

**COLLINSVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**JANUARY 14, 2020      7:05 P.M.**

**OPENING**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on the above date at the Collinsville Senior Center, 420 East Main Street, Collinsville, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Terry Allan at 7:05 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken with the following members present: Trustee Mike Foley, Trustee James Stack, Trustee Derrick Cox, Trustee Dan Hopkins and Supervisor Terry Allan. Township Attorney Jack Daugherty, Road Commissioner Larry Trucano and Clerk Cathy Allison were also present. After the roll call, per the agenda, motion and vote to approve trustee participation by conference call. Since all board members were present, no motion was made.

Also present were Paul Loyet, Rob Milam, Cinda McGrew, Mathew Guenther, Clint Ball, Kathleen Hoelscher, Brandon Loyet, Brad Sewell and Al Woolen.

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES**

Motion to approve minutes from January 14, 2020 board meeting was made by Trustee Hopkins and seconded by Trustee Stack. Trustee Cox asked to make an amendment to Trustee Hopkins' motion regarding approval of the vacant lot. He would like added that he does not remember it taking place that way, but if Trustee Hopkins said it then he would take his word for it. The minutes are not accurate without this. Trustee Hopkins does not think the minutes have to be verbatim. Trustee Hopkins asked for a vote on the current motion. Roll call found the vote four ayes and one nay. Motion passed. Trustee Cox was the nay vote.

Motion made by Trustee Cox to move public comments to after the Road Commissioner's comments. There are no items on the agenda and this would allow for more public comments. No second on the motion. Motion failed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Clint Ball** (Collinsville) Attended tonight's meeting to see what his money was paying for since there was nothing on the agenda.

**Matt Guenther** (Collinsville) Tonight \$5000 is being spent to discuss nothing. No agenda of any items to discuss in the future. Doesn't understand how after the first of the year there is not an agenda.

**REPORTS BY OFFICERS**

**Trustee Foley** – Introduced Brandon Loyet as the new director for the Collinsville Township Senior Center.

**Trustee Hopkins** – Reported that Phase I of the environmental site assessment is complete. Final report is not done. They are recommending a Phase II study. Attorney Daugherty clarified that you can

talk about item not on the agenda, but you cannot take a final vote. Trustee Hopkins will email the final report to the other trustees. Trustee Hopkins said even though there is nothing on the agenda, the board must meet once a month to approve payment of bills. Trustee Cox said the public deserves to know what is going on.

**Trustee Cox** – Wanted to address the complete lack of leadership the township is suffering from. He just found out tonight that we have a new director for the senior center. Same situation with all the work and improvement at the senior center. He wanted the public to know all about the services that take place and show off the new center. He wanted to advertise the positive changes to the media. He was purposely left out of everything. No one, other than the regulars, knew that anything new was going on. The public wants to know who the new director is and what ideas they have for the senior center. Trustee Cox believes it is a shame how the board has handled the grant he found for the empty lot. The township has wanted this lot for years. The price was the only thing stopping this purchase. Now it is being strongly opposed. He has been accused of pay for play. Trustee Cox thought it looked so bad that he did not post his video of the last meeting. The board knows the price of the property has never changed. One trustee is so against it that he has put taxpayers at risk by claiming there could be oil that leaked in the ground under the senior center building. Then plays politics and tells the public he is forgetting the grant all the while being fully aware just minutes before in the closed session that the grant would be lost for now. Because all the testing that we are proposing would take several months. Trustee Cox asked why the ground did not get tested for two months when he notified you. If the board is so concerned with the soil, why would the ground not be tested for the last several years. Why is the city of Collinsville's officials being accused of being corrupt only after he has found a grant? Did you think the county was going to hold the grant money back for us for unlimited time? Trustee Cox has tried for three years to work with the other board members. He asked that the board members think about their service and why we are here. In the township audit, it clearly stated "significant deficiencies in the township internal controls". Trustee Cox believes Attorney Daugherty would agree that the board's number one duty is overseeing our finances and bills of the township. The office manager and supervisor are asking us tonight to approve bills without seeing receipts. Trustee Cox only received the amounts today. He emailed Office Manager Jackson asking for receipts. He received no reply. The board should not be okay with this. The board is blindly voting to approve tens of thousands of taxpayers' dollars. Trustee Cox cannot approve something and then find out later that some of the bills were not right. Trustee Hopkins said he sometimes has trouble receiving the minutes when they are sent out. When he does, he will go to the township office and ask for a copy. He is sure if Trustee Cox would have went to the office and asked for the copies of the receipts he would have received them. Trustee Stack said that at one time we looked at having all the receipts. He asked if there was a dollar limitation. Trustee Hopkins said we do not have any limitations. Supervisor Allan said they would get that squared away.

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Motion to approve General Assistance bills for **\$8,525.56** was made by Trustee Foley and seconded by Trustee Hopkins. Roll call found the vote four ayes and one abstained. Motion passed. Trustee Cox was the abstained vote.

Motion to approve Road and Bridge bills for **\$155,586.99** was made by Trustee Foley and seconded by Trustee Stack. Roll call found the vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Motion to approve Town Fund bills for **\$50,044.74** was made by Trustee Hopkins and seconded by Trustee Stack. Roll call found the vote four ayes and one abstained. Motion passed. Trustee Cox was the abstained vote.

Motion to approve Senior Center bills for **\$7,559.56** was made by Trustee Foley and seconded by Trustee Stack. Roll call found the vote four ayes and one abstained. Motion passed. Trustee Cox was the abstained vote.

**CORRESPONDENCE**           None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**   None

**NEW BUSINESS**           None

Brandon Loyet introduced himself. He is from Collinsville and is the new director at the Collinsville Township Senior Center.

**ASSESSOR POLETTI'S COMMENTS**       None

**ROAD COMMISSIONER TRUCANO'S COMMENTS** – Out salting road Saturday night. Water and snow is slowing us down from vacuuming leaves. Still trimming trees and cleaning out ditches. Trustee Hopkins has heard good things about what the township highway department has been doing.

Trustee Cox asked Director Loyet if the yoga program was going to continue. Director Loyet said he would like to continue it. He has been calling around looking for an instructor. He would like to have yoga on Wednesdays. Trustee Stack asked if he had done the classes before. Director Loyet said he had done the chair exercise class.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the board, Supervisor Allan asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Trustee Hopkins and seconded by Trustee Stack to adjourn the meeting. Roll call found the vote unanimous. Motion passed. Time 7:33 p.m.

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Terry Allan, Township Supervisor

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Cathy Allison, Township Clerk