

## COLLINSVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

October 9, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on the above date at the Collinsville Senior Center, 420 E. Main St, Collinsville, IL. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Terry Allan at 7:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken with the following members answering present: Trustee Cox, Trustee Foley, Trustee Royer, Trustee Hopkins and Supervisor Allan. Also present at the meeting were Township Highway Commissioner Larry Trucano and Attorney Jack Daugherty. Guests present were: April Hausman, Cinda Mc Grew, Jim and Karen Stack, Vicky Jackson, Kathy Hoelscher, Steve Hoelscher, Andrea Fox, Kelly Sullivan, Chuck Oberkfell, Robert Milam, Bryon Soehlin, Terry Downey, Steve Downey, Matt Pop Mary Drumm, Nancy Lochmann, Reginald Johnson, David Keough, Kim Jones, Marilyn McKinney, Phil Astrauskas, Bart Astrauskas, All Woolen, Tammy Capper, Bryon Capper, Jeff Beil, Carl Stemm, Thomas Neel, Drew Gitchoff, Kurt Jentsch, Mead Dowling, Daniel Pitkanen and Carrie Stauffer.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Foley made a motion to approve the minutes of September 25, 2018 meeting of the Collinsville Township Board. Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion. A large discussion followed. Trustee Cox amended the motion to approve the minutes with the addition that the meeting room at the Township office is too small and perhaps even against the law, as brought up by Phil Astrauskas. Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion. Roll call found the vote 3-2. Trustee Foley and Trustee Royer voted no. Motion carried.

### Public comments

Mr. Phil Astrauskas stated he is totally against Trustee Royer being on the board and employed by the Laborers Union. He wants the by-laws and hiring practices of the Township. He questioned what is wrong with comparables.

Mr. Robert Milam said someone ask at the last meeting why the employees wanted to join the union. What did you expect when you hired someone new and gave a \$10,000/00 raise right off the bat? What would you expect them to do?

Ms. Mary Drumm questioned why our payroll is so much higher than Edwardsville Townships.

Mr. Mead Dowling advised the board needs to make a total list of what services the Township provides. He's amazed the entire board and the Supervisor isn't taking part in the union negotiations. Then Brandon would not be an issue.

Mr. David Keough said he can't blame the employees for going union. The mistake was made when the Senior Director got a large raise.

Mr. Tom Neel ask what the board is hiding. Why closed session? Girls in office should have a raise.

Last was Mr. Al Woolen who stated that if it wasn't for the Trustees we wouldn't be in this room tonight. He stated Trustee Cox puts out a lot of false information. Mr Woolen broke down various jobs that was not on his Township comparable literature. He does not know why the Township cannot make an agreement with the union.

## **REPORTS BY OFFICERS**

Trustee Cox pointed out what he had presented in his F.O.I.A. and what he had been given. He said he contacted the Office Manager for hiring practices. He stated his reasons for supporting a large raise for the Senior Director. He stated he also has a problem with Trustee Royer on the board. He read a letter he sent to Township Attorney Mr. Daugherty. An argument between the Trustees followed. Trustee Foley advised Trustee Cox that he has brought information from closed sessions out to the public. Trustee Cox advised him to prove his statement. Trustee Hopkins agrees with Trustee Cox why the large raise for the Senior Director. He stated closed sessions are not uncommon. By law when discussing personnel, you must do it in closed session. Trustee Hopkins also advised the audience that we have nothing to do with Road and Bridge or Assessor's office pay. Attorney Daugherty explained why we cannot negotiate in open forum.

### **Treasurer's Report and Approval of bills**

The General Assistance Bills for \$4,654.64 were read. A motion to approve the bills as read was made by Trustee Hopkins and seconded by Trustee Foley. Roll call found the vote unanimous on the motion. Motion carried.

The Road and Bridge bills for \$76,055.13 were read. A motion to approve the bills as read was made by Trustee Hopkins and seconded by Trustee Royer. Roll call found the vote unanimous.

The Town fund bills for \$30,777.01 were read. A motion to approve the bills as read was made by Trustee Foley and seconded by Trustee Hopkins. Roll call found the vote unanimous. Motion carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Clerk Dowling advised we received a reminder of the breakfast with the EDC, a reminder of Christmas at the Collins House and a request for a donation from the Collinsville Chorale.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Union Contract still just in talks. The Union knows the Board's stance. Director Hausman explained it's cheaper to just clean the chairs we have. We should be able to get a couple more years use out of them that way. Trustee Cox made motion to have the chairs cleaned. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hopkins. Roll call found the vote unanimous. Motion carried. The Senior Center microphone has been replaced courtesy of Trustee Hopkins. No action necessary

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Kozy Café item on the agenda needs to be scratched per Office Manager, Vicky Jackson. The Collinsville Food Pantry called and advised the letter had been sent to us in error. Office Manager, Vicky Jackson read our Hiring Practice as is. Trustee Cox stated he wants actual hiring rules. Ms Marilyn McKinney of M&M Insurance gave her presentation in bidding for our insurance business again. Last year she was able to lower our rates by \$103,000.00 a year. This year is again lowering by \$300.00 a month. She needs our decision by December 31, 2018. Christmas at the Collins House was tabled until next meeting. Trustee Foley made a motion to give \$100.00 to the Collinsville Chorale. The motion was seconded by Trustee Royer. Roll call found the vote to be unanimous. Motion carried.

**ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Trucano reported they are currently keeping up with maintenance and mowing. No projects currently.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board a motion by Trustee Foley and seconded by Trustee Hopkins to adjourn was made. Vote unanimous. Motion carried. Meeting ended 9:35 P.M.

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Terry Allan, Township Supervisor

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Gailyn Dowling, Township Clerk