

**MINUTES OF THE
SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 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, Jerry Elliott, and Alison Squires, Supervisor Tom Rowe, Road District Commissioner Doug Musser, Assessor Curt Karas, and Clerk Phil Silagi.

ALSO PRESENT: Kane County Deputy Rojkowski, Bill Brogan, Diana Baker, Thorsten Belicke, Dan Nagel, Marion Bond, and John Anderson.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Deputy Ryan Rojkowski introduced himself as one of the new township deputy's. He reported that there was not any recent crime activity in the township and provided the Board with contact information. Supervisor Rowe then asked others present to introduce themselves.

METRONET PRESENTATION: Supervisor Rowe introduced Thorsten Belicke the business representative for Metronet who will be providing the Board with proposals for internet and phone service. Thorsten began his presentation by explaining that Metronet began serving Sugar Grove over a year ago and that they are an all fiber optic provider of internet and telephone service. He stated that fiber optic service is faster and more reliable with less moving parts than the standard copper based service from AT&T or Mediacom. He then provided the Board with proposals for replacement of the current service with faster internet and more reliable telephone service. The proposal was itemized for each agency with separate pricing for internet and telephone. Mr. Belicke explained that their service is very ala carte so that nothing is bundled and while he would prefer that all Township agencies switch to Metronet, the different agencies can decide to opt in or remain with their current service. There will be separate firewalls for each agency so that there will be no intrusion between agencies and there will be a separate fiber connection for each one. There will be a third optical connection with 4 copies of your system, 2 in Indianapolis and 2 in Aurora off site which will provide 24/7 security and generator backup that will allow you to take calls off-site in the event of a tornado or other emergency. The initial agreement will be for 36 months with the first three months free. After the initial period you will have the option to renew or continue service month to month. Mr. Belicke stated that they have implemented service with a number of large customers including the West Aurora School District. Supervisor Rowe offered to provide Mr. Belicke with our current AT&T bills so that he could provide pricing based on our current service for comparison purposes. He then suggested forming a committee with the Assessor, Road Commissioner, and any interested Trustees to discuss and evaluate the proposal from Metronet.

AUGUST 6, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Trustee Baker motioned, and Trustee Elliott seconded the motion to review and approve the August 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes. After review, Trustees Baker, Elliott, and Squires and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

TOWNSHIP: Trustee Squires motioned and Trustee Baker seconded the motion to review and approve the August Town Accounts Payable. After review Trustees Baker, Elliott, and Squires, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nay. Motion carried. The balance in the Township checking account as of August 29, 2019 is \$401,344.84.

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, Elliott, and Squires, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nay. Motion carried. The balance in the Road & Bridge checking account as of August 29, 2019 is \$521,673.73.

PAYROLL REPORT: For the period 7/15/19 thru 8/25/19.

PROFIT & LOSS REPORT: April through August 2019.

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 reported that our agreement with Freedom 1st. for senior/disabled transportation has been in place for one year. During that time we have had 40 residents register for the program. In the month of August we have provided 67 rides, bringing the total rides for the first year to 653 rides. The Blackberry Creek Bridge and Shared-Use Path Phase I Project has experienced delays in the process but EEI anticipates design approval to be granted in the next few months so that Phase II can begin. The A.I.D. Quarterly Service report shows A.I.D. is serving 3 clients in SG Township providing 803 rides at a cost of \$24,565 over the past year. Sugar Grove Township has provided \$5,000 per year in social service funding to A.I.D. since 2017 to help offset the cost of this service. Attendance for this past month's Groovin' in the Grove concert series was over 500 with one remaining concert on September 13th. Lastly Supervisor Rowe provided members with information on the upcoming TOI annual conference and asked that members interested in attending contact him.

ASSESSOR: Assessor Karas reported that 89 property owners filed complaints with the Kane County Board of Review. Of the 89, 46 will attend a hearing with the Board and Assessor Karas present, the other 43 are mail in appeals. The appeal process will be concluded at the end of September.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Road Commissioner Doug Musser reported that the curb and sidewalk portion of the Prestbury overlay project is 50% complete. The two drainage basins at Hanks and Bliss are in and awaiting asphalt repairs to direct water to the drains. Repairs to the Prairie St bridge approaches are scheduled.

CLERKS REPORT: No report.

