

**MINUTES OF THE
SEPTEMBER 4, 2018 REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF SUGAR GROVE
KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Rowe called the meeting to order at 6:00pm followed by the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL was taken. Present were: Trustees James Baker, Lee Drendel, Jerry Elliott, and Alison Squires, Supervisor Tom Rowe, Doug Musser, and Clerk Phil Silagi.

ALSO PRESENT: Ron Hain.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

AUGUST 7, 2018 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Trustee Drendel motioned, and Trustee Baker seconded the motion to review and approve the August 7, 2018 Meeting Minutes. After review, Trustees Baker, Drendel, Elliott, and Squires and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

TOWNSHIP: Trustee Squires motioned and Trustee Drendel seconded the motion to review and approve the August Town Accounts Payable. After review Trustees Baker, Drendel, Elliott, and Squires, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nay. Motion carried. The balance in the Township checking account as of August 30, 2018 is \$365,307.89.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Trustee Elliott motioned and Trustee Squires seconded the motion to review and approve the August Road & Bridge Accounts Payable. After review and discussion, Trustees Baker, Drendel, Elliott, Squires, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nay. Motion carried. The balance in the Road & Bridge checking account as of August 30, 2018 is \$758,114.50.

PAYROLL REPORT: For the period 7/16/18 thru 8/26/18. Supervisor Rowe noted that this report reflects the last check for Judy Kreitz. Lori Boyd and Tonia Gavin will be sharing Judy's Township duties.

PROFIT & LOSS REPORT: April through August 2018.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Rowe brought to the attention of the Board, correspondence from Ancil Glink to our auditors regarding fees charged to the Township to represent them in tax objection cases. They informed the auditors that there are no matters pending against the Township which involve claims in excess of \$9,750 excluding unasserted claims. Supervisor Rowe also pointed out that SB2299 has passed and has been signed by the Governor prohibiting elected Township officials from being employed in another capacity by the same township.

REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Rowe presented a written report of his activities during the last month. He also wanted to highlight the following items: Supervisor Rowe informed the Board that the Chamber golf outing is Oct. 12th at Bliss Creek for anyone interested. The TOI Kane County annual dinner is scheduled for Oct. 24th at the Lincoln Inn. The TOI Annual Conference in Springfield is scheduled for Nov. 11 – 13th, registration deadline is Oct 24th for any Board members interested. Supervisor Rowe attended the Public Hearing for the electronic message board sign and the Village meeting on Aug. 21st. The sign was approved as proposed with the restriction that the sign cannot display between 11:00pm and 5:00am. Supervisor Rowe informed the Board that today was the first day of service for the new senior/disabled transportation program provided by Freedom 1st. There were 3 or 4 rides scheduled. All existing clients registered with Aurora Township have been contacted and 6 have re-registered with Freedom 1st.

ASSESSOR: No report.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Doug Musser reported that a pre-con meeting is scheduled this Thursday with Geneva Construction for the Winthrop and Thornapple Tree overlay projects. The third round of mowing has been completed and they are now working on tree trimming. The new full-time employee started working today.

CLERKS REPORT: Clerk Silagi commented on the recent TOI workshop and the clerk's breakout session. He reported that the clerks compared Board meeting lengths and concluded that our meetings were the longest at 1.5 to 2 hours. Meeting lengths for the approximately 25 clerks in attendance ranged from 15 minutes to 2 hours, with the average about 30 to 40 minutes. Supervisor Rowe commented that the only way we could shorten the meetings would be to cut back on the reports portion of the meeting.

TRUSTEES REPORT: Trustee Drendel stated that with the resignation of Jerry Murphy from the Community Building Board effective Oct. 1st, their Board agreed that Steve would replace Jerry as President, Sheri Baum would remain as treasurer and the new member would become secretary. The Community Building Board is accepting applications for a replacement member up until the next meeting. Trustee Drendel suggested recognizing Jerry Murphy for his six years of service to the Community Building with a \$50 gift card. The Board approved the \$50 gift card for Jerry Murphy by voice vote. Trustee Baker reported that the Airport Board met on 8/13 and discussed the approval by the Village of solar panel installations and how it might affect the air traffic. They also discussed possible funding by the City of Aurora for a rate study which might determine if a customs operation would be feasible. The airfield signage project was completed in July and the airport entrance sign project may receive \$50,000 in funding from the City of Aurora. There are some questions as to how the proceeds from the sale of the ball field can be spent. FAA approval may be required before the money can be used so the airport authority is seeking clarification on this issue. The airport is looking into purchasing a device to measure slickness of runway surfaces so that conditions can be more accurately reported. The Airport Authority Board currently has three vacant positions and two more persons have recently resigned bringing the total to five vacant positions on a thirteen member Board. Trustee Baker stated that they are looking into the

