

**MINUTES OF THE
JUNE 1, 2021 REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF SUGAR GROVE
KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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

ROLL CALL was taken. Present were: Supervisor Tom Rowe, Assessor Curt Karas, and Road Commissioner Doug Musser. Trustees Jon Bobbe, Marion Bond, and Jerry Elliott, and Clerk Phil Silagi. Absent: Trustee Lewis Medina

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Stalcup

OATH OF OFFICE: Clerk Silagi administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Community Building Board of Managers Board member Scott Stalcup.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MAY 4, 2021 TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES: Trustee Elliott motioned and Trustee Bond seconded the motion to Approve the May 4, 2021 Township Public Hearing Minutes. Trustees Bobbe, Bond, and Elliott, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

MAY 4, 2021 ROAD DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES: Trustee Bobbe motioned and Trustee Elliott seconded the motion to Approve the May 4, 2021 Road District Public Hearing Meeting Minutes. Trustees Bobbe, Bond, and Elliott, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

MAY 4, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Trustee Bond motioned, and Trustee Bobbe seconded the motion to review and approve the May 4, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. After review, Trustees Bobbe, Bond, and Elliott, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

TOWNSHIP: Trustee Elliott motioned, seconded by Trustee Bobbe to review and approve the May Township accounts payable as presented. Supervisor Rowe noted an error in check 18139, the check was issued in the amount of \$92.32, a new check will be issued to reflect the correct amount of \$72.32. After review, Trustees Bobbe, Bond, and Elliott, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried. The balance in the Township checking account as of May 27, 2021 is \$247,836.55.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Trustee Bond motioned, and Trustee Bobbe seconded the motion to review and approve the May Road and Bridge accounts payable as presented. After review, Trustees Bobbe, Bond, and Elliott, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried. The balance in the Road & Bridge checking account as of May 27, 2021 is \$91,376.86.

PAYROLL REPORT: April 19th through May 16th.

PROFIT & LOSS REPORTS: April through May 2021.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Rowe presented the Board with an email he received from CASA Kane County. A non-profit who trains and supervises community volunteers to ensure the permanency and best interests of abused and neglected children. The cost to CASA to recruit, train, supervise, and manage a CASA volunteer and provide incidentals is \$5,000 per foster child. Currently CASA is serving 3 children in the Sugar Grove Township area with the cost equating to \$15,000. Consequently, they are seeking any funding which might be available to assist them in their efforts. Supervisor Rowe pointed out that should we decide to assist with funding it should be done through a social service contract similar to the one we use for AID funding. After discussion, it was decided to invite someone from CASA to attend a Board meeting and provide additional information.

REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Rowe presented a written report of his activities during the last month and highlighted the following: Governor Pritzker declared Illinois has moved to Bridge Phase 4.5 on May 14th which allows for expanded capacity limits before the state moves to full reopening in Phase 5 on June 11th. As a result, masks will be optional for township meetings for those that are vaccinated, however, masks are encouraged for those who have not been vaccinated. Rowe noted that we still have 9 seniors taking advantage of the senior mowing program with one opening remaining. Hopefully after the Spring Community Newsletter goes out we can fill that last slot. There are 75 residents currently registered for the senior/disabled transportation program and a total of 37 rides were given in the month of May. The final drive thru lunch was served on May 25th with plans to return indoor dining for the June 29th luncheon. The Community Newsletter was sent to the printer on May 25th and will be mailed to all Sugar Grove Township Residents this week. The Groovin' In The Grove Summer Concerts have been scheduled for June 17th, July 15th, and August 19th. The Corn Boil has officially been cancelled and since we have already sent our \$500 sponsorship check, it will be kept on account for the 2022 corn boil. The TOI Virtual Boot Camp education event will be recorded and available online for later view if you cannot attend the live event.

ASSESSOR: Assessor Karas reported that the County will be publishing changes this month. Their office has been receiving calls about tax bills and about not being able to pay tax bills. Assessor Karas informed the Board that he will have some interesting reports on increases in median real estate sales prices.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Road Commission Musser reported that they completed mowing ahead of the Memorial Day Holiday and are waiting for striping paint. EEI has turned in the required reporting to the EPA ahead of the June 1st deadline. Currently they are trimming back site line and dropping mosquito tablets in catch basins. Musser has not heard back from the BNSF on the Barnes Rd. culvert replacement project. He is having a Zoom meeting tomorrow to discuss the Hanks Rd. bridge over IL Rte. 56. They have 2 overhead doors down at the present time. BDK door is in the process of getting materials together to replace all 5 overhead doors as part of a budgeted maintenance project.

