

**MINUTES OF THE
JULY 5, 2022 REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF SUGAR GROVE
KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION: This meeting was held at the Road District Office and Maintenance Facilities to update Board members on Road District operations.

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 Jon Bobbe, Marion Bond, Jerry Elliott, and Lewis Medina, Supervisor Tom Rowe, Road District Commissioner Doug Musser, Assistant Assessor Patti Kleckner, and Clerk Phil Silagi.

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Collins, and Ann Marie Fauske.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Supervisor Rowe introduced Ann Marie Fauske of Kane County CASA for a short presentation to the Board before considering the continuation of social service funding of this agency. Fauske was pleased to address the Board and sited her family connections to Sugar Grove for about 50 years including her residency in Prestbury. Fauske went on to explain that CASA is unique in that it serves 100 percent of cases of children in abuse and neglect. There has been a 225% increase in these cases in the last year and a half. Currently there are 657 cases including 3 from Sugar Grove. The cost per child in the CASA program is approximately \$5,000. She went on to explain the process for children once in CASA and the volunteer caseworker responsibility. Fauske then took questions from Board members.

JUNE 7, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Trustee Elliott motioned, and Trustee Bobbe seconded the motion, to review and approve the June 7, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. After review, Trustees Bobbe, Bond, Elliott, and Medina, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

TOWNSHIP: Trustee Bond motioned and Trustee Medina seconded the motion to review and approve the June Town accounts payable as presented. After review, Trustees Bobbe, Bond, Elliott, and Medina, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried. The balance in the Township checking account as of June 30, 2022 is \$400,293.32.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Trustee Bobbe motioned, and Trustee Elliott seconded the motion to review and approve the June Road and Bridge accounts payable as presented. After review and discussion, Trustees Bobbe, Bond, Elliott, and Medina, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye 0 nays. Motion carried. The balance in the Road & Bridge checking account as of June 30, 2022 is \$426,429.46.

PAYROLL REPORT: June 1st through June 30th 2022.

PROFIT & LOSS: April through June 2022.

QUARTERLY TREASURER'S REPORT 6/30/22:

Trustee Bond motioned and Trustee Medina seconded the motion to approve the Quarterly Treasurer's Report as of 6/30/22. Trustees Bobbe, Bond, Elliott, and Medina, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nay. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Rowe presented the Board with a copy of a newspaper article informing local residents that Trustee Lewis Medina has been awarded the prestigious Carnegie Medal for heroism. Trustee Medina once again said he was honored and grateful for the award. Supervisor Rowe then presented the Board with correspondence from TOI informing Townships of S.B. 3789, signed by Gov. Pritzker which requires them to form committees every 10 years to study and prepare a report on consolidation and efficiency. Townships must by June 10, 2023 form a committee to study local efficiencies, analyze whether consolidation should be an option with another unit of government, and create a report with recommendations covering efficiencies, accountability, and consolidation.

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: The senior transportation program now has 115 registered residents and gave 99 rides in June. The senior lunch took place at the Township Building due to the election where 60 lunches were served from Jewel. Supervisor Rowe followed up on reports from the Board that members did not receive the Township Newsletter. Rowe confirmed that 5,132 copies were delivered and that perhaps some might have been confused with campaign literature and discarded. The first Groovin in the Grove summer concert was held on June 16th and was well attended with approximately 400 people in attendance. The last two concerts are scheduled for July 14th and August 11th. Supervisor Rowe reminded the Board of the TOI Annual Conference which will be back in person Nov. 13 – 15. Rowe also reminded Board members of the required Sexual Harassment Training for any members who have not yet completed it.

ASSESSOR: Assistant Assessor Kleckner reported that they turned in their books to the County on April 26th and changes were published in the Aurora Beacon on June 15th. There is a 30 day period for people to review. They are half-way through and have had 10 requests so far. Usually, they have upwards of 100 to 200 for the 30 day period, so they're pleased with the lack of response.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Road Commissioner Musser reported that due to the strike they have only been able to complete 90% of the shouldering. They are currently doing stripping for crosswalks. Got mowing and garbage pick up done for the 4th of July Holiday. The bridge deck sealing for Prairie is scheduled and is a two-day process weather permitting. The tree contractor has completed his work and we have received compliments on his work. Musser then commented on some office space remodeling projects taking place.

CLERKS REPORT: Clerk Silagi reported that the 708 Board met during June but he was unable to attend due to a family obligation.

TRUSTEES REPORT: Trustee Bond reported on the Community Building Board Meeting and reported that the gym will be closed during the month of July. She also reported that the Newsletter generated a lot of interest in rentals. The door issue is mostly resolved, and the elevator seems to be working well now. The Board is pleased that the building is being utilized more now since covid seems to be more under control. Trustee Bobbe reported that the Village Board approved a variance allowing larger signage for the renovated car wash on Route 47. Trustee Elliott reported that the Blackberry Creek flow was low at 6,400 gallons per minute but hasn't affected well levels, which appear to be normal at about 9 feet below ground level. Elliott then commented on seven nests of turtles in his garden and a discussion with Clerk Silagi on the herbicide atrazine.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Review Public Comment Policy for Sugar Grove Township Meetings: Supervisor Rowe provided the Board with a copy of the Public Comment Policy the Township adopted in 2013 as well as parts of language in the Open Meetings Act. He stated we have the option of having the comment limited to something on the meeting agenda which is currently not in our policy, but we could if we so desired. After review, the Board was comfortable with the current policy.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration & Potential Approval of Kane County CASA Social Service Funding: Supervisor Rowe presented the Board with a Social Service Funding Contract for Kane County CASA. The contract is for one year August 1, 2022, through July 31, 2023. After discussion, Trustee Medina motioned, seconded by Trustee Bond to Approve Kane County CASA Social Service Funding Contract in the Amount of \$5,000. Trustees Bobbe, Bond, Elliott, and Medina, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.
2. Consideration & Potential Approval to Re-Appoint Sally Bruce to SG 708 Board: Supervisor Rowe explained that the Township Board is responsible for filling vacancies on the 708 Board. Sally Bruce's term has expired, and she has agreed to be re-appointed at the recommendation of the executive director. Trustee Bond motioned, seconded by Trustee Bobbe to Re-Appoint Sally Bruce to the 708 Mental Health Board. Trustees Bobbe, Bond, Elliott, and Medina, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Trustee Elliott motioned, Trustee Bond seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved adjourning the regular meeting at 7:20pm.