

Regular Meeting
May 16, 2016 5:00 P.M.

OPENING PRAYER: Offered by: Supervisor McCormick

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by: Supervisor McCormick

Call Meeting to order: By: Supervisor McCormick

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

Guests: Marilyn Stevens, Gordon Sweat, Brian Manual

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & COMMENTS: None

Motion to Approve Minutes of: Public Hearing April 18, 2016 & Reg. Mtg. April 18, 2016

Motion by: Hranka

Second by: Tabor

Discussion: None

Voice Votes: All voted Aye: - Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1.) **IMRF Preliminary Notice of Contribution Rate for 2017**
- 2.) **Email from Hey & Royster regarding IDOR's of overpayments for PPRT**
- 3.) **Estimate of Maintenance Costs for roads.**

Commissioner McCool says this is the largest area we have done in a long time. While all roads are in need there is not enough money to do all, but we will get to them in time.

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion by: Hranka

Second by: Feger

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Feger (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

Tabor (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

OLD BUSINESS: Update/Review Scholarship Guidelines for 2016-2017

Discussion: There are no applicants at this time but local newspapers have been contacted. The only change for this year is the application dates for 2016/2017.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

Road Commissioner's Report: by Jim McCool:

Commissioner McCool started by saying that Groveland Township is the largest township in the county and the most difficult to maintain, especially considering our operating budget. The infrastructure is aging he says and notes one example in particular being the rusting pond pipe in Pekin Country Club Estates. The cost to repair the overflow pipe that was done in the 1970's would cost 30-35k, but there is no line item in the budget to fix. Allocation of manpower and resources is always an ongoing consideration. One area under consideration is possibly outsourcing the mowing since the equipment is getting older and it takes one whole day and all four road employee's to mow, it may make more sense to put this out for bid.

He also says that it's that time of year where work on the roads kicks into high gear noting that there is a link on our website with a map showing which roads are scheduled for maintenance. He also mentioned that he was able to purchase the new/used pick-up truck discussed at the last meeting.

Assessors Report: by Raelyn McCormick

This month there was (1) one walk-in, (31) phone calls. There were (19) phone calls from taxpayers and (12) SAO.

Building permits for Creve Coeur-6, East Peoria-6, Marquette Heights-not received, Morton-0, Pekin-not received, Tazewell County-6 (1-new construction).

The Assessor Books were turned in to the Supervisor of Assessments Office on May 4, 2016 and are currently under review. We had 1372 changes this year (432-2015). We currently have 11,500 parcels in the township.

I had a number of calls from people about their tax bill. I spent a considerable amount of time explaining the Property Tax Cycle, Assessed Value, Taxing bodies, Exemptions etc. Due to this I am having a workshop open to Groveland Township residents entitled "The Property Tax Cycle and Understanding Your Tax Bill". It is scheduled for May 26, 2016 at 11am at the Township Offices. Rita Schmidt, Chief Deputy, Supervisor of Assessments will be assisting.

Garrett and I interviewed two candidates for the Field Operative position on Friday. More information at the next meeting, Garrett is attending his first CIAO qualifying class (Introduction to Property Tax) May 17-19 in Springfield.

General Assistant Report: Apr/May 2016 by: Stephanie Stecken, Case Worker.

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

Apr/May G.A. REPORT: We had two inquires this month; one client was found not eligible and one client qualified for EA.

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

Executive Session Request: None Requested.

PAYING OF BILLS:

Motion to Pay Town 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 GA 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 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: Feger

Second by: Tabor

Discussion: None

Roll Call:

Feger (x)

Shallenberger (x)

Hranka (x)

Tabor (x)

McCormick (x)

Motion Carried:

Supervisor McCormick suggests the Board keep in perspective the budget that Road Division operates under, saying we do as much as we can under the limits we were given by past leadership prior to tax caps. The Board may want to consider the concept of planning ahead in light of these decisions.

Gordon Sweat also wanted to thank the Board for everything that has been done on the Terminal Rd. project.

MOTION TO ADJOURN by: **Motion by:** Hranka

Second by: Feger

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

Meeting Adjourned at: **6:00 PM**

Respectfully Submitted: Pam Christianson, Town Clerk