

**MINUTES OF THE  
APRIL 12, 2016 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
OF THE TOWN OF SUGAR GROVE  
KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Clerk Silagi called the meeting to order at 7:00pm followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHER ELECTORS PRESENT:** Laurene Geary, Tom Rowe, Lee Drendel, Greg Huggins, Jerry Murphy, Cathy & Matthew Hoyda, Clarice Dillard, Sally McCell, Shari Baum, Frank Babich, Doug Musser, Mike & Vicki Morkert.

**ELECTION OF MODERATOR:** Clerk Silagi read the purpose of the Moderator and called for nominations. Lee Drendel motioned, seconded by Scott Hester that Laurene Geary be nominated moderator. There being no other nominations, or objections, Laurene Geary was elected by voice vote. Motion carried.

**COMPENSATION OF MODERATOR:** Laurene Geary requested that the customary \$50 compensation be waived.

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING APRIL 14, 2015 MINUTES:** Moderator Geary asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the meeting minutes as presented. There being none, Scott Hester motioned, seconded by Lee Drendel to approve the Meeting Minutes of The Annual Town Meeting April 14, 2015. The motion was then unanimously approved by voice vote of the electors. Motion carried.

**ANNUAL 2015/2016 FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Moderator Geary directed Clerk Silagi to present for approval the following financial reports.

**TOWN FUND:** Clerk Silagi read the Annual Financial Report relative to the Town Fund. Clerk Silagi reported a beginning fund balance on April 1, 2015 of \$656,581; Revenue of \$548,036; Expenditures and Compensation of \$472,231, and an ending fund balance on March 31, 2016 of \$732,386. Moderator Geary asked for a motion to approve. Scott Hester motioned, seconded by Clarise Dillard to Approve the Annual Financial Report Relative to the Town Fund. Motion carried by voice vote.

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND:** Clerk Silagi read the Annual Financial Report relative to the Road & Bridge Fund. Clerk Silagi reported a beginning fund balance on April 1, 2015 of \$2,026,201; Revenue of \$863,661; Expenditures and Compensation of \$941,545, and an ending fund balance on March 31, 2016 of \$1,948,317. Moderator Geary asked for a motion to approve. Tom Rowe motioned, seconded by Sally McCell to Approve the Annual Financial Report Relative to the Road & Bridge Fund. Motion carried by voice vote.

**GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND:** Clerk Silagi read the Annual Financial Report relative to the General Assistance Fund. Clerk Silagi reported a beginning fund balance on April 1, 2015 of \$137,586; Revenue of \$9,985, Expenditures of \$654, and an ending fund balance on March 31, 2016 of \$146,917. Moderator Geary asked for a motion to approve. Greg Huggins

motioned, seconded by Clarise Dillard to Approve the Annual Financial Report Relative to the General Assistance Fund. Motion carried by voice vote.

**COMMUNITY BUILDING FUND:** Clerk Silagi read the Annual Financial Report relative to the Community Building Fund. Clerk Silagi reported a beginning fund balance on April 1, 2015 of \$293,900; Revenue of \$177,555; Expenditures of \$121,398, and an ending fund balance on March 31, 2016 of \$350,057. Moderator Geary asked for a motion to approve. Sally McCell motioned, seconded by Clarise Dillard to Approve the Annual Financial Report Relative to the Community Building Fund. Motion carried by voice vote.

**MENTAL HEALTH FUND:** Clerk Silagi read the Annual Financial Report relative to the Mental Health Fund. Clerk Silagi reported a beginning fund balance on April 1, 2015 of \$0.00; Revenue of \$106,398; Expenditures of \$106,398, and an ending fund balance on March 31, 2016 of \$0.00. Moderator Geary asked for a motion to approve. Tom Rowe motioned, seconded by Lee Drendel to Approve the Annual Financial Report Relative to the Mental Health Fund. Motion carried by voice vote.

