

**MINUTES OF THE  
JUNE 5, 2018 REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TOWN OF SUGAR GROVE  
KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Rowe called the meeting to order at 6:05pm followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL** was taken. Present were: Trustees Jim Baker, Lee Drendel, Jerry Elliott, and Alison Squires (at 6:10pm), Supervisor Tom Rowe, Assessor Curt Karas, and Clerk Phil Silagi.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mike Ahasic, Deanna Ahasic, Mike Konicek, Wayne Konicek, Janice O'Connell, Ronald Hilger, Ed O'Connell, Ellen Blue, Ed Beaulieu, Ray Cailahan, Sandy & Earl Marshall, and Doug Musser.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** A group of residents living on Prairie and Mighel Roads addressed the Board with safety concerns about dangerous traffic conditions. Janice O'Connell addressed the Board and stated that she and her husband Ed have lived at the corner of Prairie and Mighel since 1962. Their driveway is about 100 feet from the stop sign and they are having trouble turning into their driveway due to traffic traveling at a high rate of speed. There are no posted speed limits and no police enforcement so traffic generally travels at excessive rates of speed. Additionally there are a lot of semi-trucks using these roads and Mrs. O'Connell wondered what authorization they had. Mrs. O'Connell stated that she called Road Commissioner Huggins who made excuses for why he couldn't help with the situation. She also called the Kane County Sheriff's Office and they sent a car out the next morning that issued 3 tickets in a short period of time. Ellen Blue who lives on Mighel Rd. spoke next and also expressed concerns about high speed traffic and being unable to get out of her driveway. She also commented on accidents including cars going off the road and one vehicle flipping. Ms. Blue also wondered why there were no weight limits signs posted to discourage truck traffic. Lastly she asked if something could be done about the intersection of Mighel and Jericho which is an angled intersection, causing blind spots that have resulted in fatalities. Assistant Road Commissioner Doug Musser stated that the Township has no authority to post signs regulating speed or weight limits, he personally would like to slow traffic in that area if he could. Musser explained that the County has jurisdiction with regard to signs regulating traffic and that the residents would have to make a request to the County to post signs or change speed and weight limits. After an extended discussion the residents agreed to attend the next County Board meeting and address their concerns there.

**MAY 1, 2018 TOWNSHIP & ROAD DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES:** Trustee Drendel motioned, and Trustee Baker seconded a motion to review and approve the May 1, 2018 Township & Road District Public Hearing Meeting Minutes. After review, Trustees Baker, Drendel, and Elliott, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

**MAY 1, 2018 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:** Trustee Elliott motioned, and Trustee Drendel seconded the motion to review and approve the May 1, 2018 regular meeting minutes. After review, Trustees Baker, Drendel, and Elliott, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

TOWNSHIP: Trustee Squires motioned, seconded by Trustee Baker to review and approve the May Township accounts payable as presented. After review, Trustees Baker, Drendel, Elliott, and Squires, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried. The balance in the Township checking account as of May 31, 2018 is \$246,678.67.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Trustee Baker motioned, and Trustee Drendel seconded the motion to review and approve the May Road and Bridge accounts payable as presented. After review, Trustees Baker, Drendel, Elliott, and Squires, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried. The balance in the Road & Bridge checking account as of May 31, 2018 is \$431,064.11.

**PAYROLL REPORT:** April 30<sup>th</sup> through May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**PROFIT & LOSS REPORTS:** April through May 2018.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Supervisor Rowe presented the Board with an article from a local newspaper outlining a plan for Blackberry Township and the Village of Elburn to partner in sponsoring a Ride in Kane service for their residents. Rowe commented that it is an alternative to our senior transportation service but would require cooperation from the Village of Sugar Grove.

**REPORTS:**

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Rowe presented a written report of his activities during the last month. He also highlighted the following items: He attended the State of the Village address given by Sean Michels. The first Groovin' in the Grove event is scheduled for June 22<sup>nd</sup> on the Library grounds. Currently the Community Building pays the Township \$200 per month for office support services. With the departure of Willie King from their Board, there has been an increase in the amount of work performed by Jim Kreitz. Consequently we are considering a modest increase in the monthly fee. As a result of the increased responsibilities of Community Building office support, Supervisor Rowe is recommending a .50 cent per hour increase in Jim Kreitz' hourly rate from \$19.50 to \$20.00 per hour effective with the next pay period. Supervisor Rowe attended the Rt. 47 Reconstruction Public Hearing on preliminary engineering. This project from Kennedy Rd. in Yorkville to Cross St. in Sugar Grove would provide for two lanes of traffic in each direction, new traffic signals, and a shared use path and bridge improvements. Funding has been allocated for the stretch from Cross St. to Galena Rd. with construction scheduled to begin in 2020. Lastly Supervisor Rowe provided the Board with an updated Township contact list.

