

**COLLINSVILLE TOWNSHIP**  
**SPECIAL MEETING TO PASS ROAD DISTRICT AND TOWN FUND BUDGETS**  
**JUNE 16, 2020      7:33 P.M.**

**OPENING**

The Special Meeting was held on the above date by audio conferencing. The meeting was called to order by Township Supervisor Daniel Hopkins at 7.33 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Pledge of Allegiance was suspended due to format during COVID-19 pandemic. Roll call was taken with the following members participating by audio: Trustee Mike Foley, Trustee Derrick Cox, Trustee Robert Milam and Supervisor Daniel Hopkins. Clerk Cathy Allison, Road Commissioner Larry Trucano and Attorney Justin Mattea also participated by audio. Trustee James Stack was absent.

Others participating by audio were Kathy Hoelscher, Clint Ball, Stephanie Malench and Scott Rayho.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Clint Ball** - Mr. Ball said by legal definition we may have a balanced budget with surpluses, but he will rephrase it. You are running a deficit. In response to Trustee Milam's question to Trustee Cox, answers to where he would cut in the assessor's office. Mr. Ball said there's multiple ways to do it. Headcount being one, contract agreements renegotiated, expenses, additional technology and elected official pay cuts. Some of those are not just for the assessor's office, but for all areas. What should have been talked about tonight was the cost per assessment. Edwardsville does have approximately the same amount of parcels and they budget approximately half of what we budget to issue those assessments. We are budgeting approximately \$5,000,000 to assess the same quantity of parcels. Mr. Ball said the board should all be ashamed of how they personally attack each other.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Vote to adopt and approve budget and appropriation ordinance for Collinsville Township Road District for 2020/2021 (Ordinance No. 2020-02)** - Supervisor Hopkins entertained a motion to pass and approve the budget appropriation ordinance for Collinsville Township Road District for 2020/2021 Ordinance No. 2020-02. Motion was made by Trustee Foley. Seconded by Trustee Cox. Roll call found the unanimous. Motion passed.

**Vote to adopt and approve budget and appropriation ordinance for Collinsville Township Town Fund for 2020/2021 (Ordinance No. 2020-03)** - Supervisor Hopkins entertained a motion to pass and approve the budget appropriation ordinance for Collinsville Township Town Fund for 2020/2021 Ordinance No. 2020-03. Motion was made by Trustee Foley. Seconded by Trustee Milam. Trustee Milam responded to Mr. Ball's comment that he has never personally attacked anyone on this board. He responds to everyone with decorum and respect. When it comes to pay, he agrees with Mr. Ball. There are some issues with our pay especially. But there is nothing he can do right now. That has to be brought up at a later time and he will bring it up. Trustee Cox said Mr. Ball brought up a great point about the assessor's office. What we

are paying per assessment is what we should be talking about. We are paying basically double the amount of Edwardsville. He agrees with Trustee Milam. You have to look where the big money is at. The big money is not with the trustees. All elected officials should have their pay cut. The major majority of our budget is salaries. It is not actually helping people. That is a very small budget. He does not think it is right to budget to spend \$2,200,000 while we are only bringing in \$1,100,000. That is reckless. Supervisor Hopkins said that Edwardsville Township seems to be the benchmark for the Madison County townships. Our budget is \$2,200,000. Edwardsville's budget that they just approved was \$2,579,960. It's public record. We are \$379,960 less than them. Their revenues are \$714,000. Supervisor Hopkins said if we are running an unbalanced budget, then they are too. Trustee Cox said if he was sitting on Edwardsville's township board, he would have a problem with Mr. Schulte if that was the case too. He was using what Edwardsville Township assessor's office did in the previous years and how many people they used. Supervisor Hopkins said Edwardsville's assessor's office is less. About 38% less. He believes we might have more partials, but he does not know that for a fact. Roll call found the vote with three ayes and one nay. Motion passed. Trustee Cox was the nay vote.

### **ADJOURN**

Supervisor Hopkins asked for a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting. Motion made by Trustee Milam and seconded by Trustee Foley. Roll call found the vote unanimous. Motion passed. Time 7:45 p.m.

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Daniel R Hopkins, Township Supervisor

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Cathy Allison, Township Clerk