

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF COLLINSVILLE TOWNSHIP

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

The Board of Town Trustees met at the Collinsville Senior Center at 420 E. Main Street, Collinsville, Illinois, Madison County in the State of Illinois at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, April 11, 2017.

Town Clerk Peggy Cadagin called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Clerk Cadagin asked for motions from the floor to elect Moderator for the Annual Town Meeting. A motion was made by Mary Allan and seconded by Pam Mumper to nominate Paul Welch as Moderator for the April 11, 2017 Annual Meeting of Collinsville Township. Motion passed.

The Oath of Office of the Moderator was administered to Paul Welch by Town Clerk Peggy Cadagin.

Moderator Welch stated that the Annual Town Meeting is held according to statute and he asked Clerk Cadagin if this meeting had been properly posted according to law. Clerk Cadagin said this meeting had been properly posted.

A motion was made by Alene Hill to waive reading and approve minutes of the 2016 Annual Township Meeting and seconded by Al Woolen, minutes having been previously posted; motion passed.

Supervisor Allan advised the Township is in very good shape. He thanked his employees and recognized Dennis Hill, Peggy Cadagin and Jim Stack for their contributions and wished them well in their retirements. Supervisor Allan stated that the Township gave away 435 back packs in Back to School Program, delivered 246 Holiday Baskets, helped 135 residents with electric and gas bill, helped 25 families monthly with emergency food, helped homeless, 542 families with assistance, 250 seniors participated in the Senior Center meals, 150 seniors and disabled were helped with license plate applications, and call 10 shut-ins every day to check on them.

Assessor Poletti thanked his employees for their hard work, stating it takes about five years to train an assessor. He said his staff has obligation to assess and re-value each parcel every 4 years. This is handled in house. The township has 16,000 parcels with estimated value of \$750,000,000.00 our Township is one of the largest in the state and is even larger than some cities and towns. He also stated that \$35,000,000 of assessed value is lost to TIF's and homestead exception.

Highway Commissioner Trucano thanked citizens of township and township trustees. He thanked Terry Allan, Peggy Cadagin and Pete Poletti. Larry also welcomed 3 new trustees: Dan Hopkins, Derrick Cox and Patrick Presson. He also advised of services provided and large projects in the works.

Trustee Foley is ill but he asked Supervisor Allan to extend his thanks to the voters.

Trustee Stack, outgoing Trustee stated it was an honor and pleasure to serve his Township. Trustee Stack wished the Township good luck in the future.

Trustee Dennis Hill, outgoing Trustee, thanked attendees for their participation. He listed accomplishments of last 4 years including lowering expenses, operating under budget and not increasing

levy in last 3 years. He thanked Larry Trucano, Pete Poletti and Terry Allan for their leadership and thanked Township employees for their service. Dennis wished the incoming board continued success.

Chris Guy, outgoing Trustee, stated he was leaving the Township to work with the City of Maryville. He learned a lot while serving as a trustee especially about taxes and levies. He acknowledged that township government is the only branch of government to supply assistance.

Senior Center Director Al Artimisi advised the Senior Center has been very busy the last 6 months with Thanksgiving, Christmas, Tax help and the election. They are looking forward to the Senior Prom. He advised the new Trustees to listen and learn before trying to change anything. Al acknowledged the good work by the Assessor's office, Township office and the cook at the Senior Center. He advised the Senior Center delivers meals to 35-37 people every week. He thanked the volunteers for their service, especially Gabrielle Koonce.

Moderator Welch acknowledged the loss of Carl Runge, former attorney for the township. He introduced Marc Parker the new township attorney. He recognized Clerk Peggy Cadagin for her hard work. He stated the fund balances no longer are read out loud per new law but are available for inspection. He asked for any comments from the audience, newly elected Trustee Derrick Cox thanked Chris Guy for his service and stated that newly elected trustee Patrick Presson asked him to say they have the same goals. He stated the trustees work for the taxpayers. The taxpayers don't work for the trustee. He wants transparency and more community involvement and to even the board out with the other side for the good of the township.

Vicky Jackson, Township Office Manager, thanked Dennis Hill for his service. Dennis went above the Call. He helped with the backpack project, the holiday programs. Dennis stepped up to help the citizens of Collinsville Township.

A motion was made by Andrea Fox and seconded by Jeri Foley to hold the next Annual Township Meeting on April 10, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Vicky Jackson and seconded by Gailyn Dowling to pay Moderator Paul Welch \$200.00. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Gabrielle Koonce and seconded by Joyce Fitzgerald to adjourn. Roll Call found all ayes on the motion.

MODERATOR

TOWN CLERK