possibility of reducing the Board to nine members. Trustee Squires reported that the Mental Health Board did not meet, however, she requested Board approval to invite Dr. John Perryman to next month's meeting to make a 10 minute presentation on a Medicare for All health insurance system. There were no objections to Trustee Squires request and Supervisor Rowe suggested Mr. Perryman make the presentation at the beginning of the meeting.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT: Trustee Elliott began his report by stating that this report is also being given to the Illinois State Water Survey Group and that they have recognized that what we are doing is unique in Illinois. This report will also be given to the Northwest Planning Alliance. The report outlines where we presently stand with local water monitoring which will help us determine our future. The report provides information on local head levels, and contamination, and provides an analysis of changing conditions on a timely basis to local officials and homeowners. Will and Kane counties provide the largest draw from the deep aquifers. Shallow water withdrawals have reduced pressure in Sugar Grove Township and have reduced the number of natural springs from 26 to 3. Contamination of shallow water reserves consists primarily of road salts and the highest concentrations in southern Kane County center around Aurora. Trustee Elliott then talked about well monitoring equipment and Sugar Grove Township monitoring sites. He then noted that drilling on a new 400ft. monitoring well site at the Sauer Forrest Preserve will begin soon funded by a US grant. The goal is to monitor the Aurora and St. Charles bedrock which are pre-historic rivers which have now become aquifers. Elliott then discussed the cone of depression around City of Aurora shallow well 101 on Galena Blvd. at Pioneer Park. The normal non-pumping condition finds water at about 9ft below the ground. During pumping, the level drops to 80ft. as the City is pumping about 900,000 gallons a day. In spite of these large water withdrawals, the aquifer recharges in about a day and a half. This activity lowers the level of water in Elliott's well, which is about 4,000 feet from Aurora's well, by about 6ft. The water levels in private wells on Midfield Dr. which are much closer to Aurora's well are probably much lower during pumping activity. Elliott then talked about how the monitoring system enables them to look at the influence of rainfall on recharging aquifers and the correlation between well levels and water levels in Blackberry Creek. Chicago Metropolitan Area Planning's Regional water forecast predicts a 34% increase in shallow aquifer water consumption by 2050. The Water Authority along with other agencies, are looking at strategies to maintain shallow aquifer levels and insure adequate water resources for the future.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Hanks Rd. Bridge Update: Supervisor Rowe presented the Board with correspondence on this subject between Road Commissioner Huggins and our attorney. The Village continues to maintain that roadway maintenance for the new bridge should not be their responsibility and will not sign an agreement accepting that responsibility as required by IDOT before the new bridge can be built. The Township Road District has signed an agreement with IDOT for maintenance of the Lake Run portion of that bridge. IDOT will not move forward with the new bridge until both maintenance agreements have been signed. The Road District has agreed to maintain the Hanks Rd portion of the bridge on a short term basis if the Village will sign an IGA for longer term maintenance. The Village contends that the original 1964 IGA with the Township requires the Township to continue to be responsible regardless of the facts that the Village annexed the surrounding area in 1988 and the bridge will be a new structure not covered by the 1964 agreement.

2. Sugar Grove Community Building Notice of Board Vacancy & Jerry Murphy Letter: Supervisor Rowe presented the Board with formal notice of the vacancy Trustee Drendel discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration & Potential Approval of Bliss House Repairs: Supervisor Rowe presented the Board with a proposal from Azemi & Sons Inc. for siding repair and painting of the rear of the building. Rowe noted that Azemi has done previous repairs to the building including moving it to its present location. Trustee Drendel questioned whether the Township should solicit other bids and Rowe responded that Azemi does quality work and is familiar with historic structures and since the bid of not to exceed \$7,500 is under the \$10,000 threshold for multiple bids, he is recommending we accept his proposal. Trustee Elliott motioned, seconded by Trustee Squires to accept the bid from Azemi & Sons Inc. for Bliss House Repairs in an amount not to exceed \$7,500. Trustees Bakes, Drendel, Elliott, and Squires, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.
2. Consideration & Potential Approval of SG Chamber Golf Outing Sponsorship: Supervisor Rowe presented the Board with information on the above golf outing and asked if anyone wanted to attend. Rowe mentioned that in the past we have sponsored a hole for \$50. Trustee Drendel motioned, seconded by Trustee Elliot to Sponsor a hole at the SG Chamber Golf Outing for \$50. 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 7:50pm.