## **REPORTS:**

**COMMUNITY BUILDING:** Jerry Murphy stated that he hoped that residents have had a chance to utilize the facilities of the Community Building during the past year. He then noted that they are continuing improvements to the building and grounds, which this past year focused on landscaped areas. Murphy then mentioned that they will be looking into remodeling of the bathrooms this year which will be an expensive project. Mr. Murphy then reported that they are continuing their review of policies and have adopted a new policy this past June with regard to building rental. This policy would limit rentals to Township residents or Township based businesses. He stated that this policy might impact revenue, but the Board felt that since the building was supported by Township tax revenue, it should be made available to Township residents and businesses exclusively. Mr. Murphy then asked any interested residents to contact him or Shari Baum if they would like to serve on the advisory committee. The advisory committee is being established to solicit input from the residents on building improvements and policy issues. Murphy then invited residents to attend their meetings which are held on the third Tuesday of every month.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:** Commissioner Huggins reported that the Highway Department would be replacing one of its older dump trucks with a new Freightliner that will be outfitted with snow plowing and salting equipment. Asphalt overlays for this year will include Mighel Rd., and Midfield off of Barnes Rd. The Road District has entered into an IGA with the Village for resurfacing of Kedeka Rd. Huggins then asked if anyone had any questions and mentioned that he is available to meet residents at their convenience to discuss any issues they might have regarding the Highway Dept.

**ASSESSOR:** Assessor Ross was absent and did not submit a written report. Lee Drendel commented that he would like the Assessor's absence noted in the meeting minutes. Clerk Silagi assured Drendel that her absence would be recorded in the meeting minutes.

**SUPERVISOR:** Supervisor Rowe thanked everyone present for their attendance, and noted that it was the largest crowd he has witnessed in his 15 years with the Township. He then thanked the Chamber for the opportunity to host their event prior to the meeting. Rowe then explained that currently Township government is being examined closely as the State is looking into the consolidation of local units of government. He went on to note that Sugar Grove Township

is only about 3% of their property tax bill which includes the Road District and that the residents get a lot of value for their tax dollar. Rowe also mentioned that Township government is the unit of government closest to the people with residents actually participating in Town meetings being held in every Township in Illinois the second Tuesday of April every year. Supervisor Rowe then reported that the Township had another good year and highlighted the following Board accomplishments:

1. Expanded the Senior Center Intergovernmental Agreement with the Sugar Grove Park District and Community Building to provide a free senior snacks & games day on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month in addition to the free senior lunch program on the last Tuesday of each month.
2. Provided over 100 ride hours to Sugar Grove Township senior and disabled residents through a Ride in Kane agreement with Aurora Township.
3. The Township Board froze the Township tax levy and reduced the Road District tax levy for the third consecutive year.
4. Completed a successful annual audit for 2014-15 with qualified auditor Knutte & Assoc.
5. Participated in sponsoring the new Sugar Grove Community Newsletter.
6. Adopted a new FOIA policy and made the new policy and forms available on the township website at [www.townshipofsugargrove.com](http://www.townshipofsugargrove.com).
7. Installed a new DVR and additional security cameras at the Township building.
8. Supervisor Rowe completed General Assistance Basic Training and hired a certified caseworker to assist potential clients with basic needs. This service was previously provided by Aurora Township and required Sugar Grove Township residents to travel to Aurora to apply for assistance.
9. Upgraded and updated the Township website with a new Facebook link to provide real time updates for area residents.
10. Began the Records Retention process through the Illinois State Archives Unit to purge old, redundant, or unnecessary records.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Cathy Hoyda addressed the group to inform them of the upcoming (June 26<sup>th</sup>) AID Color Burst 5k Fun Run event fundraiser to assist clients of AID. She provided sponsorship forms for those interested and also asked for participants.

Clarise Dillard addressed the meeting and explained that she has lived on the corner of Norris and Denny Rd. for over 30 years and that the dangerous conditions created by the sharp curve are still an issue. She has witnessed many crashes with injuries and would like to see this issue addressed. She has had discussions this with Road Commission Huggins and is looking for a solution.

Julie Walker on behalf of Between Friends, wanted to thank the Sugar Grove Township Board for their donation of tables.

Shari Baum thanked the Board for their work in expanding senior services.

**2017 TOWN MEETING DATE:** Moderator Geary stated that the 2017 Town Meeting Date per TOI (second Tuesday in April) will be April 11, 2017 at 7:00pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Jerry Murphy motioned, Lee Drendel seconded, and the electors unanimously approved adjourning the 2016 Sugar Grove Town Meeting at 7:34pm.