

**Regular Meeting
November 16, 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 (-) Shallenberger (x) Hranka (x) Tabor (x) McCool (x)
McCormick (x) McCormick (x) Christianson (x)

Guests: Gordon Sweat, Glen Edwards, Dan Parr, Eric Jones

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & COMMENTS - None

Motion to Approve Minutes of: Oct. 12, 2015 Regular Meeting & Oct. 12, 2015 Public Hearing.

Motion by: Shallenberger

Second by: Hranka

Discussion: None

Voice Votes: All voted Aye: - Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1.) Letter from Eric Jones to IL. Dept. of Commerce.
- 2.) Letter from Office of the Lieutenant Governor.
- 3.) Email from Redlingshafer Replacement Tax issue.
- 4.) Letter to Michael Tibbs regarding the Replacement Tax issue

Eric Jones (Auditor) – Mr. Jones reviewed with the board the Tentative Levies for Town & Road for 2015-2016. Of particular note in this year's Levy is that IMRF has gone up. He also commented on the movement within the State to "Consolidate" townships by merging smaller with larger townships and the impact that would have. He mentioned Peoria and how they are already starting to build their "war chest". He says that Town Funds may have to be used in some cases to subsidize Road/ Road & Bridge.

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion by: Hranka

Second by: Shallenberger

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carried:

OLD BUSINESS:

1.) Comments about the State Convention – Dan, Raelyn, and Shelly.

Trustee Hranka says she especially liked the Levy & Budget discussions and the use of Quick Books for Government. She found Mike Madigan interesting and that overall it was a good conference.

Assessor McCormick says that she is required to have 15 hours of continuing education every year and that it would be nice if attendance counted towards that. She says from her perspective the conference seems geared more towards Cook County and that she would like to have heard more from local township speakers. In her opinion it would have been more valuable to have had that kind of information exchange. Supervisor McCormick suggested that Road Commissioner McCool might want to attend next year in light of the Lt. Governor's talk on Local Government Consolidation and how that may impact local Government and in particular the Road Department.

- 2.) **Scholarship information.** Raelyn reports that she went to talk to guidance counselors at East Peoria High School to discuss our scholarship program as well as recruitment for potential summer internships with the Assessor's office. The counselors suggest that it would be helpful if we have a written job description and she states that the Assessor's office is currently working on this. In addition it was suggested that the Township might want to participate in the "Honors Night Program" as a presenter promoting local scholarships. She says that it's too late this year to participate but is worth considering for next year and wants to know how the board might feel about that. They provided a copy of the Local Scholarship Information and Description along with the Local Scholarship Common Application. She says the application has a nice layout but does require more detailed information than our current application. Supervisor McCormick says this will be on the January agenda and we can discuss it further.

- 3.) **Settlement Agreements.** Supervisor McCormick reports that we are making progress and hopefully everything will be finalized by the December meeting. For those who have not made an agreement it appears the delay is more about draft agreement language than the proposed settlement amount.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) **Motion to approve the tentative levies and submit same to the Tazewell County Clerk.**

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Motion by: Shallenberger

Second by: Hranka

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Feger (-)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

Tabor (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

Road & Bridge 2015-2016

Motion by: Tabor

Second by: Hranka

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Feger (-)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

Tabor (x)

McCormick (x)
Motion Carried:

2.) Discussion by Road Commissioner regarding moving dollars from some line items into vehicle purchase line. Commissioner McCool says the current RENTAL agreement on the Deere Loader the Road Dept. is using is about to expire and says that it may make more sense just to purchase it outright considering the annual rental cost. The loader is nearly new with only 350 hours and attachments. There have been significant savings on monies budgeted for the Fahey Hollow and Terminal Rd. projects leaving a surplus to pay for the loader. He is proposing using the excess monies for the purchase. Supervisor McCormick says a loan has been pre-approved with Fondulac Community Bank and could be paid in two installments, one in January and another in August of 2016 when he gets his next settlement.

3.) Motion to allow Road Commissioner to purchase used Deere Loader and secure a one year loan. Purchase should be complete by August 2016.

Motion by: Hranka

Second by: Tabor

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Feger (-)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

Tabor (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

Road Commissioner's Report: by Jim McCool: Commissioner McCool presented a pictorial slide show of all the work on the three major projects this year. Fahey Hollow Bridge work, California Rd. box culvert repair and Terminal Rd. construction projects are complete. Going through each slide he pointed out to the board and guests the difficulties and progress made with each project. The Road Dept. is now preparing for regular winter maintenance.

Assessors Report by RaeLyn McCormick:

Assessor McCormick reports that this month there were (1) walk-in, (17) phone calls (11 taxpayer, 6 (SA0), and 2 (BOR). Building permits include (9) for Creve Coeur, (7) for East Peoria, (0) for Marquette Heights, (2) for Morton, (0) for Pekin, (7) for Tazewell Co.

We are continuing to look at the everything on the Database prior to the end of the year. We are also in the process of updating photos for everything in the Revalue database.

I am currently in the process of revaluing land values in Greenville Estates (East Peoria) and Hickory Hills and Cattail Cove (both in Pekin).

Jason, Garrett and I met on Friday November 13, 2015 and are currently attempting to write protocols for the systems that we have in place. Due to the amount of paper that we process this should serve as a reminder of what goes where and when.

The Annual Tazewell County Assessor and Multi-Township meeting is December 10, 2015 at the Tazewell County Justice Center.

General Assistant Report: Oct.Nov 2015 by: Stephanie Stecken, Case Worker.

Oct/Nov CLIENT G.A/E.A. EXPENDITURES: \$250.00.

There were Eight (8) inquires this month. Four (4) were determined not eligible, one (1) was sent appropriate documents, two (2) were referred to public aid, and one (1) met eligibility requirements for E.A. assistance of \$250.00

Oct/Nov G.A. REPORT: Sept/Oct E.A. REIMBURSEMENTS: \$00

Executive Session Request: None Requested

PAYING OF BILLS:

Motion to Pay Town Bills:

Motion by: Shallenberger

Second by: Tabor

Discussion: None

Roll Call

Feger (-)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

Tabor (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

Motion to pay GA bills:

Motion by: Hranka

Second by: Shallenberger

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Feger (-)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

Tabor (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

Motion to Pay Road & Bridge bills:

Motion by: Tabor

Second by: Shallenberger

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Feger (-)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

Tabor (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

Motion to Pay Special or Permanent Road Bills:

Motion by: Shallenberger

Second by: Hranka

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Feger (-)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

Tabor (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

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

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

Meeting Adjourned at: **6:25PM**

Respectfully Submitted: Pam Christianson Town Clerk