

COLLINSVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

November 27, 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 Royer, Trustee Hopkins, Trustee Foley and Supervisor Allan, Clerk Dowling was absent. Deputy clerk Vicky Jackson acted as clerk for this meeting. Also present at the meeting were Township Highway Commissioner Larry Trucano and Attorney Jack Daugherty. Guests present were: James Ferris, C.P.A., Al Woolen, Ryan Gess, Rob Milan, David Keough, Kathleen Hoelscher, Cinda Mc Grew, Andrea Fox, Mark Achenbach, Phil Astrauskas, Carrie Stauffer, Kelly Sullivan, Larry Gullledge, Mary Drumm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Hopkins made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2018 and the Special Meeting of November 5, 2018. Trustee Hopkins made a motion to approve the minutes with Trustee Foley making the second. Roll call found the vote unanimous.

Public comments

Mark Auchenbach stated the electors do not have to give their name and address, stating the law number. He stated that the Levy is not on the Website. He discussed the number of employees in the Assessor's office vs the Edwardsville Assessor's office. He discussed laying off versus attrition in the assessor's office, stating no one likes to lay anyone off. The Board has the right to set the Levy. The Assessor can choose to dispense it among as many employees as he wishes. Mr. Auchenbach also discussed getting the Levy reserve reduced according to the law. Trustee Hopkins advised an insurance Levy was reduced to zero last meeting. Trustee Royer gave comparisons of Jarvis, Edwardsville, Collinsville, Alton and Wood River Township Assessors offices. All are in line other than Edwardsville. Mr. Phil Astrauskas said he agrees with everything that has been said. He stated it would have been nice if Mr. Poletti would have attended the meeting. Mr. Astrauskas also wants the salaries set now for the next elected board. Mr. Dave Keough stated his concern is the levy and then the entire board. The minutes are atrocious. He stated some of his previous remarks were not correctly stated. He stated employees should have job reviews. Mr. Keough has a question for each board member. He ask Trustee Foley how many meetings a member can miss and not lose pay? Trustee Hopkins, how much getting done on Levy, how much is left to do? Mr. Daugherty, how legal are we, what's the dollar amount? Trustee Cox, you sometimes come across sarcastic, you need to be more professional. Are we going to raise the bar?

REPORTS BY OFFICERS

Trustee Cox was the first to address the electors concerns. He addressed each concern. Trustee Royer addressed the electors next. Trustee Hopkins also addressed the electors but started by asking Trustee Cox if anyone on the Board had called him a liar. Trustee Cox responded no. These reports by the Trustees resulted in many large discussions. Trustee Cox said he checked with the County Treasurer's Office and was told they do not contract work for the Edwardsville Assessor's Office. Last, Supervisor Allan advised everyone that two more of the office staff have submitted their resignations. They are Joyce Fitzgerald and Alene Hill. Both will be leaving at the end of the month.

Treasurer's Report and Approval of bills

The General Assistance Bills for \$3,406.06 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 on the motion. Motion carried.

Trustee Cox questioned why Jim Ferris still on payroll. He was advised it is only while they transition everything to the new payroll company. Trustee Hopkins stated he thinks if we're disbursing Paupers Funds, etc then the Board needs to vote on payouts.

The Road and Bridge bills for \$61,747.54 were read. A motion to approve the bills as read was made by Trustee Cox and seconded by Trustee Hopkins. Roll call found the vote unanimous. Motion carried.

The Town fund bills for \$44,260.64 were read. A motion to approve the bills as read was made by Trustee Hopkins and seconded by Trustee Cox. Roll call found the vote unanimous. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Trustee Hopkins made a motion to go out of order before we go into Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Roll call found the vote unanimous. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1.) Wounded Warrior Drive motion to table by Trustee Hopkins and seconded by Trustee Cox.
- 2.) Collins House Christmas Parade. Trustee Hopkins made motion to participate in the parade on December 1, 2018 and to pay, if one applies. (only \$25 if necessary). Motion seconded by Trustee Cox. Roll call found the vote to be unanimous. Motion Carried.
- 3.) Veteran's Day Parade from the American Legion. Trustee Hopkins made a motion to participate in the Veterans Day Parade on November 11, 2018. Trustee Cox seconded the motion. Road Commissioner Trucano advised he already submitted the packet the American Legion requires. Roll call found the vote unanimous. Motion carried
- 4.) Faith in Action was tabled.
- 5.) Once monthly meeting. After discussion the issue was tabled.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Office manager, Kathy Hoelscher, 34 years in position, addressed Trustee Cox concerning his figures in the comparable. She broke down each employee's title and advised that the Road Commissioner is a Town employee because he is an elected official. He is not part of the Road and Bridge payroll. Commissioner Trucano advised Collinsville Township is in Collinsville, Maryville, Pontoon Beach, and Glen Carbon. If Collinsville Township is dissolved it would be chaos. All road parcels would have to go to Edwardsville who cannot handle all of it.

Trustee Hopkins made a motion to go into Executive Session for discussion of collective bargaining according to Illinois law 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (2). Motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Trustee Royer recused himself from the Executive Session. Roll call found the vote unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Hopkins and seconded by Trustee Cox. Vote unanimous. Motion carried

Terry Allan, Township Supervisor

Gailyn Dowling, Township Clerk