

**MINUTES OF THE
JANUARY 3, 2017 REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF SUGAR GROVE
KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Rowe called the meeting to order at 6:38pm followed by the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL was taken. Present were: Trustees Lee Drendel, Mike Fagel, Scott Hester, and Laurene Geary, Supervisor Tom Rowe, and Clerk Phil Silagi.

ALSO PRESENT: Shari Baum, James Baker

PUBLIC COMMENT: Shari Baum expressed disappointment with the proceedings of the Electoral Board and thanked the Board members for their service. Supervisor Rowe thanked Ms. Baum for her comments and also for her service on the Community House Board.

DECEMBER 6, 2016 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Trustee Fagel motioned, and Trustee Geary seconded the motion to review and approve the December 6, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes. Trustees Drendel and Geary noted that they have yet to receive an answer with regard to the last payroll check for deceased Assessor's Office employee Darlene Allen. Supervisor Rowe stated that he has not received an explanation from the Assessor. After discussion, Trustees Drendel, Geary, Hester, and Fagel, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

TOWNSHIP: Trustee Drendel motioned, and Trustee Fagel seconded the motion to review and approve the Township accounts payable for December 2016. Supervisor Rowe asked that we include a payment of \$2,414 to Aurora Township for Transportation Services that is not included in the accounts payable packet. After review, Trustees Drendel, Geary, Hester and Fagel, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye to approve the Township accounts payable with the addition of the payment of \$2,414 to Aurora Township. 0 nay. Motion carried. The balance in the Township checking account as of December 29, 2016 is \$516,353.26.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Trustee Geary motioned and Trustee Hester seconded the motion to review and approve the Road District accounts payable for December 2016. After review and discussion, Trustees Hester, Fagel, Geary, and Drendel, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nay. Motion carried. The balance in the Road & Bridge checking account as of December 29, 2016 is \$486,259.20.

PAYROLL REPORT: A copy of the payroll report for the period of December 10-22, 2017 was distributed and reviewed.

PROFIT & LOSS REPORT: Profit/Loss Reports for the period of April-December, 2016 were distributed and reviewed.

QUARTERLY TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Geary motioned, and Trustee Hester seconded the motion to review and approve the Treasurer's Quarterly Report. Trustee Hester questioned the maturity date on CD31829, Supervisor Rowe will verify the date. After review, Trustees Drendel, Geary, Fagel, and Hester, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Rowe presented a written report of his activities during the last month and highlighted the following: After talking with our attorney, apparently it is illegal for townships to give grants. However we can fund social service agencies like AID, unfortunately this leaves out organizations like food pantries and clothes closets which assist township residents. Supervisor Rowe provided an invitation to the Metro West Legislative Breakfast to be held at Waubensee January 19th if Board members are interested.

ASSESSOR: No report.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Commissioner Huggins was present but had to leave to monitor road conditions. Supervisor Rowe mentioned that Huggins submitted his 2017 Holiday Schedule and that he has received his new truck.

CLERKS REPORT: Clerk Silagi reported that the Township has a full slate of candidates for the April 4th Consolidated Election. All incumbents are running for re-election with the exception of Trustees Hester and Fagel. James Baker and Jerry Elliott will be running to fill those vacant Trustee positions. The only contest will be for Assessor, however, as most people present are aware, there is an objection to one of the candidates filing that is currently being heard by the Electoral Board. The Electoral Board met this evening and two of the three members were disqualified. The new Electoral Board consisting of Trustee Hester, Trustee Drendel, and a third person to be named, will reconvene later this month. Clerk Silagi will certify the ballot later is month, possibly placing an asterisk by the name of the Assessor candidate if the outcome of the objection is not determined by the deadline for certifying the ballot to the County Clerk.

TRUSTEES REPORT: Trustee Drendel mentioned that the Community House sewer system has been rodded and no problems were found. Shari Baum asked Supervisor Rowe if the Community House phone number was added to their web page and Supervisor Rowe said he added it a few months ago. Trustee Geary reported that the INC Board is having meetings this month to consider new users, including Mutual Ground, for the Thompson Center. Trustee Fagel mentioned that he will be deployed for the next three weeks planning for the transition in administrations at DHS. He also mentioned that the Fire Dept. will be purchasing a new ambulance this year using capital funding. This ambulance will replace a 15 year old unit.

