00

PAYING OF BILLS:

Motion to Pay Town Bills:

Motion by: Hranka

Second by: Shallenberger

Discussion: None

Roll Call

Feger (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

Tabor (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

Motion to pay GA bills:

Motion by: Feger

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: Shallenberger

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: Feger

Second by: Hranka

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Feger (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

Tabor (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

MOTION TO ADJOURN by: Shallenberger

Second by: Hranka

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

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Pam Christianson Town Clerk