

COLLINSVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

June 12, 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, roll call was taken with the following members answering present: Mr. Cox, Mr. Hopkins, and Mr. Allan. Mr. Foley called in at 7:07 P.M. and Mr. Royer called in at 7:24 P.M. Both parties had difficulty getting in due to new phone system. Also present at the meeting were Township Highway Commissioner Larry Trucano and Attorney Jack Daugherty. Guests present were: Paul Loyet, Kathleen Hoelscher, Cinda Mc Grew, Al Woolen, Phil Astrauskas, Bill Dorman, Rob Dorman, Aaron Wright, April Housman, Vicky Jackson. Mr. Hopkins made motion to allow Mr. Foley to join meeting via phone conferencing. Mr. Cox seconded the motion. Roll call found all ayes (3). Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hopkins made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2018 Meeting of the Collinsville Township Board of Trustees. Mr. Cox seconded the motion. After a lengthy discussion, roll call found one nay and two ayes. Motion passed with Mr. Cox voting nay.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Bill Dorman made note that the last time he was here he addressed the rumors of a 14% pay raise and that 80% of the GA funds were used for administration. He suggested that the funds be turned over to another group that would do the work for less. He also stated he'd like to know each employee's responsibilities and exactly what they do.

Mr. Aaron Wright gave each board member a handout he had copied from Perspective Magazine stating Electors power at the Annual Meeting. He felt at the Annual Meeting Mr. Welch was fishing for a motion for himself to be paid and that the entire process of how it was handled was incorrect. He also did not think it was on the agenda, which he claimed needed 15 signatures of Electors in order to be on the agenda. He thinks we did not act in compliance with the law.

Mr. Phil Astrauskas stated that he is still stuck on Paul Welch being paid \$250.00 for narrating the Annual Meeting, feels raises of 14% way out of line and he wants to know where the money excess is, the amount of excess money and how much interest are we making.

Mr. Rob Dorman stated other townships do not pay an attorney for the Annual Meeting. He also thinks we take in more than we pay out. Just needs to return the money to the taxpayers.

7:24 P.M. Mr. Royer was finally able to join the meeting on another phone. He could not get connected to our conference call. Mr. Hopkins made a motion to allow Mr. Royer to join the meeting via phone. Mr. Foley seconded the motion. Roll call found all ayes (4). Motion carried.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS, COMMITTEES OR SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Mr. Cox wants us to go back and check to see if paying Mr. Welch was on the agenda.

Mr. Hopkins reported no asbestos was found at the Senior Center but that wet insulation was found in the roof of the Township Office Building. The roof problem can be solved applying a coating which carries a 20 year warranty. Applying the coating will save us \$ 7-\$8,000.00 vs putting on a new roof.

Road Commissioner Trucano reported he is happy with how things are going in his department right now. He stated they start negotiating with the County on the new bridge tomorrow. That will be a \$500,000.00 job.

Correspondence

We have a letter from Faith in Action requesting \$300.00 donation. They care for and assist Senior Citizens who need it. Mr. Cox made a motion to donate \$300.00 to Faith in Action. Mr. Hopkins seconded the motion. Roll call found a unanimous vote to donate \$300.00 to Faith in Action. In the future all requests for donations must be requested face to face at a meeting.

Treasurer's Report and Approval of bills

The General Assistance Bills for \$7,560.05 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 on the motion.

The Road and Bridge bills for \$81,934.70 were read. A motion to approve the bills as read was made by Trustee Foley and seconded by Trustee Hopkins. Roll call found the vote unanimous on the motion to pay Road and Bridge bills for \$81,934.70.

The Town fund bills for \$61,509.56 were read. A motion to approve the bills was made by Trustee Foley and seconded by Trustee Hopkins. Roll call found the vote unanimous to pay the Town fund bills for \$61,509.56.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

St. John's United Church of Christ is requesting additional monies to help fund their HHH Program. Instead of giving cash we want to give food for the Tote Me Home Program. Six weeks ago they anticipated 20 children to feed weekly this summer and as of yesterday they already had 48. A motion was made by Trustee Cox to provide food to the St. John's HHH Program, seconded by Trustee Hopkins. Roll call found a unanimous vote to give food to St. John's HHH Program for the summer.

A motion was made to re-visit Correspondence and the Faith in Action vote by Trustee Cox and seconded by Trustee Hopkins. Roll call found the vote unanimous to re-visit Correspondence and the Faith in Action vote next meeting.

Next was the 2018-2019 Budget discussion. A motion was made by Trustee Cox and seconded by Trustee Foley to approve the Road and Bridge 2018-2019 budget. Roll call found a unanimous vote to approve the Road and Bridge 2018-2019 budget.

A motion was made by Trustee Foley, pending discussion to pass the Town Budget, seconded by Trustee Hopkins. A long discussion followed with Trustee Cox being concerned about the amount of raises indicated in line item "office salaries". Roll call found three (2) ayes, one (1) no and one (1) abstain and one vote indeterminate. Trustee Cox voted no and Trustee Royer abstained and Trustee Foley's vote was indeterminate.

NEW BUSINESS

Under new business a discussion was held on Prevailing Wage. Trustee Hopkins made a motion to table the issue, seconded by Trustee Cox. Roll call found a unanimous vote to table the Prevailing Wage vote until next meeting. Information concerning Prevailing Wage will be sent to each trustee with the next agenda.

A discussion was held about a Maintenance Agreement on the generator at the Senior Center coming due. Last year we paid \$800.00. It was decided to continue to maintenance agreement.

Trustee Royer apologized for calling in late.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Hopkins made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Foley. Roll calls found four (4) ayes and one (1) no, with Trustee Foley voting no. Motion carried.

Terry Allan, Township Supervisor

Gaily Dowling, Township Clerk