



Township of Hampshire

County Of Kane

State Of Illinois

Minutes of Annual Town Meeting

April 12, 2022

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 12, 2022 at 7:30 pm. The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag. There were 11 persons in attendance.

The clerk asked for nominations for a Moderator. Jody Remakel nominated Steve Gustafson. After no other nominations, a motion was made by Jody Remakel to close the nominations and appoint Steve Gustafson as moderator. Roger Paddock seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The Clerk administered the oath of the moderator. Steve Gustafson 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 Dale Drendel and passed unanimously.

After reviewing the minutes of the April 13, 2021 Annual Town Meeting, a motion was made by Jody Remakel that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Mike Reid and passed unanimously.

After reviewing the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending February 28, 2022, a motion was made by Roger Paddock to accept the report as presented. The motion was seconded by Stan Walker and then passed unanimously.

Jody Remakel presented the Supervisor's Report. The General Assistance program is continuing to be handled by Elgin Township. Currently, there are 2 residents on it. The Seniors on the Go group are back and the seniors are excited to see one another again. Ms. Remakel provided a chart on the increase/decrease in the event and medical participation for FY 2020, 2021, and 2022. Ms. Remakel then provided the mileage report for the township vehicles. In 2021, 6,901 miles were put on the Pace Van, 2,804 miles were put on the Chrysler Pacifica, 701 miles were put on the Ford Bus, and 2,557 miles were put on the Pace Transit. So far for 2022, 4,772 miles have been put on the Pace Van, 1,762 miles were put on the Chrysler Pacifica, 2,194 miles were put on the Ford Bus, and 3,470 miles were put on the Pace Transit. The 2021 accomplishments was the survival of the COVID hurdles with the senior group. During this time, 393 frozen meals were delivered from the Salvation Army. We conducted 12 Alzheimer support group meetings at the building with an average attendance of 8 each month. The building had about 22 rentals in the last 6 months with 36 currently scheduled for FY 23. The Senior participation guidelines handbook was completed and given to all the seniors. A membership directory was created. The Township has now began collecting transition fees and so far \$2000 has been collected. The Township has finalized the plans for the expansion. This past year, 63 pieces of medical equipment was loaned out and 45 items have been returned. The Township is currently working on a waste collection referendum as well as working on the bids for the expansion of the Township building.

Supervisor Remakel reported that there was no sale of excess Township equipment.

Stan Walker presented the Highway Commissioner's Report. According to the Motor Fuel Tax records, the Road District continues to maintain 31.5 miles of road as well as 1 mile of road for Burlington and 2.5 miles for the Village of Hampshire for snow plowing. The Township recorded 30 inches of snow in 16 snow falls for

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2021. 500 tons of salt was purchased for \$46,250 at \$92.50/ton. There was about 250/300 tons left from the previous year. The road projects for 2021 was the resurfacing of Casa de Aero (2.75 miles at \$200,884.07). Patching was done on Ketchup Road and Feldsmith Drive. Other projects included the yellow and white striping that was done on all the township roads for \$17,203.14. The road projects for 2022 will be resurfacing of Brier Pines subdivision which includes 56 driveways being cut in and 1.5 miles resurfaced with an estimate cost of \$186,643.50. The Township will be giving the Village the right of way on Gast Road for the new water main that is being put in. Purchases for last year include the alley behind the administration building for \$500, stainless side boards for the 2 Mack trucks, a top for the chipper box, and battery operated weed whip and saws.

Rebecca Penkaty presented the Assessor's Report. The multiplier for 2021 was 1.0281. She had to raise the Township by \$9,118,703. The multiplier for 2022 will be 1.0601 and she will need to raise the Township by \$18,732,849. The farmland for 2022 is up again by 10%. This is the 10th year in a row. Farmland is selling at \$11-15K an acre. Prairie Ridge and Tamms Farm subdivisions are coming along with new homes. The new elementary school is currently being built. At this time there is no news on the Oakstead subdivision.

Trevor Herrmann presented the Cemetery Report. In 2021 the Cemeteries were sprayed for weeds and they are trying to get a handle on the creeping charlie. A thank you to Rose Letheby, Keith Penkaty, and Stan Walker for cleanup at Aurand Cemetery. For the year, there were 27 burials (14 casket and 13 cremations) and 19 plots were sold (18 in Center and 1 at Doty). The Cemetery Board finished the Township Cemetery Guide Booklet. The Cemetery Board donated a grave to the Way children. The Board thanks Will Duchaj for repairing the water pump at Center Cemetery. Mr. Herrmann reported that the Cemetery welcomed Kyle Steichen as the new cemetery maintenance man and thanked Keith Penkaty for his years of service. The Cemetery Board made a monetary donation to the Wreaths Across America and coordinated with them for the wreath laying at all 3 cemeteries. The 2022 goals will be to continue with the weed control as well as the aeration and seeding on the south side of Center Cemetery. They are going to look into improving the look of Aurand Cemetery with tree removal and trimming. The Cemetery Board is going to work with Crown development to repair the fence at Center Cemetery. Mr. Herrmann also reported that they are going to paint and replace some of the trim on the shed at Center Cemetery and also do some additional tree trimming there.

Hampshire Village Trustee Mike Reid provided the village report for Hampshire. Hampshire survived COVID by supporting both the businesses and their employees to help keep the Village at a level the residents are accustomed too. The Village will end the fiscal year this month below budget for spending and with a balanced budget due to receiving funding. They approved the 2022 budget on 4/7/22 and it is available on the village budget. They also updated the village's 3 year capital improvement plan and it is available on the Village website to view. The Village completed the maintenance of the Village hall exterior. Mr. Reid reported that the Village funded the façade improvement grants for 129 State St., 148 Washington St., and 165 State St. The 1.2 million streetscape project has been approved. The project had to scale back due to the cost of materials. The Village awarded Kane County Excavating the North-South water connection project and construction on this will begin soon with a completion date in August. The Big Timber Elementary School will open on time for the new school year. Mr. Reid reported that LLC purchased 40 acres at Romke Rd and Rt. 72 for commercial and institutional development and the plans are still in the development phase. Vista Trucking is in the early stages of building its new HQ in the Hampshire Logistics Park on Route 20 south of the Tollway. Mr. Reid reported that the construction of a new signal and crosswalks at State St. and Route 72 has begun and will be completed by Nov 2022.

The Moderator asked for comments from the audience. There was none.

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A motion was made by Jody Remakel that we set the next Annual Town Meeting for April 13th, 2023 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 Roger Paddock and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lori Marwig
Township Clerk