

Minutes of Annual Town Meeting

April 13, 2021

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 13, 2021 at 7:30 pm. The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag. There were 17 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 and set the moderators salary at \$40. Roger Paddock seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Steve Gustafson declined the moderator's salary. 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 Jody Remakel to accept the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Roger Paddock and passed unanimously.

After reviewing the minutes of the December 15, 2020 Annual Town Meeting, a motion was made by Jody Remakel that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Evelyn Bicknese and passed unanimously.

After reviewing the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending February 28, 2021, a motion was made by Roger Paddock to accept the report as presented. The motion was seconded by Jim Feld and then passed unanimously.

Hampshire Village Trustee Mike Reid provided the village report for Hampshire. Hampshire survived Covid by supporting the businesses and employees. A Community Committee was created which included the Chamber, Library, Fire District, Township, Park District, and Village Departments. The Village froze hiring and capital spending until January. They will end the fiscal year below budget for spending and with a balanced budget. The following accomplishments happened within the last year: created the Village's first 3 year capital improvement plan, funded and completed the storm water management project on Highland Ave., developed and approved the \$1 million streetscape plan with construction to begin June 2021, launched a new branding strategy in March, identified funding for the north-south water connection from two member initiative grants from Senator DeWitte and anticipated funding from the ARPA, the completion of the new PetAg headquarters, Loves, Truck County, Dayton Freight, and Stanley East and approved a new plat for Oakstead with 1013 sites and a new d300 elementary school.

Jody Remakel presented the Supervisor's Report. The General Assistance program is continuing to be done by the Elgin Township. Currently, there are 2 residents on it. The Township building is beginning to be rented out again and is following IDPH guidelines. Unfortunately due to COVID, the Seniors on the Go group could not meet in person. However, the Township was able to create different activities to keep the Seniors busy. Zoom yoga was created, call in bingo was created as well, and activity packets were delivered to the Seniors. In 2020, 11,546 miles were put on the Pace Van, 4,153 miles were put on the Chrysler Pacifica, 7,018 miles were put on the Ford Bus, and 3,884 miles were put on the Pace Transit. So far for 2021, 6,901 miles have been put on the Pace Van, 2,804 miles were put on the Chrysler Pacifica, 710 miles were put on the Ford Bus,

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and 2,557 miles were put on the Pace Transit. In 2020, a driver's handbook as well as a rider's handbook were created. We re-designed the mileage reporting as well as the billing process. We finally were approved for transition fees. So far in 2021, we helped 330 people get fully vaccinated. We helped get 542 appointments schedules and we transported 74 people to clinics. The Township is in the process of finalizing the Township policy manual as well as working on the design for the expansion of the administration building.

Supervisor Remakel reported that there is some miscellaneous office equipment that she is asking the audience to declare as excess equipment. This includes a copier, computer, type writer, and scanner. A motion was made by Linda Gustafson to approve the equipment as excess. Maureen McGreevy seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by all those present.

Stan Walker presented the Highway Commissioner's Report. According to the Motor Fuel Tax records, the Road District continues to maintain 32 miles of road as well as 1 mile of road for Burlington. The Township recorded 40 inches of snow in 19 snow falls for 2020. 539 tons of salt was purchased for \$50,121. For 2019 and 2020, there was 5 culvert permits. There were no road projects for 2020 due to COVID. For 2021, the paving of Casa de Aero for 2.1 miles and the subdivision by the Tollway for .5 mile. For purchases, the Road district purchased the Warrington property in 2019 and then in 2020 a new Ford F-750 with plow and spreader.

Rose Letheby presented the Assessor's Report. The multiplier for 2020 was 3.38%. She had to raise the Township by \$10,274,163. There were 16 complaints filed with the County regarding the property tax revised assessments. The up and coming subdivisions are Prairie Ridge neighborhood O and neighborhoods N and S. There will be a new subdivision off of Big Timber with a new school. The multiplier for 2021 was 2.81%. She will have to raise the Township by \$9,118,703. The farmland for the 8th year in a row has increased by 10%. Rose Letheby is retiring after her term is up and she is proud to say that her daughter Rebecca Penkaty was elected as the new assessor. Becky has some great ideas and new thoughts on how to run the office. She wishes her the best of luck.

Fred Rackow presented the Cemetery Report. There were 20 burials this past year. The majority of the maintenance done this year was having the lawns sprayed for crab grass and creeping charlies. The Cemeteries biggest task this year was getting the Cemetery Rules & Regulation brochure finalized. The fence around Center Cemetery is done. They did have to move the property line on the south side of the Cemetery due to a grave. They once again used Elite Landscaping for cutting the grass. They had Dany Tree Service do some work on the trees in Center Cemetery. For 2021 there are no major projects scheduled and the major focus will be working on the fight against the crab grass and creeping charlies.

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

A motion was made by Jody Remakel that we set the next Annual Town Meeting for April 12th, 2022 at 7:30 pm. The motion was seconded by Bob Becker and carried unanimously. There being no further business, a motion was made by Mike Reid that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Fred Rackow and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lori Marwig
Township Clerk



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