

**MINUTES OF THE
APRIL 14, 2015 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF SUGAR GROVE
KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

CALL TO ORDER: Clerk Silagi called the meeting to order at 7:05pm followed by the pledge of allegiance.

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHER ELECTORS PRESENT: Laurene Geary, Kevin Geary, Tom Rowe, Lee Drendel, Greg Huggins, Jerry Murphy, Mary Rees, Sean Michels, and Karen McCannon.

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

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

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING APRIL 8, 2014 MINUTES: Moderator Geary asked if there were any comments or discussion on the meeting minutes as presented. Tom Rowe asked if there was any follow up to suggestions by Renee Dee about a possible Friday night program at the Community Building. Jerry Murphy stated that they had some initial discussion with regard to scheduling, but that nothing came of it. There being no further discussion, Kevin Geary motioned, seconded by Greg Huggins to approve the Meeting Minutes of The Annual Town Meeting April 8, 2014. The motion was then unanimously approved by voice vote of the electors. Motion carried.

ANNUAL 2013/2014 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, 2014 of \$619,433; Revenue of \$532,435; Expenditures and Compensation of \$479,353, and an ending fund balance on March 31, 2015 of \$672,615. Clerk Silagi asked for a motion to approve. Tom Rowe motioned, seconded by Scott Hester 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, 2014 of \$2,395,802; Revenue of \$871,490; Expenditures and Compensation of \$1,218,228, and an ending fund balance on March 31, 2015 of \$2,049,064. Clerk Silagi asked for a motion to approve. Kevin Geary motioned, seconded by Lee Drendel 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, 2014 of \$125,284; Revenue of \$12,351, Expenditures of \$75, and an ending fund balance on March 31, 2015 of \$137,560. Clerk Silagi asked for a motion to approve. Kevin Geary motioned, seconded by Tom Rowe 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, 2014 of \$324,266; Revenue of \$177,230; Expenditures of \$197,722, and an ending fund balance on March 31, 2015 of \$303,774. Clerk Silagi asked for a motion to approve. Greg Huggins motioned, seconded by Lee Drendel 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, 2014 of \$100.00; Revenue of \$105,175; Expenditures of \$105,185; Fund Transfer to TWP Fund of \$90.00, and an ending fund balance on March 31, 2015 of \$0.00. Clerk Silagi asked for a motion to approve. Kevin Geary motioned, seconded by Scott Hester to Approve the Annual Financial Report Relative to the Mental Health Fund. Motion carried by voice vote.

REPORTS:

COMMUNITY BUILDING: Jerry Murphy reported the following improvements made last year including new carpet and window treatments in the Ladies Parlor, new flooring surface in the Scout's meeting room, and sealcoating of the parking lot. Other major improvements included re-plumbing of sewer lines to eliminate clogging. Mr. Murphy pointed out that as a result of this work we took the opportunity to replace the flooring in the Kitchen and Hall areas. As a result of these projects, the Community Building spent about \$20,000 more than it took in, however, it continues to have an adequate fund balance that will allow us to continue to improve and maintain the building. Mr. Murphy stated that they are soliciting suggestions from the community for any improvements they would like to see made. Karen McCannon suggested possible upgrades to the bathrooms. Kevin Geary asked if Mr. Murphy was noticing increased use of the building. Mr. Murphy responded by stating that usage has increased to the point that they are now considering limiting or prioritizing use to Sugar Grove Township residents. He then asked anyone interested in serving on the advisory committee, to contact him.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Commissioner Huggins reported that the Highway Department was not planning any major equipment purchases, however, would be performing major resurfacing projects including: W. Prairie from the Village line to Dugan Rd., McCannon Rd., the Township portion of Barnes Rd. South of Prairie, and Prairie from S. Barnes to the city limit which is just east of the bridge. Commissioner Huggins also pointed out that the IGA with the Village for snow removal has worked out well, saving time and money, and improving service.

ASSESSOR: Assessor Ross was absent and did not submit a written report. Karen McCannon commented for the record that she felt that considering the Assessor's salary, she should be able to attend at least one meeting a year.

SUPERVISOR: Supervisor Rowe reported that the Township Board had another good year and that they are now at the half way point of their four year term. Accomplishment during the last year include an expanded IGA with the Park District and Community Building to add a second day a month of senior activities called the Free Senior Snacks & Game Day, this is in addition to the Senior Lunch. Also during the year we completed an IGA with Pace and Aurora Township to provide senior transportation on Tuesdays and Thursday for medical appointments. Supervisor Rowe stated that so far we haven't had many seniors take advantage of the program, and he urged those in attendance to spread the word. He also suggested anyone eligible to register in person at the Aurora Township office so that if they had a future need, all they would have to do is make a phone call. Karen McCannon asked if it was available to disabled persons as well, and Supervisor Rowe responded that is available to seniors and disabled adults. Lee Drendel also pointed out that a companion of the senior rider can ride for free. Supervisor Rowe then informed the electors of the new Sugar Grove Community Newsletter that will be published twice a year and mailed to all Township residents providing them information on services available from the various governmental bodies. Supervisor Rowe then spoke about the new Township website that was developed through a partnership between Waubensee Community College and the Township. The Township received a new and upgraded, user friendly website for free in exchange for allowing the students to gain experience and receive college credits. The new website allows residents to view agendas, meeting minutes, audits, and other reports. Lastly Supervisor Rowe pointed out that we recently changed health insurance providers and were able to save over 30% on premiums.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

An unidentified resident asked about senior living facilities. Keven Geary (Village Trustee) responded that there is a 55 and older facility under construction on Galena that will have 70 one and two bedroom units with rent at market rates and subsidized for lower income seniors. This facility should be completed in the fall and is expected to be fully occupied with a second building in planning stages. Geary also pointed out that a three story assisted living facility is being built behind the West Suburban bank and is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2016. Kevin Geary commented that it has now been determined that the Village is responsible for maintenance of the Hanks Rd bridge and suggested that the Township erect a sign at the entrances notifying the public so that maintenance concerns can be properly directed. He also indicated that IDOT was looking into raising the bridge and major reconstruction, however, funds are not now available for that project. Commissioner Huggins added that the structure is owned by IDOT and that responsibility for maintenance falls to the jurisdiction responsible for the adjacent roadway. Huggins also noted that an overlay would add significant weight to the bridge and lead to limitations that could include the elimination of truck and bus traffic. A resident then asked about the bell located in the senior center and Lee Drendel responded that it was the old school bell and that the Township was looking at options for displaying it.

2016 TOWN MEETING DATE: Moderator Geary stated that the 2016 Town Meeting Date per TOI (second Tuesday in April) will be April 12, 2016

ADJOURNMENT: Greg Huggins motioned, Lee Drendel seconded, and the electors unanimously approved adjourning the 2015 Sugar Grove Town Meeting at 7:57pm.