CLERKS REPORT: Clerk Silagi reported that he was sworn in by the Kane County Sheriff's Deputy at the May Community Building Board meeting and that he subsequently administered the oath of office to newly elected Community Building Board members Steve Kowalczyk, and Chris Sutton. Silagi also report that he filed the budget ordinances with the County.

TRUSTEES REPORT: Trustee Bond reported that the Community Building will be hosting the senior luncheon at full capacity in June. Use of the kitchen facilities will be limited to the refrigerators. Maintenance projects have included repairs to the boilers and bathrooms. A deep cleaning of the building has been done and bi weekly cleanings are scheduled. Trustee Elliott reported that the Illinois State Water Survey is in the process of generating a letter to residents who participated in the well sampling program. Elliott stated that he had the opportunity to see a program presented by CMAP on overall water demand for the 7 county metropolitan area which includes 260 cities. They noted that over the past six years these cities have invested for expansion, however, only 40% of the expansion has actually taken place. Elliott noted an example is The City of Aurora, whose water consumption and population has been stagnant at 200,000 for the past 7 years. Elliott then questioned the need for an upcoming Kaneland School District referendum based on the same logic of stagnant enrollment and noted it had no relevance to water issues or the Water Authority. Trustee Bobbe mentioned that he was in contact with Village Trustee Sean Herron who informed him of plans to form committees to explore plans for a new village hall with possible adjacent commercial development near the Jewel on Galena which would require no additional tax funding.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Open Meetings Act Training Update: Supervisor Rowe explained that normally all newly elected members of public bodies must take Open Meetings Act training within 90 days of taking office. However the Illinois Attorney General's website has been hacked and there is no access to electronic training for OMA or FOIA. These sites are currently being repaired but there is no set completion date at this time. Therefore public body members and designees will not be penalized for failure to complete the electronic training within the statutory time period.
2. Jada Hudson Bliss House Lease Modification: Supervisor Rowe received a phone call and email from Jada Hudson requesting a lease modification to reduce the lease term from 1 year to 6 months beginning June 1st as she may be moving out of state. The Board had no issue with this request. Supervisor Rowe will modify the lease and place it on the agenda for approval at next month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1 Appointment of Township Trustee to Aurora Airport Advisory Board: Supervisor Rowe explained that at the beginning of the new term, Trustees are appointed to local boards to act as liaisons and provide a means of communication between their board and ours. The Aurora Airport Advisory Board has not met in many months as reported by outgoing Trustee Jim Baker. Supervisor Rowe called the City of Aurora to determine the status of this board and has not heard back so he is recommending that this position remain unfilled until we hear back from them.

- 2 Appointment of Township Trustee as Village of Sugar Grove Liaison: Trustee Elliott motioned, seconded by Trustee Bond, To Appoint Trustee Jon Bobbe Village of Sugar Grove Liaison. Trustees Bobbe, Bond, and Elliott, and Supervisor Rowe vote aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.
- 3 Appointment of Township Clerk as Sugar Grove 708 Board Liaison: Trustee Elliott motioned, seconded by Trustee Bobbe to Appoint Clerk Phil Silagi as Sugar Grove 708 Board Liaison. Trustees Bobbe, Bond, and Elliott, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.
- 4 Reappointment of Trustee Marion Bond as Sugar Grove Community Building Board Liaison: Trustee Bobbe motioned, seconded by Trustee Elliott to Reappoint Trustee Marion Bond as Sugar Grove Community Building Board Liaison. Trustees Bobbe, Bond, and Elliott, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.
- 5 Consideration & Potential Approval of Sugar Grove Kiwanis Membership: Supervisor Rowe presented the Board with a copy of an email announcing the formation of a new local chapter of the Kiwanis Club, Kiwanis Club of Sugar Grove Township. Supervisor Rowe has attended organizational meetings and has been elected to the position of director. He will attend meetings of the group and report back to the Board. Rowe has some concerns about community participation in this group but feels it could provide some value to the community so he is willing to see where it goes. Rowe then asked the Board if there was any support for a corporate sponsorship in the amount of \$220. After discussion, Trustee Bond motioned, seconded by Trustee Bobbe to Sponsor a Corporate Membership in the Kiwanis Club of Sugar Grove Township in the Amount of \$220. Trustees Bobbe, and Bond, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. Trustee Elliott voted nay. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Trustee Elliott motioned, Trustee Bond seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved adjourning the regular meeting at 7:21pm.