**ASSESSOR:** Assessor Karas reported that the property tax bills have been mailed and that the appeal process ends July 2<sup>nd</sup>. He also reported that a number of people who have called in are not claiming all of their exemptions and the Assessor's office is assisting them with that. Karas then explained the appeal process which starts with an appeal to his office and then if the issue can't be resolved, it would go to the County Board of Appeals. Last year 18 cases went to the Board of Appeals where 8 assessments were unchanged and 10 were decreased.

**ROAD & BRIDGE:** No report

**CLERKS REPORT:** Clerk Silagi reported that he filed the Township and Road District budgets with the County Clerk.

**TRUSTEES REPORT:** Trustee Drendel reported that the Community House will be closed for the month of July for annual maintenance which this year will include upgrading of the sprinkler system. Trustee Elliott presented three slides indicating water levels in wells that are monitored. The first slide of the well at his house showed a static water level of 10 feet with a 6 foot drop down during times when City of Aurora well 101 at Blackberry Farm was pumping. The airport well level was only influenced by rainfall. City of Aurora well 101 has a static depth of 10 to 13 feet similar to all shallow wells in the Township, but dropped to 80 feet during periods of pumping. The cone of depression around well 101 is about a mile and a half.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Consideration & Potential Approval of Freedom 1<sup>st</sup> Transportation Agreement: Supervisor Rowe presented the Board with the latest updated agreement and noted that there are still outstanding insurance requirement issues that need to be negotiated. Based on the current agreement the following has been agreed upon: Transportation will be provided Monday through Friday 7:30AM to 5:30PM. Service area boundaries will be Route 59 to the east, Route 30 to the south, Route 64 to the north, and Dugan Rd. to the west. Ridership will be limited to Township residents 65 years of age or older, or medically disabled residents unable to obtain an Illinois driver's license. Eligible residents will be limited to 2 round trips or 4 one way rides for medical or employment purposes, or 1 round trip or 2 one way rides for shopping. Fees would be \$65 per hour as compared to our current rate with Aurora Twp. of \$75 per hour. Fares would be \$3 per ride as compared to current rate of \$4 per ride. All trips will have a one and a half hour minimum, and two and a half hour maximum billable. Trustee Squires asked if medical assistance animals would be allowed to ride. Supervisor Rowe will get an answer to that question and also if companions will be allowed to ride for free as is currently the policy. Supervisor Rowe asked the Board for comments on the current agreement before next month's meeting when hopefully the insurance issues will be resolved.
2. Approval of Sugar Grove Mental Health 708 Board Candidate Denise Claessens: Supervisor Rowe presented the Board with the recommendation from Jerry Murphy for the above referenced appointment. Trustee Drendel motioned, seconded by Trustee Squires to Approve Sugar Grove Mental Health 708 Board Candidate Denise Claessens. Trustees Baker, Drendel, Elliott, and Squires, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1 Consideration & Potential Approval of Township & Road District Prevailing Wage Ordinances #2018-3 & 2018-4: Supervisor Rowe presented the above referenced Ordinances to the Board as prepared by the Township attorney and required by law. Trustee Drendel motioned, and Trustee Elliott seconded the motion to Approve Prevailing Wage Ordinance #2018-3 & 2018-4. Trustees Baker, Drendel, Elliott, and Squires, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.
- 2 Consideration & Potential Approval of 2018 Sugar Grove Corn Boil Sponsorship: Supervisor Rowe presented the Board with the above referenced sponsorship request and commented that in the past the Township has sponsored the Harvester Shuttle at the \$300 level. After a brief discussion, Trustee Drendel motioned, and Trustee Squires seconded the motion to Approve Sponsorship of the 2018 Sugar Grove Corn Boil Harvester Shuttle for \$300. Trustees Baker, Drendel, Elliott, and Squires, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF DEC. 5, 2017 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:** Clerk Silagi presented the Board with the minutes of the above referenced closed session. After review, Trustee Squires motioned, and Trustee Baker seconded the motion to Approve the Dec. 5, 2017 Closed Session Meeting Minutes. Trustees Baker, Drendel, Elliott, and Squires, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Trustee Squires motioned, Trustee Drendel seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved adjourning the regular meeting at 7:52pm.