

Minutes of The
July 11, 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.

ALSO PRESENT: Tony Speciale, Ms. Amy Daeschler, and Bill Collins.

PRESENTATION: Supervisor Rowe introduced Ms. Amy Daeschler from CASA Kane County, who thanked the Township for their support in the past. She said that there are seven children from Sugar Grove being helped by a Court Appointed Special Advocate. These volunteers are a guardian ad litem, reporting to the courts and being a voice for the child. 40% of children are birth to five. Trustee Elliott asked if there is an increase in unaccompanied immigrant children, Ms. Daeschler said there are cases from sex trafficking and other bad situations. CASA has 200 volunteers, but more volunteers are needed. CASA raises 100% of funds; 1/3 special events, 1/3 grants, 1/3 donations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Supervisor Rowe introduced Tony Speciale, who has retired from the Village of Sugar Grove. He serves on the Aurora Airport Authority for the Village.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Supervisor Rowe asked for a motion to review and approve the Township Regular Meeting Minutes from June 6, 2023. Motion by Trustee Elliott, second by Trustee Medina. Clerk Bond said that under the Assessor's Report for June on page 4, it should read 30 days, not 3. The correction has been made but not soon enough to get the corrected minutes in the packet. Trustees Bobbe, Elliott, Medina and Silagi and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nay. Motion Carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

TOWNSHIP: Trustee Medina motioned and Trustee Silagi seconded the motion to review and approve the June Town accounts payables. Supervisor noted that ck#19047 to the INC. Board for \$61,237.02 is because Township received taxes

and this is the share for INC. And ck#19053 to Newkirk & Associates, in the amount of \$6,000 is the second installment for the audit. Trustee Elliott asked for clarification on the two bills from Teddy's Landscaping. Supervisor Rowe said he bills separately for Senior mowing and Township grounds. Trustee Elliott asked for clarification on ck#19067 to Illinois Trustees Association for \$30.00.

Supervisor Rowe explained that is for the annual dues to the association covers all trustees and bring education events to trustees, also the scholarship. Elliott asked about the MetroNet bill saying it seemed high. Supervisor Rowe said it is the same as always and covers the Township, Assessor's office and West Towns. 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 \$238,720.27

ROAD & BRIDGE: Trustee Elliott motioned, and Trustee Bobbe seconded the motion to review and approve the June Road and Bridge accounts payable. Commissioner Musser called attention to ck# 12626 to Superior Asphalt in the amount of \$7,741.55 for 4 ½ miles of shouldering on Prairie part of which is village, but they will do Norris which is Township and Township will do the striping. Commissioner Musser said they get along well and help out as needed. Ck #12617 to Kane County is an engineering fee for overlays. The payment to U.S. Treasury was questioned, it is for payroll taxes. 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 June 30, 2023 is \$442,386.20.

PAYROLL REPORT: For Pay Period June 1 through June 30, 2023.

PROFIT & LOSS REPORTS: Through June 30, 2023 first quarter of fiscal year. Supervisor Rowe called attention to item 313 of Township Income, Revenue Recapture. The county created a separate line item for Revenue Recapture, Assessor Karas explained that this could result when a homeowner challenges their property tax assessment and it goes before the board in Springfield. If the Board decides that more is owed, the funds are returned to the county and then to the Township. Supervisor Rowe noted that this year it is considerably higher than last year. Trustee Elliott noted that the Interest Income on the Road District report is high. Supervisor Rowe said he would check on those numbers.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT: Supervisor Rowe pointed out that the CDs which were renewed are now earning 3.5% or more and the money market accounts now earn 1.45%. There are still two Road & Bridge CDs at Old Second with low interest rates (.10%) but they are due to renew 9/29/23. Trustee Elliott

mentioned the Land Acquisition CD at State Bank seems low, Supervisor Rowe will look into that and see if it needs to be corrected. Trustee Silagi moved to approve the report, Trustee Elliott seconded. Trustees Bobbe, Elliott, Medina, Silagi and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nay. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Rowe shared a letter from the Village about the high levels of Manganese in Drinking Water. Trustee Elliott read a letter he had sent to a resident, stating that the sample showing high manganese had been obtained from Well #2 and was raw, untreated water. He stated that the Village's treated water was well below these levels and that both municipal and domestic water softeners reduce manganese MCL to below the 0.15 ml/l target. Tony Speciale said that Well #2 is the emergency well and little used. He said that the village may cap the well in the near future.

