

Township of Hampshire



County Of Kane

State Of Illinois

Minutes July 12, 2022

The Board of Trustees met at the Hampshire Township Administration Offices at 170 Mill Ave., Hampshire, IL on the 12th day of July, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Jody Remakel, Supervisor;
Stan Walker, Hwy Commissioner;
Rebecca Penkaty, Assessor;
Lori Marwig, Clerk;

Bob Becker, Trustee;
Dale Drendel, Trustee;
Steven Gustafson, Trustee;
Roger Paddock, Trustee;

Also in attendance was Hampshire Township Cemetery Board Member Fred Rackow.

1) The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag. Mrs. Remakel then asked for any changes or additions to the agenda. There were none.

2) Minutes. The Board reviewed the Board of Trustee Minutes from June 14, 2022. A motion was made by Trustee Paddock to approve them as presented. Trustee Drendel seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by all those present.

3) Treasurer's Report. The Board reviewed the July Treasurer's report. A motion was made by Trustee Gustafson to approve the July Treasurer's report. Trustee Becker seconded the motion and it was approved by all those present. A roll call vote was taken.

Trustee Paddock Aye Trustee Drendel Aye Trustee Becker Aye Trustee Gustafson Aye
Supervisor Remakel Aye

4) Public Comment. Mr. Fred Rackow inquired if the Township Board had been consulted when the Village of Hampshire gave their approval for the train merger and how it would affect the railroad tracks going through town. The Township was not consulted. Discussion was had by all.

5) Reports

Assessor: Assessor Penkaty reported that the 2022 revised assessments were published today and she has had some phone calls already. She is receiving permits for the Tamms Farm subdivision.

Cemetery: Fred Rackow began his report with thanking Stan Walker and his crew for maintaining the unused section of Doty Cemetery. He also is very pleased with their employee Kyle. Crown has graded and seeded the west fence line at Center Cemetery for no charge. The Cemetery Board has been working hard on the turf inside Center Cemetery and Doty Cemetery. They have been working on eliminating the dandelions and the creeping charley. They are scheduled for spraying this fall using both fertilizer and weed killer. Mr. Rackow informed the Board that the Cemetery Board has been in contact with the Township lawyer in regards to an individual claiming they are a descendent of some unused lots in the cemetery. The last time there was a burial for this family was in 1881. They are waiting to hear what legal grounds they can stand on since the individual does not have a deed or a copy of the will. The last topic Mr. Rackow brought up was Aurand Cemetery and the building of the Tamms Farm subdivision close to it. The Cemetery Board has written a letter to WR Meadows letting them know the intent of what they would like to do. They will be getting a survey

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done to determine the exact boundary of the cemetery as right now the fence is inside the boundary. After that is done, they will clear out the growth and put a fence around the entire boundary securing the property. Cemetery Board Member Herrmann confirmed with the Village of Hampshire that the Cemetery has \$21K in development fees sitting with the Village. This money would be used for the fence. This project is a minimum of 2 years away.

Highway Commissioner: Mr. Walker reported that they mowed and sprayed the Township. They will be going out again to mow. They had the tiger mower out and were trimming trees on Engel and Brier Hill. The Township received 8 inches of rain last week. They had some water on the roadway on Brier Hill as well some trees down around the Township but nothing serious. The yellow and white stripes have been done on the Township roads. The cost of this went up \$3K from the last time it was done. They are going to have to do some shouldering on Melms Road due to the steep shoulder.

Supervisor: Supervisor Remakel informed the Board that Brian Pechtold's (former employee) wife passed away and the memorial will be at the Township building Saturday the 16th. We will be sending flowers. Mrs. Remakel inquired with Sikich about our audit and were informed that the person working on it has left Sikich and they are in the process of finding someone to take over our account. The Townships first overnight Senior trip is scheduled for later this month.

Kane County Sheriff Representative: Not in attendance.

6) Old Business.

Waste Collection Update. Supervisor Remakel informed the Board that the waste collection referendum did not pass.

7) New Business.

Discussion and Approval of Debit Payment Methods. Supervisor Remakel reported that Nicor and ComEd can be directly debited from the checking accounts. There was discussion in regards to include Verizon and Mediacom in this payment format. After discussion it was determined that the "routine bills" would include ComEd, Nicor, Water, Mediacom, and Verizon. A motion was made by Trustee Paddock to authorize auto debit of the "routine bills" to include: electric, water, gas, cell phone and phone/internet. Trustee Becker seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken. Passed 4 to 1.

Trustee Gustafson Aye Trustee Becker Aye Trustee Drendel Aye Trustee Paddock Aye
Supervisor Remakel Aye

Discussion and Approval of Cemetery Lot Sales. This will be tabled till next month as we are waiting to hear back from our attorney.

Discussion and Approval of Disaster Assistance for family in need. A Township resident had a tree fall on their house and the house has been damaged to the point that it is not inhabitable. Ms. Remakel reported that while this does not fit the criteria for our disaster assistance policy because the family had insurance she is bringing it to the Board to determine if they would like to provide financial assistance to this family. After some discussion it was decided that Supervisor Remakel will speak to the family to see if there were any needs that the Township could assist with. A motion was made by Trustee Paddock to authorize Supervisor Remakel to approve a payment up to \$1000 to assist in the family needs as long as the payment was not made directly to the family. Trustee Becker seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by all those present.

Trustee Drendel Aye Trustee Gustafson Aye Trustee Becker Aye Trustee Paddock Aye
Supervisor Remakel Aye

8) Correspondence. There were none.

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9) Board of Trustee Comments. Trustee Becker inquired about the 10 year plan requirement that some governments must complete per the Governor. There was discussion regarding if and how the Township should proceed and if we should consider any consolidation.

10) Hampshire Township Development.

Building Addition Update. There is nothing new to update. Discussion was brought up regarding moving forward with the parking lot and garage. Mr. Walker will begin working on this.

11) Approval of Current Bills. Invoices for the Road Fund and Town Fund were reviewed and audited by all Trustees present. A motion was made by Trustee Gustafson to pay the July bills. Trustee Paddock seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. (Warrants and signatures are attached hereto). A roll call vote was taken.

Trustee Becker Aye Trustee Gustafson Aye Trustee Drendel Aye Trustee Paddock Aye
Supervisor Remakel Aye

There were some expense reports for the elected officials.

For Highway Commissioner Walker, there was an expense report of \$221.71 for mileage reimbursement.

For Assessor Penkaty, there was an expense report of \$25.16 for mileage reimbursement.

A motion was made by Trustee Paddock to approve the expense report. Trustee Drendel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Trustee Becker Aye Trustee Paddock Aye Trustee Drendel Aye Trustee Gustafson Aye
Supervisor Remakel Aye

12) Closed Session. There was no Closed Session.

13) There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Gustafson to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Paddock, and then carried unanimously. The meeting closed at 8:23 p.m.

Approved on:

Respectfully Submitted:

Lori Marwig
Township Clerk