

COLLINSVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JULY 12, 2019 12:45 PM

OPENING

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on the above date at the Collinsville Senior Center, 420 East Main Street, Collinsville, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Terry Allan at 12:45 p.m.

PRESENT

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken with the following members present: Trustee Foley, Trustee Cox, Trustee Hopkins, and Supervisor Allan. Township Attorney Jack Daugherty and Township Assessor Pete Poletti were also present. Highway Supervisor Larry Trucano was absent.

Also present were Cinda McGrew, April Hausman, Kathleen Hoelscher, Pamela Mumper, Mark Achenbach, Ron Jedda, Joe Boyer, Brandon Royer, Steve Morgan, Tyler Morgan, Mike Elliott, Al Woolen and Jim Stack.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from regular board meeting held on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 as submitted was made by Trustee Cox and seconded by Trustee Hopkins. Roll call found the vote unanimous. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ron Jedda – Read from the Illinois Township statute IL 60 ILCS 1/80-60 “The township board at the public hearing may adopt all or part of the tentative budget and appropriation ordinance, as the township board deems necessary.” So if the board does not want to accept part or all of the budget, the state statute is very clear as to what the board can or can’t do. The board can accept or modify part of the budget.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS

Trustee Cox – Wants to get more in line with other townships for the taxpayers. If we are bringing in \$1,000,000 in taxes, we should not be budgeting for \$5,000,000.

TREASURER’S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS

Since no budget has been passed for the 2019/2020 budget year, a motion was made by Trustee Hopkins and seconded by Trustee Cox to table payment of the following bills:

General Assistance bills for **\$6487.33**.

Road and Bridge bills for **\$237,621.97**

Town Fund bills for **\$78,221.46**.

Roll call found the vote unanimous. Motion passed. Trustee Cox said if the bills are tabled, then we cannot pay any bills. Attorney Daugherty said between now and the approval of the temporary budget, no checks should be written. If a check has already been written, we cannot undo that. There are some automation systems that we will not be able to put the brakes on.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter received from Republic Services regarding rate changes starting September 1, 2019.

Letter of resignation from Trustee Donald Sonnenberg.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Elliott spoke on behalf of the Collinsville High School Band regarding the Corporate Sponsorship Program. A motion was made by Trustee Cox to pledge \$1000 to the program and seconded by Trustee Hopkins. Roll call found the vote unanimous. Motion passed.

The Curtains Up Theater Company has been using the Collinsville Senior Center for rehearsals. Trustee Hopkins was asked about giving them a key and alarm code for the senior center. There are cameras throughout the center. The theater company has been asked to clean up after they are done with rehearsals. The theater company has provided the board with a copy of their \$1,000,000 liability policy. Senior Center Director April Hausmann did not have a problem with them having a key. The full board agreed to give the theater group a key and alarm code.

Filling the board trustee vacancy. Trustee Foley nominated former board member Jim Stack. Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion. Trustee Cox asked for a discussion. He asked Mr. Stack if he would be voting with Trustee Foley and Trustee Hopkins when there are cases of clear violations? Trustee Hopkins asked for a point of order. He said he was not going to be accused of violating the law. Trustee Cox said he had received a call from Supervisor Allan regarding Marleen Suarez filling the vacancy. Supervisor Allan said that she had since declined the position. Trustee Cox is stunned by the nomination of Mr. Stack. Out of 35,000 people that could have been chosen, Trustee Foley chooses to nominate the one person that Trustee Cox has filed a police report on. Having Mr. Stack on the board will not bring this board together. Trustee Cox asked to make a motion to nominate Marleen Suarez, a respected attorney. Attorney Daugherty explained that there was already a motion and second and a discussion and that Trustee Cox's motion would be out of order. If the current motion and second is voted on and fails, then Trustee Cox would be able to make his nomination. Trustee Cox said last time Leon Alexander, a veteran who would have added diversity to the board, was shut down. Now we pick the person who has made threats against him. Roll call found the vote 3 ayes and 1 nay. Motion passed. Trustee Cox was the nay vote.

ASSESSORS COMMENT None

ROAD COMMISSIONER COMMENTS None

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the board, Supervisor Allan asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Trustee Foley and seconded by Trustee Hopkins to adjourn the meeting. Roll call found the vote unanimous on the motion. Time 1:08 p.m.

Terry Allan, Township Supervisor

Cathy Allison, Township Clerk