

**MINUTES OF THE  
MAY 4, 2021 REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TOWN OF SUGAR GROVE  
KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Rowe called the meeting to order at 6:12pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Trustees James Baker, Jon Bobbe, Marion Bond, and Jerry Elliott, Supervisor Tom Rowe, Clerk Phil Silagi, Road Commissioner Doug Musser, and Assessor Curt Karas.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Lewis Medina and Bill Collins.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Supervisor Rowe congratulated the newly elected Board and thanked outgoing Trustee Jim Baker for his four years of service.

**APRIL 6, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:** Trustee Elliott motioned, and Trustee Bond seconded the motion to review and approve the April 6, 2021 meeting minutes. After review, Trustees Baker, Bobbe, Bond, and Elliot and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

TOWNSHIP: Trustee Baker motioned, seconded by Trustee Bobbe to review and approve the April Township accounts payable. After review and discussion, Trustees Baker, Bobbe, Bond, and Elliott, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried. The balance in the Township checking account as of April 29, 2021 is \$225,607.04.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Trustee Bobbe motioned and Trustee Elliott seconded the motion to review and approve the April Road and Bridge accounts payable as presented. After review and discussion, Trustees Baker, Bobbe, Bond, and Elliott, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried. The balance in the Road & Bridge checking account as of April 29, 2021 is \$92,180.43.

**PAYROLL REPORT:** For the period March 22, 2021 through April 18, 2021.

**PROFIT & LOSS REPORT:** For April 2021.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Supervisor Rowe informed the Board of Newly Elected Officials Training offered by Ancel Glink on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Supervisor Rowe will provide additional information and assist with registration for newly elected Trustees Bobbe, and Medina if they are interested.

**REPORTS:**

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Rowe presented a written report of his activities during the last month and highlighted the following: Supervisor Rowe provided a Covid-19 update. He informed the Board that everyone over the age of 16 is eligible for the vaccine and appointments are available at Osco and Walgreen's in Sugar Grove. He also stated that with Illinois projected to move into Phase 4.5 next week, he would like to drop the Zoom meeting option for our June 1 first meeting.

The senior lawn mowing program has 9 approved applicants and one opening for a qualifying applicant which will probably be filled. Mowing of senior lawns began today. The senior transportation program has picked up with a total of 46 rides given in April. The senior lunch program served 100 lunches in April provided by Paisano's. Supervisor Rowe is hoping that we can resume indoor senior lunch dining at the Community Building under CDC guidelines for indoor gatherings. Supervisor Rowe presented the Board with a draft of the Sugar Grove Township Newsletter which will be mailed to Township residents later this month or in early June. The newsletter features Township and Road District news and programs on the front and Community Building information on the other side. Rowe asked Board members to review it provide input for changes before it goes to print. Lastly Rowe informed the Board that the Groovin' in the Grove Summer Concert Series will be moving forward under CDC guidelines with 3 concerts schedules, one each in June, July, and August. Since the concerts were cancelled last year, our contribution was held over and there will be no additional expenses for this year's concerts.

ASSESSOR: Assessor Karas reported that he has turned the assessment rolls over to the County last week and noted that SG Township was among the first to turn them in. He noted that tax bills have been sent out from the County to residents and that the phones are ringing with complaints which is to be expected. There were negative as well as positive changes which are part of the process.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Road Commissioner Doug Musser reported that they are resuming County Road Commissioner meetings at Blackberry Township. Geneva Construction won the bid for this year's overlay projects, their bid came in at \$313,000 which was under budget and under County engineer's estimates. There is nothing to report on the railroad culvert replacement project. Crews are working on brush pick up, garbage removal, and mowing with the first round of mowing to be completed by Memorial Day. Other recent projects include repainting the inside of our building.

CLERKS REPORT: Clerk Silagi had no report, but Supervisor Rowe presented the Board with an abstract of votes for Sugar Grove Township in the recent Consolidated General Election.

TRUSTEES REPORT: Trustee Bond reported that the Community Building Board is still in discussions about reopening the building. They are allowing the Scouts to use the building 3 times during May and will possibly resume renting the dining area for parties beginning in June. Recent maintenance items include replacing a sensor on the elevator and pump replaced for the air compressor that is used for the sprinkler system. As Debbie was cleaning out an old unused safe she found a flag that was flown over the US Capitol Building and donated to the Community Building by former US Representative Charlotte Reid on March 30, 1968. The flag is in a case and will be placed on display somewhere in the building. They have decided that the basement has a capacity of 50 people under CDC guidelines and will probably limit it to 30 people initially. In that case, hosting the senior lunch may have to take place on two different days. Trustee Baker reported that he received an email from the City of Aurora informing him that all advisory board meetings would be cancelled thru August. Baker noted that since they meet bi-monthly, he thought the next meeting of the Airport Advisory Board would not take place until October.

Trustee Elliott reported that he was asked to submit a letter to our US Congressional Representative Lauren Underwood requesting economic development initiative money for the Kane County water monitoring program in the amount of \$1.8 million. If the monies are authorized it would fund half of the projects planned by the Sugar Grove Water Authority. Trustee Elliott has submitted the requested letter. Elliott then reported that on April 26<sup>th</sup> they received results from the 15 sampling sites. None of the sites exceeded the secondary standard of 250mg for chloride and nitrate levels were negligible, so it seems the two target element are under control. Elliott also reported that he contacted the U of I with regard to their residential well testing. They have given the Sugar Grove Water Authority authorization to conduct residential well testing at no cost to the resident. There will be a cost of \$50 to the Water Authority that they are willing to absorb.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Consideration & Potential Approval of Mental Health Budget & Appropriation Ordinance: Supervisor Rowe explained that we annually approve our portion of the Mental Health Budget. This year they are requesting \$126,162 which is a slight increase reflecting an increase in the CPI plus new construction. This amount is then rolled into the overall Township budget. After review Trustee Bond, motioned, seconded by Trustee Baker to Approve the Mental Health Budget & Appropriation Ordinance. Trustees Baker, Bobbe, Bond, and Elliott, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.
2. Consideration & Potential Approval of Town Budget & Appropriation Ordinance #2021-1: Supervisor Rowe explained that formal approval of this ordinance can now take place after the tentative budget has been approved and after the budget hearing earlier this evening. Trustee Baker motioned, seconded by Trustee Elliott to Approve Town Budget & Appropriation Ordinance #2021-1. Trustees Baker, Bobbe, Bond, and Elliott, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Consideration & Potential Approval of 2021 Corn Boil Sponsorship: Supervisor Rowe informed the Board that the 2021 Corn Boil will take place this year and that their committee has solicited sponsorships. Rowe noted that in the past we have sponsored at the \$300 level, however, since they are trying to bring this event back post pandemic, he would recommend that we increase our sponsorship. After discussion, Trustee Elliott motioned, seconded by Trustee Bond to Sponsor the 2021 Corn Boil at the Community Sponsor Level of \$500. Trustees Baker, Bobbe, Bond, and Elliott, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.
2. Oath of Office for Newly Elected Township of Sugar Grove Officials: Clerk Silagi administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Sugar Grove Township Officials, Supervisor Tom Rowe, Trustees Jon Bobbe, Marion Bond, Jerry Elliott, and Lewis Medina, Assessor Curt Karas, and Road Commissioner Doug Musser.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Trustee Baker motioned, Trustee Elliott seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved adjourning the regular meeting at 7:14pm.