

Minutes of The
June 6, 2023 Regular Meeting
Of Sugar Grove Township
Kane County, Illinois

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Rowe called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Supervisor Rowe noted there were three sets of Minutes to approve. He asked for a motion to review and approve the Township Public Hearing Minutes from May 2, 2023. Moved by Trustee Silagi, second by Trustee Bobbe. Trustees Bobbe, Elliott, Medina and Silagi and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nay. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Rowe asked for a motion to review and approve the Road District Public Hearing minutes of May 2, 2023. Motion by Trustee Elliott, second by Trustee Medina. Trustees Bobbe, Elliott, Medina and Silagi and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nay. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Rowe asked for a motion to review and approve the Township Regular Meeting Minutes from May 2, 2023. Motion by Trustee Bobbe, second by Trustee Silagi. Trustees Bobbe, Elliott, Medina and Silagi and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nay. Motion Carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

TOWNSHIP: Trustee Elliott motioned and Trustee Silagi seconded the motion to review and approve the May Town accounts payables. Bobbe asked for clarification on ck# 19002 to Van's Lock & Key. Supervisor Rowe stated it was to fix door swipes; Trustee Silagi asked for clarification on ck# 18995 to NJS Enterprises, Assessor Karas stated it was for monthly computer maintenance. Trustee Elliott asked for clarification on ck#19020 to American Tree and Turf, supervisor Rowe said it was to treat trees in front once a year. Trustee Elliott commented that ck# 10927 to TOI was higher than he expected and Supervisor Rowe explained it also covers the 3-member board for the Community Building and is not only dues, but also the magazine, & education. Elliott also asked about Cks# 19030 & 19031 to Hill's Country Store and Open Range. Supervisor Rowe stated that Open Range provided Pizza and Hill's provided salads for the Senior Lunch. Trustee Elliott asked about ck#19034 to Postmaster, Supervisor Rowe explained that is the annual fee for the Township P.O. box. Supervisor Rowe called attention to ck# 19029 to K-A Designs which was for the design, production and mailing of the newsletter, Community Building will reimburse 25% of cost. After review, Trustees Bobbe, Elliott, Medina and Silagi and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nay. Motion Carried. The balance in the Township checking account as of 5/30/23 is \$65,999.53

ROAD & BRIDGE: Trustee Bobbe motioned, and Trustee Silagi seconded the motion to review and approve the May Road and Bridge accounts payable. Trustee Elliott asked for clarification on ck#12581 to 1st AYD Corp. Commissioner Musser explained that is for all janitorial supplies for six months. Supervisor Rowe called attention to ck#12595 to City of Aurora for accrued

replacement tax; it is Aurora's 12.2 % share of the replacement tax Township receives. Aurora quit sending invoices for this in about 2020 but in discussions with Auditors Supervisor Rowe was told those taxes are payable with or without an invoice. He will send an explanatory letter with the check. After review, Trustees Bobbe, Elliott, Medina, Silagi and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nay. Motion carried. The balance in the Road & Bridge checking account as of April 30, 2023 is \$1575.94.

PAYROLL REPORT: For Pay Period April 1 through May 31, 2023. Clerk Bond questioned the payroll payment to her for Trustee and Supervisor Rowe explained that because Trustees are paid quarterly, it was the portion of her Trustee pay prior to March 1st but paid in April.

PROFIT & LOSS REPORT: Through May 31, 2023 first two months of fiscal year.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Rowe shared a letter from Kane County CASA and asked the Trustees if they would like for a representative to make a presentation at the next meeting. He said there are funds for this in the budget and the vote would occur at the July Meeting. Trustee Elliott expressed interest in hearing from CASA how the influx of immigrants has affected their efforts. Sugar Grove Library sent a thank you for having a representative of the YES committee present to the Board. Supervisor Rowe also shared an email sent June 1st to Debbie DeBoer of the Community Building, Supervisor Rowe, Assessor Karas and Commissioner Musser addressed to SG Township Leadership. He included the replies sent by Assessor Karas on June 2nd addressing the increase in the citizen's property tax because a four-year exemption had expired in 2022. Commissioner Musser's reply sent June 2nd explaining that the Hanks Road bridge is the responsibility of IDOT and SG Township plows and repairs pot holes as part of an IGA. IDOT has plans of raising the bridge deck and fixing the flood plain on Rt. 56 in coming years and gave the gentleman the phone number and name for the IDOT engineer. Supervisor Rowe replied on Monday June 5th to address his concerns with the new bike bridge over Blackberry Creek, stating that is a project that has been in the works for ten years as part of the Sugar Grove Bicycle & Pedestrian Connectivity Plan with an emphasis on life safety. A State grant of \$800,000 was awarded to Sugar Grove for this purpose. The Village, Township, Park District and Forest Preserve District have approved an IGA to split the remaining \$200,000 to build and maintain the bridge. He reiterated the Township concern for Hanks Bridge and the Township will be "all in" when IDOT is ready to act on it. He also noted approximately 3% of local tax bills go to Sugar Grove Township and Road District and the levy has not been raised for 10 years.

