

COLLINSVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

September 11,, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on the above date in the Township Office, 305 E. Main St, Collinsville, IL. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Terry Allan at 7:00 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Trustee Royer made a request we observe a moment of silence in memory of those who lost their lives in the attack on the United States on September 11, 2001. Roll call was taken with the following members answering present: Trustee Cox, Trustee Foley, Trustee Royer, Trustee Hopkins and Supervisor Allan. Also present at the meeting were Township Highway Commissioner Larry Trucano and Attorney Jack Daugherty. Guests present were: Robert Milam, Cinda Mc Grew, Kathleen Hoelscher, April Hausman, Al Woolen and Phil Astrauskas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Hopkins made a motion to approve the minutes of August 28, 2018 meeting of the Collinsville Township Board. Trustee Foley seconded the motion. Roll call found the vote to be unanimous. Motion carried.

Public comments

Mr. Phil Astrauskas ask what union is representing the office staff and who is representing the tax payers. He also questioned the amount of pay they are seeking. He was advised Attorney Jack Daugherty is representing the Township and the union is the Laborers Union. Mr. Astrauskas was also advised the pay amount has not been decided.

Mr. Rob Milam asked to remind everyone that the offices run because of the staff.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS.

Trustee Hopkins advised everyone today is Attorney Daugherty's birthday. Next Trustee Cox addressed the Union situation. Trustees Cox and Hopkins said they knew nothing about it and feel they should have been informed as to what was going on, as elected officials. Trustee Cox feels we need comparisons of other Townships' payrolls. Trustee Foley wasn't upset about the situation saying the employees have the right to organize. A long discussion followed among the Trustees.

Treasurer's Report and Approval of bills

The General Assistance Bills for \$6,541.27 were read. A motion to approve the bills as read was made by Trustee Hopkins and seconded by Trustee Royer. Roll call found the vote unanimous on the motion. Motion carried.

The Road and Bridge bills for \$36,029.30 were read. A motion to approve the bills as read was made by Trustee Hopkins and seconded by Trustee Cox. Roll call found the vote unanimous on the motion to pay Road and Bridge bills for \$36,029.30. Roll call found the vote unanimous. Motion carried.

The Town fund bills for \$28,436.02 were read. A motion to approve the bills as read was made by Trustee Hopkins and seconded by Trustee Foley. Roll call found the vote unanimous to pay the Town fund bills for \$28,436.02. Motion carried.

Trustee Cox had questions about account balances, etc. It was agreed he would call Office Manager Jackson this week and come in so she can explain the bank reconciliation to him.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letters were received from Collinsville Junior Service inviting us to the Annual Christmas Tree Festival and from the City of Collinsville to participate in the Christmas at the Collins House parade on December 1, 2018. Both items will be on the next meeting agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Foley advised the V.F.W. has not received it's check. Clerk Dowling advised she will bring it to the attention of the Office Manager. A motion was made by Trustee Cox and seconded by Trustee Hopkins to go out of order on the agenda. Roll call found the vote to be unanimous. Motion carried.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Trucano reported they have been installing new culverts and drive-ways throughout the Township and asphaltting Wildwood. They're also dredging a pond at the end of California St. which is being paid for with Federal Grant money.

April Hausman, Senior Center Director updated the Board on what has been taking place at the center. So far all activities are doing well. On September 18, she is having a Medicare 101 Counseling and on November 8 there will be a Quarter Auction at the V.F.W. benefiting the Senior Center sponsored by MECDS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Hopkins made a motion to go into Executive Session for deliberations concerning salaries and union negotiations of the office staff. After discussion the motion was seconded by Trustee Foley. Roll call found four ayes and one no with Trustee Cox voting no. Motion carried. After completion of the Executive Session Trustee Foley made a motion to return to regular session. Trustee Royer seconded the motion. Roll call found the vote unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board a motion by Trustee Cox and seconded by Trustee Hopkins to adjourn was made. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

Terry Allan, Township Supervisor

Gailyn Dowling, Township Clerk