TRUSTEES REPORT: Trustee Baker reported that Airport Authority Board met last month and that they were informed that the airport entrance sign replacement scheduled for this year has been postponed for at least two years due to budgetary shortages. The airport lighting control system upgrade project is behind schedule but will be completed by the end of September. They are making progress on the removal of disabled aircraft at the airport from a high of 5 or 6 down to 2 currently on the property. One of the last two is tied up in a state dispute so it might be a couple years before all the disabled aircraft are removed. Lastly he reported that the flight school operator will probably be leasing additional space to accommodate expanded operations due to the shortage of airline pilots. Trustee Elliott reported that the Water Authority has ordered an additional Campbell Scientific well monitor to be installed on the Jim Rados property. They have met with the owners of the LeBeau property who have agreed to allow the Water Authority to monitor a well on the property pending suitability of the well. The wells being monitored by the Water Authority are now linked to the SG Township website providing real time hourly water level information to anyone visiting the site. The Illinois Water Authority is planning a similar feature on their website providing water level information on monitored wells throughout the state. One of the goals of the Water Authority has been to monitor water levels in a deep aquifer with costs estimated to be about \$20,000. The Fox Metro Sanitary District has a deep water aquifer well and has now installed a well monitor accomplishing our goal at no cost to the Water Authority. What was originally a meeting scheduled for next Tuesday to improve our relationship with Montgomery, has turned into a meeting to create a task force to study aquifers. Now included in the meeting are the Ill. State Water Survey and a legislative aide to State Rep. Wheeler. Trustee Elliott will also be inviting representatives from Sugar Grove and Aurora. Trustee Squires had no report since the Mental Health Board did not meet. Trustee Squires then requested Board approval to plant native plants around the Township Building to attract butterflies. The Board was supportive of her offer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Records Retention Update: Supervisor Rowe reported at the last meeting that he submitted summary sheets as requested and after leaving numerous messages and emails he has received no response. Rowe stated that he will continue to attempt to contact Mr. Colaizzi in an effort to bring this process to a conclusion.
2. Hanks Road Bridge Update: Road Commissioner informed the Board that construction on the bridge repairs were scheduled to start today but have been delayed due to weather with project completion scheduled for the end of October. The project will include asphalt overlay, painting, and misc. repairs.
3. Consideration & Potential Approval of FY19 Annual Treasurer's Report: Supervisor Rowe presented the final draft of the Annual Treasurer's Report for Approval. Trustee Elliott motioned, and Trustee Baker seconded the motion to approve the FY19 Annual Treasurer's Report. Trustees Baker, Elliott, and Squires, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration & Potential Approval of Parking Lot Sealcoating Estimates: Supervisor Rowe presented the Board with three proposals for sealcoating the Township building and Bliss House parking lots. After discussion it was agreed that sealcoating of the Township building parking lot was unnecessary if resurfacing is planned for next year. Consequently, it was agreed to accept the low bid of J & J Sealcoating for crack filling and sealcoating of the Bliss House parking lot. Trustee Baker motioned, and Trustee Squires seconded the motion to approve the low bid of \$1,200.00 submitted by J & J Sealcoating for sealcoating and crack filling of the Bliss House parking lot. Trustees Baker, Elliott, and Squires, and Supervisor voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.
2. Sugar Grove Township 708 Board 2019 Tax Levy Request: Supervisor Rowe presented the Board with the 2019 Tax Levy request by the 708 Mental Health Board. The request is for an increase of the CPI (1.9%) plus new construction of .70% for a total increase request of 2.6%. Rowe noted that the Township has kept their levy flat for the last 6 years with the exception of the increase for the Mental Health Fund. This request is for informational purposes prior to consideration and adoption of the 2019 Township Tax Levy.
3. Notice of Sugar Grove Township Board of Trustees Vacancy: Supervisor Rowe noted that he will post the above referenced notice and since a number of candidates are in attendance at tonight's meeting, he asked them to introduce themselves. Mr. John Anderson introduced himself first and then talked about his experience. He is a resident of Cherry Hill, retired Caterpillar supervisor, investment advisor, and on the board of trustees at his church. He would like to bring his experience to the Township Board. Marion Bond introduced herself next as a resident of SG precinct 2 in Montgomery. She is on the Montgomery Plan Commission and the Montgomery Foundation. Her work experience includes a marketing and communication business she started with her husband. Marion has a degree from Drake University in child development and child psychology, a degree from WCC in early childhood development and later was employed by WCC in their day care program. Marion is now semi-retired and works part-time for the SG Park District as a care counselor at McDole school. Next Bill Brogan introduced himself and stated that has lived on Denny Road for the past 5 years and was a resident of Walnut Woods for the previous 9 years. His experience includes serving as a director for Geneva's Emergency Services and as a volunteer fire fighter in Dundee for 12 years. Bill would like to be active in and serve his community. The last candidate, Dan Nagel introduced himself and noted that he lives on Prairie St. Dan's experience includes almost 40 years as a former member of this Board serving as a Trustee and later Supervisor. Dan is a farmer and would like to have a member of the farming community represented on this Board. Supervisor Rowe stated that he will post the notice of the Board vacancy and accept applications until the end of September with appointment of the new Trustee at the October 1st meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Trustee Squires motioned, Trustee Baker seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved adjourning the regular meeting at 7:30pm.