

COLLINSVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

September 25, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on the above date in the Township Office, 305 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: Cinda Mc Grew, David Keough, Kathleen Hoelscher, Bill Dorman, Barb Kusmierczak, Phil Astrauskas, Carrie Stauffer, Babette Cox, Tom Gilfoil, Al Woolen, and Mead Dowling.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Foley made a motion to approve the minutes of September 11, 2018 meeting of the Collinsville Township Board. Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion. Roll call found the vote to be unanimous. Motion carried.

Public comments

Mrs. Babette Cox was concerned Attorney Daugherty was representing the Township employees in the union negotiations. She also questioned Trustee Royer being on the Township Board and being employed by the Laborers Union. Her last concern was whether or not the Township will be paying the employees union dues.

Mr. Bill Dorman stated he thinks the only reason for the employees wanting to join the union is because of poor management. He wants to know what benchmark was used to determine salaries. Mr. Dorman also questioned what boundaries were given to Attorney Jack Daugherty. He had an entire battery of questions concerning salaries and insurance. He also thinks it is a conflict of interest that Trustee Royer is on the board

Mr. Phil Astrauskas ask Trustee Royer his position with the union. He thinks the public should be advised of what's happening in bargaining. He ask what the rules are on hiring for the township, stating nepotism has to stop. He also stated this meeting room is too small and may even be illegal with so many people in it.

Mr. David Keough started by stating he had been a union member. He warned of huge labor problems if the township goes with the Laborers Union. He thinks if becoming union the employees should have to take the union insurance and benefits. He also questioned Attorney Daugherty if he had represented someone in a law suite against Collinsville

Ms. Carrie Stauffer stated last time she was here no one looked at her when she was speaking. She is a taxpayer, she pays our salary. She demands respect. She works four ten- hour days and gets no insurance. Her former husband was a union man but when he lost his job they had no insurance.

Mr. Al Woolen does not know where everyone is getting their information. Is there a rat in the house? These employees are not going to drive trucks, pull wire, etc. That is not their job.

Last was Mr. Mead Dowling who questioned the audience just because others do not have insurance do you want to have a race to bottom? You can go cheap and lose everyone. The Township needs to establish hiring rules. He also advised the Board not to begrudge people because they want to improve their life style.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS

Trustee Cox responded to the questions of the public. He went over various topics, giving his thoughts. He also thinks it would be easier if we pay the bills once a month. He discussed a FOIA he sent. He also stated he got comparisons from other Townships. Attorney Daugherty advised him he did a good job.

Treasurer's Report and Approval of bills

The General Assistance Bills for \$19,696.36 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.

The Road and Bridge bills for \$99,650.71 were read. A motion to approve the bills as read was made by Trustee Foley and seconded by Trustee Royer. Roll call found the vote unanimous.

The Town fund bills for \$51,593.37 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. Motion carried. Trustee Cox questioned the difference in the last two office payroll amounts. He was advised it was due to Gabby being promoted to G.A.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from the Collinsville Food Pantry requesting a donation to help fund their fall event "Kozy Café". We also received a thank you note from Jesse Hoskins, Commander of the American Legion, thanking us for our donation towards the painting of the helicopter.

Trustee Foley made a motion to move to out of order before we go into Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Trustee Cox. Roll Call found the vote to be unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Barb Kusmierczak gave a presentation on behalf of the Collinsville Junior Service requesting we donate to the Festival of Trees. Trustee Hopkins made a motion we purchase a live tree and that the six tickets we receive be given to the Senior Center and be distributed at the Directors discretion. Trustee Cox seconded the motion. Roll Call found the vote to be unanimous. Motion carried.

Ms. Dana Callahan gave a presentation asking we donate \$3,200.00 again this year to H.H.H. Trustee Cox made a motion we donate \$3,200.00 to H.H.H. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hopkins. Roll call found the vote to be unanimous. Motion carried.

After a lengthy discussion Trustee Cox made a motion to outsource our payroll to Hire Level. The motion was seconded by Trustee Royer. Roll call found four ayes and one no. Trustee Hopkins voted no stating he thinks we need to get multiple bids. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Hopkins to have just one meeting in December due to our second meeting falling on December 25, 2018. Trustee Royer seconded the motion. Roll call found the vote unanimous. Motion carried.

Trustee Royer made a motion to move our regular meeting to the Collinsville Senior Center. Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion. Roll call found four ayes and one no, with Trustee Foley voting no. Motion carried.

Office manager, Vicky Jackson gave the Senior Center Director's report stating April had gotten a bid of \$2.50 per chair to have them cleaned and also that she needs a wireless microphone. Trustee Hopkins felt we need to hold off until we get other bids on the chairs. Trustee Cox will loan her a microphone until a discussion is held on what is actually needed at the Center.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Trucano reported they have completed the Meierwood blacktopping. Currently they are keeping up with maintenance and mowing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Foley made a motion to go into Executive Session for discussion of collective bargaining according to Illinois law 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2). Motion seconded by Trustee Hopkins. Roll call found the vote to be unanimous. Motion carried. At 9:30 P.M. we returned from Executive Session. Trustee Hopkins made motion to return to regular session. Trustee Cox seconded the motion. Roll call found the vote unanimous. Motion carried.

Trustee Foley made a motion authorizing Attorney Daugherty to communicate with the Labors Union discussing our position. Motion seconded by Trustee Cox. Roll call found the vote to be unanimous. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Cox authorizing trustee Hopkins to participate in the union negotiating. Motion seconded by Trustee Foley. Roll call found the vote to be unanimous. Motion carried.

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.

Terry Allan, Township Supervisor

Gailyn Dowling, Township Clerk