

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

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Rowe called the meeting to order at 6:02pm followed by the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL was taken. Present were: Trustees Baker, Drendel, Elliott, and Squires, Supervisor Tom Rowe, Clerk Phil Silagi, Assessor Curt Karas, and Road District Foreman Doug Musser.

ALSO PRESENT: Dan Nagel, Aaron Rybski

OATH OF OFFICE: Clerk Silagi administered the oath of office to newly appointed Community Building Board of Managers Aaron Rybski.

NOVEMBER 6, 2018 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Trustee Baker motioned, and Trustee Elliott seconded the motion to review and approve the November 6, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. After review, Trustees Baker, Drendel, Elliott and Squires, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

TOWNSHIP: Trustee Elliott motioned and Trustee Baker seconded the motion to review and approve the November Town accounts payable. After discussion, Trustees Baker, Drendel, Elliott, and Squires, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nay. Motion carried. Approving the November Town Accounts Payable as presented and also approving payment of check #17035 to the Kane County Assessors Association. The balance in the Township checking account as of November 29, 2018 is \$480,424.69.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Trustee Drendel motioned, and Trustee Baker seconded a motion to review and approve the November Road & Bridge Accounts. Supervisor Rowe noted the five \$200 checks were for the annual employee clothing allowance. After review, Trustees Baker, Drendel, Elliott, and Squires, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nay. Motion carried. The balance in the Road & Bridge checking account as of November 29, 2018 is \$988,993.88.

PAYROLL REPORT: For the Period Oct.22nd through Nov. 18th.

PROFIT & LOSS: April 1st through Nov. 30th.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Rowe presented the Board with correspondence from IDOT with regard to improvements along Route 47 in conjunction with the Rout 47 I-88 interchange. IDOT is proposing a sidewalk and shared use bike path from WCC to Green Rd. and would like Township participation in costs for construction as well as an agreement for maintenance. After discussion the Board questioned whether jurisdiction should be with the Township or Forrest Preserve District and whether the Township is equipped for maintenance of these areas. Supervisor Rowe will reach out to IDOT for more information on this project.

REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Rowe presented a written report and highlighted the following: Supervisor Rowe provided the Board with a copy of HB4637 being considered in Springfield that would allow a township board or citizen petition in McHenry County to put a question on the ballot to dissolve a township and turn operations over to the County. The bill would also abolish road districts in McHenry and Lake County with 15 or fewer miles and transfer power to the township. TOI is recommending members contact their state representative and voice opposition. Illinois Dept. of Human Services has increased the payment levels for GA and Supervisor Rowe has attached the guidelines. Supervisor Rowe then asked the Board if they might be interested in offering a program for assisting income qualified seniors with lawn mowing. After a brief discussion, the Board decided to give the proposal some consideration after getting more information. Next Supervisor Rowe informed the Board that he would like to replace three cracked windows in the Township building and budget for replacement of others with cracked seals. He attached a proposal from Schor Glass for replacement of the cracked windows. Lastly Supervisor Rowe provided an update on the senior transportation program which now has 26 registered participants and has provided 53 rides in November and 140 rides for the period September through November.

ASSESSOR: Assessor Karas reported the following: They are in the process of reassessing all of the neighborhoods in the township. Karas had a booth space during the Holiday in the Grove event and spoke with residents about their property taxes and possible exemptions. On April 1st their office adopted a new employee handbook that included the elimination of holiday pay for part-time employees.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Doug Musser reported that they have received their first 100 ton of salt and he has ordered another 100 tons. They have completed their tree trimming and stump grinding and are now doing a garbage pick-up while there is no snow on the ground.

CLERKS REPORT: Clerk Silagi reported that he has scheduled a meeting with Steve from the Secretary of State's office to develop a system for records retention and disposal.

