

**MINUTES OF THE
OCTOBER 5, 2021 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 Marion Bond, Jerry Elliott, and Lewis Medina, Supervisor Tom Rowe, Assessor Curt Karas, Road Commissioner Doug Musser, and Clerk Phil Silagi. Trustee Jon Bobbe was absent.

ALSO PRESENT: Dan Nagel.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dan Nagel addressed the Board with a proposal to restore damaged and weathered headstones in Township cemeteries. Nagel suggested a program similar to the one initiated in Milton Township where the Historical Society would identify headstones in need of replacement and research the original inscription with the Township providing funding for the replacement. The cost would be about \$1,000 per stone which could be budgeted for a certain number of replacements per year. Assessor Karas suggested that perhaps surviving relatives could be contacted to see if they would be interested in providing funding for the replacements. Supervisor Rowe recommended that a formal request come from the cometary associations and the Historical Society, the request could be in the form of a letter or they could address the Board in person. Rowe will place the item on next month's agenda if he hears back from them.

SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Trustee Bond motioned, and Trustee Elliott seconded the motion to review and approve the September 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes. After review, Trustees Bond, Elliott, and Medina, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

TOWNSHIP: Trustee Elliott made a motion, seconded by Trustee Medina to review and approve September Township Accounts Payable. After review and discussion, Trustees Bond, Elliott, and Medina, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried. The balance in the Town Fund checking accounts as of September 30, 2021 is \$ 493,670.47.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Trustee Bond made a motion, seconded by Trustee Medina to review and approve the September Road and Bridge Accounts Payable. After review, Trustees Bond, Elliott, and Medina, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nay. Motion carried. The balance in the Road & Bridge checking account as of September 30, 2021 is \$715,868.14.

PAYROLL REPORT: September 1st through September 30, 2021.

PROFIT & LOSS REPORTS: April through September 2021.

QUARTERLY TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Elliott motioned, seconded by Trustee Bond to review and approve the Quarterly Treasurer's Report for the period ending Sept. 30, 2021. After review, Trustees Bond, Elliott and Medina, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Rowe provided the Board with copies of a FOIA request by NBC5 Chicago for unclaimed funds held by or due to people or entities. This request was made of all governmental entities across the greater Chicago area. Supervisor Rowe noted that our bookkeeper Jim Kreitz has verified that there are a small number of uncashed checks issued by the Township. Supervisor Rowe will check with our auditor and attorney for information and or guidance on this issue before reporting the unclaimed or uncashed checks in our response.

REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Rowe submitted a written report and highlighted the following: There are 86 SG Township residents registered for the senior/disabled transportation program and we have given 66 rides during September for a total of 1956 rides since the program began. Rowe spoke with Azemi regarding Bliss House repairs. Azemi will caulk around the railings and posts to prevent further damage over the winter before making permanent repairs next spring. The local Kiwanis Club has installed a new president, Tom Sorfleet. The TOI Virtual Boot Camp is scheduled for November 15 - 17th with a day devoted to each elected office, Supervisor Rowe asked interested Board members to contact him for registration.

ASSESSOR: Assessor Karas reported that hearings for the Board of Review will begin next week with 5 resident, 14 commercial, and some airport lease appeals.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Doug Musser gave the following report. The Road District has finished up summer season projects with the exception of one more round of mowing and garbage pick-up. The overlays have been shouldered and striped, the garage door replacement project is completed with the exception of the large door. They took a load of tires picked up along the roadside to the recycling center in Geneva. Crosswalks have been painted and the bike/walk lane in Prestbury is open. Delivery of the new truck will probably be delayed until after the plowing season is over.

CLERKS REPORT: Clerk Silagi noted the FOIA request already discussed earlier in the meeting. Silagi then commented on upcoming budget discussions and suggested that the Board consider budgeting for the installation of solar panels on Township buildings. He stated that financial incentives available from the State and possible Federal subsidies would offset costs and that energy savings could be available for more worthwhile programs for Township residents. He also mentioned that these systems could provide emergency power in the event of an outage.

TRUSTEES REPORT: Trustee Bond had no report since she was unable to attend the September Community Building Board meeting. Trustee Medina reported on the TOI training he was able to view virtually. Since the training was only available during the day on weekdays he was unable to view the entire session but found it interesting and did manage to take some notes. Supervisor Rowe will contact TOI to see if the training was recorded and available to view when convenient for those unable to attend. Trustee Elliott provided the Board with a handout graph showing flow rates of the Blackberry creek which averages between 5 and 9 thousand gallons per minute depending on rainfall. The all-time high was achieved during the flood and that figure was 170,000 gallons per minute. Elliott then talked about the Oswego Village Board discussions on the cost of various water sourcing options which predicted the average homeowner will see their monthly bill increase from \$40 to \$105.00 when the supplemental water sourcing has been completed. Oswego's cost estimates assume partnering with Montgomery and Yorkville. Lastly, Elliott informed the Board of the Illinois State Water Survey Water Resource Study which was recently completed and available online.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Consideration and Potential Approval of TOKC 40th Annual Dinner Reservations: Supervisor Rowe informed the Board of the upcoming dinner and asked Board members interested in attending to contact him so that he could confirm reservations. Trustees Elliott and Medina expressed interest and asked if spouses could attend. Supervisor Rowe explained that in the past the Township paid for Board member to attend but had no requests for spouse participation. After discussion the Board agreed to allow spouses of Board members to attend with the Township to pay for their reservations. Trustee Elliott motioned, seconded by Trustee Medina to Approve Reservations for Seven Board Members and Three Spouses for the TOKC 40th Annual Dinner. Trustees Bond, Elliott, and Medina, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.
2. Consideration & Potential Approval of Kaneland Fire & Safety Sponsorship: Supervisor presented this sponsorship opportunity to the Board. After discussion, Trustee Elliott motioned, seconded by Trustee Bond to Sponsor Kaneland Fire & Safety at the \$150 Level. Trustees Bond, Elliott, and Medina, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration & Potential Approval of Annual Audit for Year Ended March 31, 2021: Supervisor Rowe informed the Board that the annual audit was completed and delivered September 30th on the due date. Rowe filed the audit with the County that same day. Supervisor Rowe mentioned that this is the third year and final year of our contract with Lauterbach and that he thought it might be a good idea to solicit bids for an auditor for next year's audit. The Board was in agreement. After discussion, Trustee Elliott motioned, and Trustee Bond seconded the motion to Approve the Annual Audit for Year Ended March 31, 2021. Trustees Bond, Elliott, and Medina, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

2. Consideration & Potential Approval of Nadia Schweisthal to Mental Health 708 Board. Supervisor Rowe presented the Board with the above candidate for appointment to the 708 Board. After discussion, Trustee Bond motioned, seconded by Trustee Medina to Approve the Appointment of Nadia Schweisthal to Mental Health 708 Board. Trustees Bond, Elliott, and Medina, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Trustee Elliott moved, Trustee Median seconded, and the Board unanimously approved adjourning the regular meeting at 7:30pm.