SUGAR GROVE WATER AUTHORITY: Supervisor Rowe mentioned that well testing is supposed to begin in January and that Jerry Elliott will be reporting back to the Board on the test results.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Aurora & Sugar Grove Township Transportation Agreement Renewal: Supervisor Rowe explained that the agreement is our annual renewal and that while we are looking into expanding this service, we will have to renew at the current service levels as Aurora is experiencing a driver shortage. Shari Baum and the Board then discussed service to the new senior housing facility for the senior lunch and liability issues. Supervisor Rowe then asked for a motion to renew the existing agreement with no changes for 2017. Trustee Geary motioned, seconded by Trustee Hester to approve the Aurora & Sugar Grove Township Transportation Agreement Renewal. Trustees Drendel, Geary, Fagel, and Hester, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.
2. Review of Township Electronic Participation Policy for 2017-2021 Term: Supervisor Rowe asked the Board to revisit the electronic participation policy for the new term beginning in May. He stated that past discussions centered on the number of times per year a member could participate electronically. The current policy is what was approved in 2013. Trustee Geary suggested we limit it to once a quarter, or four times a year. Trustee Fagel didn't want to place limits on the number of times a member could participate electronically. The Board then discussed the possibility of two members requesting participation electronically for the same meeting and agreed to allow participation on a rotating basis. After additional discussion, the Board agreed to table this review until the new Board takes office at the June meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration & Potential Approval of SG Park District Baseball/Softball Sponsorship: Supervisor Rowe pointed out that this was an annual request and that in the past the Township sponsored at the \$250 or Gold Level. This year Gold Level sponsorship has been increased to \$300. After discussion Trustee Fagel motioned, seconded by Trustee Hester to sponsor the SG Park District Baseball/Softball program at the \$300 or Gold Level. Trustees Drendel, Geary, Fagel, and Hester, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.
2. Consideration & Potential Approval of A.I.D. Capital Campaign Request: Supervisor Rowe presented the Board with A.I.D.'s request of \$5,000 from Sugar Grove Township. Supervisor Rowe noted that the Dunham Fund will match contributions up to \$750,000. He also noted that Township residents with special needs family members have addressed the Board for assistance due to the limited resources of A.I.D. Rowe pointed out that legally we can't make a grant, but we can provide social service funding which would be acceptable to A.I.D. and would help out Township residents in need of services. Supervisor Rowe then noted that Lynn O'Shea President and CEO of A.I. D. has offered to make a presentation to the Board and answer questions if members are interested. Trustee Geary stated that she would like O'Shea to appear at our next meeting to answer questions regarding specific needs of SG Township residents. Supervisor Rowe noted that in 2016 A.I.D. has provided over \$700,000 in services to SG Township residents. The Board then discussed possible requests from other social service agencies and the need to develop a scoring scheme to evaluate the various requests. Trustee Hester suggested the scoring include criteria to insure that money donated would be used specifically for SG Township residents. Trustee Fagel felt that we should budget at least \$12,000 next year for these types of expenditures. The Board agreed to table this item until next month's meeting.

3. Consideration & Potential Approval of Senior Services Donation Request: Supervisor Rowe presented the request letter to the Board. The Board noted that the service area covered three counties and that we would need assurances that SG Township money donated would stay in the Township. Supervisor Rowe stated that he would inform them that once we developed a method of scoring requests, we would reconsider.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:51PM Trustee Hester motioned, seconded by Trustee Drendel to convene into executive session to discuss personnel and possible litigation issues. Trustees Drendel, Geary, Hester and Fagel and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Fagel moved, Trustee Drendel seconded and the Board unanimously approve adjourning the Executive Session and returning to Regular Session at 7:59PM

ADJOURNMENT: Trustee Hester moved, Trustee Geary seconded, and the Board unanimously approved adjourning the regular meeting at 8:00pm.