



Township of Hampshire

County Of Kane

State Of Illinois

Minutes of Annual Town Meeting

April 11, 2023

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 11, 2023 at 7:30 pm. The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag. There were 13 people in attendance.

The clerk asked for nominations for a Moderator. Jody Remakel nominated Steve Gustafson. After no other nominations, a motion was made by Roger Paddock to close the nominations and appoint Steve Gustafson as moderator. Dale Drendel seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously. The Clerk administered the oath of the moderator. Steve Gustafson assumed the duties of the moderator. Steve Gustafson declined a salary.

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 Bob Becker and passed unanimously.

After reviewing the minutes of the April 12, 2022 Annual Town Meeting, a motion was made by Stan Walker that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Bob Becker and passed unanimously.

After reviewing the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending February 28, 2023, a motion was made by Roger Paddock to accept the report as presented. The motion was seconded by Dan Rowlett and then passed unanimously.

Jody Remakel presented the Supervisor's Report. The General Assistance program is continuing to be handled by Elgin Township. For FY23 there were 2 to 3 clients on it. We currently have no GA clients for FY24. There were 84 building rentals with 22 being individual rentals and 27 were for early voting. The lending closet loaned out 72 pieces of medical equipment and 46 items were returned. The Seniors on the Go had 62 off site trips offered and overnight trips were introduced. Ms. Remakel provided a chart on the increase/decrease in the event and medical participation for FY22 and FY23. Mileage on the vehicles for FY23 were as follows: the Pace Van had 6156 miles put on, the Chrysler Pacifica had 4479 miles put on, the Ford bus had 1776 miles put on it, and the Pace transit had 3653 miles put on it. The accomplishments for FY23 included the revised building rental policy, the Township ran a waste collection referendum, a disaster assistance policy was approved, we opened a brokerage account to invest in CDs, we hosted 3 emergency preparedness classes, we revised the senior transportation billing process and brought our partner Township up to date with billing, we installed a new phone system with auto attendant, we updated our senior rsvp, headcount tracking system, we conducted 11 Alzheimer support group meetings, and we received from our burst pipe and updated the Assessor office due to it. Our projects in process include the new garage construction and the admin building addition. In 2024, our goals are to complete the construction of the new garage as well as the parking lot and to also complete the construction of the admin building addition.

Supervisor Remakel reported that there was no sale of excess Township equipment.

Stan Walker presented the Highway Commissioner's Report. According to the Motor Fuel Tax records, the Road District continues to maintain 31.5 miles of road as well as 1 mile of road for Burlington and 2.5 miles for the Village of Hampshire for snow plowing. The Township recorded 26 inches of snow in 16 snow falls for 2022. February 2022, the Township received about ¼ - ½ inch of ice. There were a lot of trees down. The Road District received 500 tons of salt that was purchased at \$81.85/ton. The road project for 2022 was the resurfacing of Brier Pines Subdivision (1.5 miles at \$176,490). New culverts were put in on Engel Road. All the Township roads were stripped with both yellow and white lines for a total of \$21,020.67. Starks and Son also cleaned the tiles of tree roots in Brier Pines subdivision. Road Projects for 2023 will be the repaving of the subdivision off of Higgin Road. Peter Baker will be heading up this 1.5 mile project with a cost of \$218,918.95. The Road District tore down and put up a new garage on the north side of the alley. At a later time, a parking lot will be completed in front of the garage.

Rebecca Penkaty presented the Assessor's Report. Currently there are 5123 parcels in Hampshire Township.. 3363 are residential, 678 are residential land, 702 are farm, 142 are commercial, 8 are commercial land, 58 are industrial, and 172 are exempt. Sales for 2022 are 303 recorded sales and 69 new construction. For 2023 so far, 71 are recorded sales and 27 are new construction. The multiplier for 2022 was 1.0601 and the 2023 multiplier will be 1.0881. Farmland is up again by 10% and is selling at \$20K an acre. Prairie Ridge and Tamms Farm subdivisions are coming along with new homes. Future developments include: the subdivision off of Big Timber by the new elementary school, the development by Kelley and Harmony Roads that will have 2K homes, the development at State and Allen Road that will have new townhomes, and the Hampshire 90 Logistics Park by Gast Road and Route 20.

Fred Rackow presented the Cemetery Report. In 2022 there were a total of 29 burials. 18 were cremations and 11 were casket burials (16 at Center and 2 Doty). So far in 2023, there have been 4 burials and 10 grave sites sold. Mr. Rackow then informed everyone about the boundary line issue with Crown Development and Center Cemetery. With the new Tamms Farm development going in around Aurand Cemetery, the Cemetery Board is working on securing the cemetery up. After finding the official property lines, the property line was cleared by Trees Unlimited and a fence is in the process of being completed around the property.

Hampshire Village Trustee Aaron Kelley provided the village report for Hampshire. 2022 was a year of progress for the Village. They completed the Streetscape project ahead of schedule. The State St and Route 72 intersection is completed and the new culvert that was installed handled the fast paced rain we received last week. The new 1 mile NS water connection was completed on time. The Village ended FY23 earlier this month with revenues ahead of budget and expenditures below budget. The General Fund will end FY23 with reserves exceeding their goal of 25% or 3 months of operating costs. The updated Villages 3 year capital improvement plan is available on the Village website. Chief Pann has plans to improve technology in the Police Department which included a state of the art VR training facility and this was done through a grant. In March, the Village Board approved a new plan for Prairie Ridge North, leaving the Village with new housing products for more Hampshire current and new residents. 2023 brought Garden Berry, Hampshire Social, Alfanos Pizza to the downtown area. The funded facade improvement grants included: Blocks, The Kave, Garden Berry, and Hampshire Social. A new traffic light is expected at Big Timber Elementary School before school opens in August. The 90 acre Hampshire Logistics Park broke ground last fall. Freight Union completed their new HQ in Hampshire Woods this past spring and Old Dominion Freight will break ground just north of Pet Ag this summer. Hampshire launched the My Hampshire app.

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



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A motion was made by Roger Paddock that we set the next Annual Town Meeting for April 9th, 2024 at 7:30 pm. The motion was seconded by Jody Remakel and carried unanimously. There being no further business, a motion was made by Stan Walker that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Fred Rackow and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lori Marwig
Township Clerk