



Township of Hampshire

County Of Kane

State Of Illinois

Minutes of Annual Town Meeting

April 9, 2019

In accordance with the Illinois statutes, the Annual Town Meeting of Hampshire Township, Kane County, Illinois was called to order by the Town Clerk, Lori Marwig on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 7:30 pm. The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag. There were 14 persons in attendance.

The clerk asked for nominations for a Moderator. Jody Remakel nominated Steve Austin. After no other nominations, a motion was made by Jody Remakel to close the nominations and appoint Steve Austin as moderator and set the moderators salary at \$40. Fred Rackow seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The Clerk administered the oath of the moderator. Steve Austin assumed the duties of the moderator.

The Moderator asked everyone to review the agenda. A motion was made by Stan Walker to accept the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Steve Gustafson and passed unanimously.

The Clerk read the minutes of the April 10, 2018 Annual Town Meeting. A motion was made by Steve Gustafson that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Evelyn Bicknese and passed unanimously.

After reviewing the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending February 28, 2019, a motion was made by Jim Feld to accept the report as presented. The motion was seconded by Linda Gustafson and then passed unanimously.

Hampshire Village Trustee Mike Reid provided the village report for Hampshire. In 2018, there were 57 new residential building permits and 333 misc. permits. The Village erected a new sign at the corner of Allen and Rowell Road and the Chamber of Commerce recruited businesses to have their name placed on the sign. A beautification committee was established to boost the beautification of the community. A Façade program was established to enhance and improve the downtown area. At this time, the Copper Barrel has opened and the Village is anxiously anticipating many new businesses to open within the truck stop area. Blocks has new owners and are improving the store. Pet Ag is moving and expanding to a new facility within the village limits. Stanley Tool and Machining is expanding yet again. Elburn Co-op was sold to Lucky's Energy Service and they are investing in the property. Many thanks to the HFPD, they were able to purchase and install 150 more hydrant flags. The Village purchased 2 new Ford Explorer Police SUV's. The Village website was redesigned and is more mobile friendly. The Village is now on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. The Village was able to repave several streets this past summer and repainted the Water Tower on Elm Street.

Jody Remakel presented the Supervisor's Report. The General Assistance program is continuing to be done by the Elgin Township. Currently, there are 2 residents on it. The Township building is being rented out several times a month. For the past year, there were 29 community rentals, 33 organizational rentals, and over 100 senior events held at the building. Seniors on the Go program is increasing every year. Participation in the senior events from FY 2018 to FY 2019 went up 113%. Medical ride participation went up 114%. In the past year, 10,791 miles were put on the Pace Van, 5,191 miles were put on the Chrysler Pacifica, and 5,881 miles were put on the Ford Bus. Looking forward, a driver's handbook and a rider's handbook will be created. Will be working on redesigning the mileage report and billing process. Will be working on some intergovernmental

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agreements with Plato and Pingree Grove. Will also be working on improving to the dial a ride program and creating a Township policy manual.

Stan Walker presented the Highway Commissioner's Report. According to the Motor Fuel Tax records, the Road District continues to maintain 32.23 miles of road as well as 1 mile of road for Burlington. The Township recorded 49.5 inches of snow in 19 snow falls. 618 tons of salt was purchased. For development, there are 5 buildable lots left in the Landmark Subdivision. Hampshire Oaks Estates is all developed and there are 2 lots left in Hampshire Oaks Estates II. The road projects for 2018 were the repaving of Engel, Widmayer, and Dietrich Roads as well as pathing on Dietrich Road. Road projects for 2019 will be paving the rest of Engel Road, Dietrich and Brier Hill North. There were no equipment purchases for the year.

Rose Letheby presented the Assessor's Report. The multiplier for 2018 was 4.12% and the multiplier for 2019 is 5.84%. At the moment, Mrs. Letheby is busy completing the book to get it down to county. Farmland is being sold for \$10K to \$12K an acre. This is the 6th year that farm has gone up. To date, the township has 4747 parcels. Tuscany Woods phase 1 is complete. Hampshire Highlands has a small number of lots left to build on. Prairie Ridge is busy with homes being built. Half of the subdivision has SSA and the other half does not. These homes are selling for \$250K and up. The sales of homes are on the rise. This past year, there have been 3 home fires within the township. 2 in Del Webb and 1 in town. Now that the weather is getting nicer, Mrs. Letheby will be out measuring the many parcels.

Fred Rackow presented the Cemetery Report. There were 23 burials this past year. All the trees that were planted are doing good. They did lose 6 of them last spring and are waiting to see for this spring. Bill Howe does a great job watering the trees in the hot summer. The fence was completed at center Cemetery. Sent out Certificate of Insurance to all companies that work in the cemetery and they have been receiving them back. All the lawns at the cemeteries will be sprayed this year. This is the 2nd year of using Elite Land Service for the cutting of the grass. The contract is for \$14880. Will go out to bids next fall as contract will be up. Renewed a 3 yr contract with Sycamore Monuments. The Cemetery board is busy reviewing the Cemetery rules handbook. Supervisor Remakel and Sexton Letheby attended a conference and brought back manuals from other towns. Hoping to have this complete by September to have the Township board look over and approve. The bench in honor of Jim and Rose Letheby at Center Cemetery has been completed.

On the agenda there was an item for approval to authorize the Hampshire Township to engage in negotiations and purchase of real estate in the best interest of the Township. Supervisor Remakel reported that a special meeting was held already back in October and we received the voters approval already.

The Moderator asked for comments from the audience. Fred Rackow congratulated the Township as well as Supervisor Remakel for creating such a great Senior Program and getting the Seniors active.

A motion was made by Steve Gustafson that we set the next Annual Town Meeting for April 14th, 2020 at 7:30 pm. The motion was seconded by Mike Reid and carried unanimously. There being no further business, a motion was made by Stan Walker that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Steve Gustafson and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lori Marwig
Township Clerk



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