REPORTS:

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Rowe presented a written report of his activities for the last month:

- Senior/Disabled Transportation update: program now up to 128 residents registered, 158 rides given in May for total of 3,909 rides given from 9/1/18 thru 5/31/23.
- Senior Lunch was held April 25th, with Pizza from Open Range and salads from Hill's Country Store to 70 seniors and volunteers.
- Senior Lawn Mowing currently has 10 registered for the 2023 season but may receive more now that the newsletter is out. Mowing began May 1 and concludes by Oct. 31st.
- Township newsletter was mailed to all households and businesses in the Township on May 26th. An extra 100 copies were printed for the Township office.

- General Assistance update: Jennifer Long and Jennifer Schlacter completed the General Assistance Training Institute in Rockford on April 28, 2023. TOI has announced House Bill 3424 has passed both houses & is waiting for Governor's signature. This bill would allow assistance to households following a disaster proclamation by the Governor and allow townships to spend GA funds on mental health services, environmental protections and public transportation.
- Groovin' in the Grove has scheduled concerts on June 15, July 13, and August 10; township, Village, Chamber of Commerce and Park District each contributed \$2,000.
- Sugar Grove Cemetery update: A meeting was held at the cemetery with Image Monuments, Township and Cemetery Board to identify additional gravestones that need repair. We have budgeted \$2,000 in the new budget to be matched by the Cemetery Association, same as last year.
- Audit Updated – Newkirk and Associates completed 3 days of fieldwork at Township offices on June 2nd. Final audit is planned to be presented at August 1st township meeting.

Assessor: Assessor Karas reported that permits were granted for 3 new home permits, 2 new homes were transferred to owners. June 16th the County will mail notice of changes, June 20th changes will be printed in Beacon News, homeowners have 30 days to appeal assessment.

Road & Bridge: Commissioner Doug Musser reported they have done trimming, mowing, sight line trimming, brush run, garbage pick-up West Prairie ready from 47 to Dugan. Can't get frapping for shoulder, Builders hasn't made any yet. Put in 3 culverts, one field entrance.

Trustees Reports:

Water Authority - Trustee Elliott said Blackberry Creek is at 6200 gal/min down from 20,000. Last month 4/10 inch of rain. Wells are down about 8 inches. Went to Crown Project meeting, and asked about where water would come from. Crown said they would dig well but didn't know where, and would have a water tower to distribute water. Jerry is concerned that they will pump SG water to Blackberry Township. Brad Merkel wants to meet. Jennifer Konen said they would make sure that all of Jerry's questions are answered.

Airport Authority – Trustee Medina next meeting Monday June 12.

Community Building – Trustee Bobbe said he missed the May meeting.

Mental Health – Next meeting Monday June 12.

Clerk's report: Filed Township and Road District Budget to County on May 27th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Decennial Committees – Supervisor Rowe created Agendas for Township and Road District meetings.

Supervisor Rowe put a copy of the TOI Educational Workshops at Rockford on July 14th for Supervisors and Trustees and July 26th will have information on Decennial Committee procedures.

NEW BUSINESS:

•Village of Montgomery Annexation of Creek View Drive update: Commissioner Musser attended the May 22nd Montgomery Village Board meeting to hear discussion of the Annexation agreement for property north and west of the Creek View subdivision which may include an extension of Creek View drive to Griffin Road. Clerk Bond reported that as a member of the

Montgomery Planning and Zoning Commission that she listened to residents express their desire to keep the SG Township Road District to service their roads.

- Consideration & Potential Approval of Resolution 2023-C Identity Protection Policy; motion by Trustee Elliott, second by Trustee Silagi. After review, Trustees Bobbe, Elliott, Medina, Silagi and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nay. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Tuesday July 11, 2023 at 6:00 pm at Road District office.

Adjournment: Trustee Silagi motioned, Trustee Elliott seconded, voice vote carried. Meeting Adjourned at 7:02 pm.