

**MINUTES OF THE  
OCTOBER 1, 2019 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 James Baker, Jerry Elliott, and Alison Squires, Supervisor Tom Rowe, Assessor Curt Karas, Road Commissioner Doug Musser, and Clerk Phil Silagi.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Deputy Rojkowski, John Anderson, Dan Nagel, Ray Feldott, and Bill Brogan.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Deputy Rojkowski reported nothing of significance happening in the township. He is patrolling for violators of the Granart Rd closure. Ray Feldott introduced himself as a candidate for the Board vacancy. He informed the Board that he has been in the area since 1969 and is currently actively farming, raising livestock and has managed rental properties in the past.

**SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:** Trustee Squires motioned, and Trustee Elliott seconded the motion to review and approve the September 3, 2019 Meeting Minutes. Supervisor Rowe informed the Board that the contractor awarded to sealcoat the Bliss House parking lot has declined the award since the project would be too small without the Township Building lot. After review, Trustees Baker, Elliott, and Squires, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

**TOWNSHIP:** Trustee Elliott made a motion, seconded by Trustee Squires to review and approve September Township Accounts Payable. After review and discussion, Trustees Baker, Elliott, and Squires, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried. The balance in the Town Fund checking accounts as of September 27, 2019 is \$ 506,372.23.

**ROAD & BRIDGE:** Trustee Elliott made a motion, seconded by Trustee Squires to review and approve the September Road and Bridge Accounts Payable. After review, Trustees Baker, Elliott, and Squires, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nay. Motion carried. The balance in the Road & Bridge checking account as of September 26, 2019 is \$752,418.84.

**PAYROLL REPORT:** August 26<sup>th</sup> through September 22, 2019.

**PROFIT & LOSS REPORTS:** April through September 2019.

**QUARTERLY TREASURER'S REPORT:** Trustee Baker motioned, seconded by Trustee Elliott to review and approve the Quarterly Treasurer's Report for the period ending Sept. 30, 2019. After review, Trustees Baker, Elliott and Squires, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Supervisor Rowe provided the Board with copies of an Elburn Herald article announcing the possible cancelling of the Sugar Grove Corn Boil due to revenue and funding problems. As a result of the difficulties, the fireworks have already been cancelled for the 2020 event. Supervisor Rowe suggested the possibility of increasing the sponsorship of some of the local taxing bodies to save the festival. The Board expressed a desire to have a Corn Boil Board member attend a meeting to discuss revenue issues.

**REPORTS:**

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:** Supervisor Rowe submitted a written report and highlighted the following: He asked that Board members take a look at the legislative survey provided by TOI and submit it with any requests for legislative action. Jim Daw has been working on the new server which will include connecting the Township and Road District via a virtual private network. The next edition of the newsletter is in process. Curt and Doug will be contributing content in addition to information on senior programs. The last summer concert was held September 13<sup>th</sup> with approximately 250 in attendance which was a successful conclusion to the series. Lastly Supervisor Rowe informed the Board of the deadline for registration for the annual TOI conference in Springfield.

**ASSESSOR:** Assessor Karas reported that the appeals process to the Board of Review is largely completed. The Board agreed with 93% of the Township's assessments with only minor objections to the remaining 7%. The appeal for Walgreen's will be part of the county-wide appeal for all Walgreen's stores. Karas visited the recently completed Chelsea Commons senior housing project for assessment purposes and reported that the complex is almost completely occupied. Karas noted that it was subsidized senior housing which will lower property tax revenue for the building. Karas also informed the Board that the facility will be holding an open house on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> for anyone interested in touring the building.

**ROAD & BRIDGE:** Doug Musser gave the following report. The Road District will begin their 4<sup>th</sup> and final round of mowing once it is dry enough to mow. The overlay projects are complete and they are anticipating asphalt repairs at Bliss to be completed this week. The Road District lot improvements have also been completed. The Road District has been informed that a 6/10<sup>th</sup> of a mile portion of Baseline Rd between Ashe and Mighel Rds. is a SG Township road for purposes of repair and maintenance. This portion of this road was previously thought to be annexed to Yorkville, but actually was never part of the annexation agreement. Road Commissioner Musser will make repairs to this road for the winter season with overlay planned for next year.

**CLERKS REPORT:** No report.

**TRUSTEES REPORT:** Trustee Elliott reported that the SG Water Authority Board met with the directors for water from the Village of Montgomery and the City of Aurora as well as a staff person from State Rep. Keith Wheeler's office. At the meeting they discussed water sustainability with regard to problems being experienced in Joliet and Will County. The Illinois Water Survey has identified Lake Michigan water as the only viable solution to Will County's water problems, however, the infrastructure to get Lake Michigan water to Will County can't be completed until 2030. The result of this delayed solution will be encroachment of water supplies for Montgomery, Aurora, and to a lesser extent Sugar Grove. Trustee Elliott also reported that the US Geological Survey has expressed interest in helping us measure salt concentrations in our wells.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Records Retention Update: Supervisor Rowe met with Steve Colazzi from the Secretary of State's office two weeks ago and he gave the indication that our application is in order. The application is scheduled to be reviewed by their committee today after which we will be advised as to which records we are required to keep and which ones may be destroyed.
2. Hanks Rd. Bridge Update: Road Commissioner Doug Musser reported that he observed some repair work continuing under the bridge deck. He commented that the overlay portion of the project should take less than a full day and that he is confident that the work will be completed by the Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Consideration & Potential Approval of TOKC 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Reservations: Supervisor Rowe reminded Board members of the upcoming annual dinner and asked anyone interested to confirm attendance. After discussion, six members expressed interest in attending. Trustee Elliott motioned and Trustee Baker seconded the motion to Approve Reservations for Five Board member and the Assessor to attend the TOKC Annual Dinner. Trustees Baker, Elliott, and Squires, and Supervisor Rowe vote aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.
2. Consideration of Kaneland Fire & Safety Foundation Sponsorship Request: Supervisor Rowe presented this sponsorship opportunity to the Board. Trustee Squires suggested sponsoring at the \$75 level. After discussion, Trustee Squires motioned and Trustee Baker seconded the motion to Sponsor the Kaneland Fire & Safety Foundation at the \$75 level. Trustees Baker and Squires, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. Trustee Elliott voted nay. Motion carried.
3. Consideration & Approval of Appointment for SG Township Trustee Vacancy: Candidate Dan Nagel withdrew his candidacy before discussion on this item. Upon returning from executive session Supervisor Rowe thanked all the candidates for their interest in serving and encouraged them to run in the next consolidated general election in 2021. Trustee Baker motioned and Trustee Squires seconded the motion to Appoint Marion Bond to the Trustee position on the Sugar Grove Township Board vacated by Trustee Lee Drendel. Trustees Baker, and Squires, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Trustee Elliott abstained and explained that he felt that since the Township was a rural Township, he felt that representation from the farming community would better reflect the demographics of the community. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 7:15pm, Trustee Baker motioned, seconded by Trustee Elliott, to convene into executive session to consider the appointment of a person to fill a public office or vacancy in a public office.

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:** Trustee Squires motioned, and Trustee Baker seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved adjourning the Executive Session and returning to the Regular Meeting at 7:43pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Trustee Elliott moved, Trustee Baker seconded, and the Board unanimously approved adjourning the regular meeting at 7:50pm.