TRUSTEES REPORT: Trustee Drendel reported that the new Community Building Board member Aaron Rybski is now official. Drendel is currently training the new maintenance supervisor who will be taking his place on Dec. 25th. He has made arrangements for snow removal in front of the dumpsters after a recent incident following a snow storm. Trustee Elliott reported that the Water Authority participated in a presentation to the Northwest Water Planning Alliance. He also reported that 2 additional wells have been drilled and will have Campbell monitoring equipment installed in them in January.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Hanks Road Bridge Update: Supervisor Rowe presented the Board with correspondence from IDOT and the Village with regard to the Village's continued refusal to execute a Letter of Understanding with IDOT for construction of the new bridge. A meeting is scheduled for December 12th with IDOT, the Village, and Road District to try and resolve this issue. If the issue is not resolved and the new bridge constructed, the existing bridge may have to be closed due to safety concerns.
2. Consideration & Potential Approval of 2019 Blue Cross Health & Dental Insurance Plan: Supervisor Rowe presented the Board with the above plan and noted that monthly premiums will decrease for the first time in several years from \$11,320 to \$10,561 partially due to a decrease in age of covered employees. After review, Trustee Squires motioned, seconded by Trustee Baker to Approve the 2019 Blue Cross Health & Dental Insurance Plan. Trustees Baker, Drendel, Elliott, and Squires, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.
3. Consideration & Potential Approval of Medicare for All Resolution #2018-C: Supervisor Rowe presented the Board with the above resolution in support of a Medicare for All Health Insurance Program. Trustee Elliott questioned the Township Board's jurisdiction on this issue and also cited the TOI handbook recommending avoiding items of a political nature. Clerk Silagi pointed out that because this affects every resident of our Township, it affects our employees, and it would result in significant savings for our tax payers, it is an issue we should weigh in on. Clerk Silagi also explained that he felt that it was not political since the leaders of both political parties are against it in spite of the fact that a majority of Americans in both parties as well as independents support it. An extended discussion then took place until Supervisor Rowe observed that the Board was undecided on this issue and that maybe we could revisit it at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration & Adoption of Sugar Grove Township Tax Levy Ordinance #2018-5: Supervisor Rowe presented the Board with the above levy ordinance for adoption noting that the Township levy will be flat with the exception of the small increase for Mental Health. Trustee Drendel motioned, seconded by Trustee Squires to Adopt Ordinance 2018-5 Sugar Grove Township Tax Levy in the total amount of \$622,679 (General Town Fund \$502,415, General Assistance Fund \$2,000, and Mental Health Fund \$118,264) of which amounts levied plus funds on hand at the end of the year exceeding 2.5 times the average expenditure from the fund for the past three years will be used to fund strategic plan initiatives. Trustees Baker, Drendel, Elliott, and Squires, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.
2. Consideration & Adoption of Sugar Grove Road District Levy Ordinance #2018-6: Supervisor Rowe presented the Board with the above levy ordinance and noted there was no change from the estimated levy adopted last month. After review, Trustee Elliott motioned, seconded by Trustee Baker to Adopt Ordinance 2018-6 Sugar Grove Township Road District Levy in the amount of \$130,231 for the General Road Fund, and a rate of \$.138 for the Permanent Road Fund of which amounts levied plus funds on hand at the end of the year exceeding 2.5 times the average expenditure from the funds for the past three years will be used to fund the planned 7 year pavement overlay schedule. Funds contained in CD's to be utilized for their earmarked purposes. Trustees Baker, Drendel, Elliott and Squires, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

3. Consideration & Potential Approval of 2019 Township Meeting Dates and Times: Supervisor Rowe presented the Board with the schedule of meeting dates. All meetings will fall on the first Tuesday of every month with the exception of January which will be the second Tuesday since the first Tuesday falls on New Year's Day. The Annual Town meeting is scheduled for April 9th. After review, Trustee Drendel motioned, and Trustee Elliott seconded the motion to approve the 2019 Township Meeting Dates as presented. Trustees Baker, Drendel, Elliott, and Squires, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.
4. Sugar Grove Road Commissioner Greg Huggins Retirement Letter: Supervisor Rowe presented the Board with a letter from Road Commissioner Huggins informing the Board of his intention to retire effective Feb. 28, 2019 which would give him 40 years of service to Sugar Grove Township. Supervisor Rowe will place an item on next month's agenda with regard to filling his position. An extended discussion then began about a recognition luncheon for Commissioner Huggins. Supervisor Rowe and Doug Musser will follow up with Commissioner Huggins to see if he would agree to attend a luncheon in his honor.

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