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 133 residents registered, 73 rides given in June for total of 3,982 rides given from 9/1/18 thru 6/30/23.
- Senior Lunch was held June 27th, with Jewel chicken and side salads served to approximately 50 individuals.
- Senior Lawn Mowing currently has 11 registered with room for one more. Mowing began May 1 and concludes by Oct. 31st.
- Audit Update – a draft of the final audit will be available later this month and will be presented at the August 1st township meeting.
- Ride in Kane Update – Pace is providing free work-related trips through Ride in Kane even if the township or municipality is not a sponsor. Riders must be at least 65 and show proof of disability if under 65.
- Township Officials of Illinois – the Clerks Division of TOI are accepting nominations for the William Z. Ahrends Award. Deadline for Nominations is September 15th and will be awarded at the Annual Education Conference in November.
- General Assistance update – House Bill 3424 has been signed by the Governor and became law June 30, 2023. The bill expands the Township Code to allow all townships the ability to provide additional assistance to people with a prior conviction, and provides township boards with the ability to separately approve subsidized day care for the individual. The legislation

also explicitly states townships may expend funds for mental, behavioral, eye, dental, and other miscellaneous healthcare needs.

- Groovin' in the Grove Summer Concert Series – Approximately 400 patrons attended the June 15th concert at the library. The two remaining concerts include: July 13 – Kaleidoscope Eyes (The Beatles) and August 10 – The Rockin Fendershirts (50s & 60s). Our annual sponsorship of \$2,000 has been included in the 2023/24 budget along with the Village, Park District and Chamber of Commerce contributing the same.

Assessor: Assessor Karas reported he attended the Senior Luncheon and spoke to seniors about the Senior Exemption and the Senior Freeze and some seniors had questions about TIFs. July 20 is deadline to make changes to Assessments and he has 30 requests in the office with ten more request to look at things. He has explained how levies affect the tax rate. There were 5 new home permits, 2 new homes were transferred to owners.

Road & Bridge: Commissioner Doug Musser reported 2nd round of mowing, Prairie frapped and shouldered, overlay done, getting it striped, doing all crosswalks, brush runs, will be in Corn Boil Parade. Taking down some dead trees.

Trustees Reports:

Water Authority - Trustee Elliott said Blackberry Creek is at 14,000 gal/min up from 6,200. The wells did not see a large increase. Brad Merkel met with Jerry June 8th and showed him a letter from Lane Christian Company that Sugar Grove wells do not show any decline. The indication is that we are secure in water resources and can accommodate the Crown project. Their water tower will come from Blackberry Township, and they will drill a 14,000 ft well north of I-88.

Airport Authority – Trustee Medina reported there was not a quorum at the meeting so they could not conduct business.

Community Building – Trustee Bobbe reported the CB filed their budget May 30, painted Gazebo, blew a water heater and replaced it and will have a Fun Fair on Thursday for children 10 & under with games and activities.

Mental Health – Trustee Silagi passed out service statistics for Sugar Grove Township with 356 individuals seen and a Historical Comparison of Kane County funding for mental health.

Clerk's report: Clerk Bond reported that she attended the June 12th Village of Montgomery Board Meeting and expressed Sugar Grove Township's willingness for an IGA for the maintenance of Creek View Road. We had a FOIA request from the Better Government Association requesting 2022 payroll records and that was fulfilled. And we had corrections to the June minutes in the Assessor's report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Commissioner Musser said he will continue to service Creekview Subdivision and wait to see what development happens.
- b. Decennial Committee IGA for Intern from Aurora University. Each township (Batavia, Sugar Grove, Aurora, St. Charles) will commit \$500 to a fall internship from August to December. Supervisor Rowe called for a vote. Motion by Trustee Silagi, second by Trustee Medina. Trustees Bobbe, Elliott, Medina, Silagi and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nay. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consideration and Potential Approval of Kane County CASA Social Service Funding in the amount of \$5,000. Funds have been budgeted for this purpose. Motion by Trustee Elliott, second by Trustee Medina. Trustees Bobbe, Elliott, Medina, Silagi and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nay. Motion carried.
- c. Consideration & Potential Approval of Tony Speciale to SG Water Authority Board to replace Jerry Elliott. Motion by Silagi, second by Bobbe. Trustees Bobbe, Elliott, Medina, Silagi and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nay. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Tuesday August 1, 2023 at 6:00 pm. Commission Musser said that neither he nor Bill Collins will be at next meeting.

Adjournment: Trustee Bobbe motioned, Trustee Medina seconded, voice vote carried. Meeting Adjourned at 7:14 pm.