

Minutes of The
November 7, 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 Roll Call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also present Shari & Greg Frieders of Sugar Grove

PRESENTATION: Shari is Executive Director of Between Friends Food Pantry, which is looking for new space because EEI, where they are currently housed, is expanding. She presented an overview of how the pantry is operated, it's personnel and Board. Their mission is to ensure that no one in our community goes hungry while empowering people to remain self-sufficient during difficult economic times. She presented statistics on food insecurity in Kane County and the multiple causes. Their service area covers the Kaneland School district with some overlap to Yorkville and Oswego. They are open every Thursday from 5-7 pm. They are asking if the Township could house food pantry in the Bus Barn. Supervisor Rowe explained that the 2 west bays of the Bus Barn are currently used by the Road District for seasonal equipment. It would be the ideal spot and require renovation. If Hines Trucking sells their property it would be perfect for the Road District. He would like to ask the Attorney if we can use GA funds for that space. Also, Pete Wallers has offered to help the township with grants and Shari is working on a Capital Grant. Any action will be taken at the December meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jerry Elliott spoke with Sheriff Ron Hain asking about the influx of immigrants from Chicago. Sheriff said that most are going to Elgin. He does not have statistics on the number in Kane County. Mr. Elliott wrote a letter to the Sheriff asking for a presentation regarding Homeland Security and gave each Trustee a copy of the letter. Supervisor Rowe suggested we contact Sheriff Hain to give a presentation at the Annual Town Meeting in April 2024.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Supervisor Rowe asked for a motion to review and approve the Township Regular Meeting Minutes from October 3, 2023. Motion by Trustee Elliott, second by Trustee Medina. Trustees Bobbe, Elliott, Medina, Silagi and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nay. Motion Carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

TOWNSHIP: Trustee Bobbe motioned and Trustee Silagi seconded the motion to review and approve the October Town accounts payables. Trustee Elliott asked about the 1st State Bank CD at .04%, Supervisor Rowe said the bank has a large penalty on that if renewed early but it is due in February. Trustee Elliott asked for clarification on Ch#19200 to Ross Mechanical for \$100.00. Supervisor Rowe explained that was for the Backflow Preventer. Elliott also asked for clarification on Ck# 19205 for \$509.60. Supervisor Rowe stated that was for a pallet of Salt. Supervisor Rowe asked for a vote. Elliott also asked about #19181 to Gerald Long Electrical. Supervisor Rowe said that was for the electrical repairs noted in the annual inspection of the building.

Trustees Bobbe, Elliott, Medina, and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nay. Motion Carried. The balance in the Township checking account as of October 31, 2023 is \$294,422.36

ROAD & BRIDGE: Trustee Silagi motioned, and Trustee Medina seconded the motion to review and approve the October Road and Bridge accounts payable.

Trustee Elliott asked for clarification on #12703 to Holcim for \$245.38.

Commissioner Musser said that was for Gravel. Trustee Elliott also asked #12714 to BDK Door for \$1194.30. Commissioner Musser said that was for yearly maintenance of all doors and found two doors that needed stripping and repair.

Trustees Bobbe, Elliott, Medina, Silagi and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nay.

Motion Carried. The balance in the Road & Bridge checking account as of October 31, 2023 is \$329,725.17

PAYROLL REPORT: For Pay Period October 1 through October 31, 2023.

PROFIT & LOSS REPORTS: Through October 31, 2023. Supervisor Rowe pointed out the item 389 Miscellaneous Income is for the refund on overpaid IDES. Also, item 510 Maintenance-Grounds includes Salt which will be moved to another account. The Rest is for Teddy's Landscape.

There were no questions on Road District report.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Rowe stated that every year the INC Board sends their levy request which will be addressed later in the meeting. They will be increasing their levy by a 5% increase for CPI and .841% for new construction. Total levy would be \$145,505. Supervisor Rowe also received a copy of a letter that State Representative Jeff Keicher, District 70, and others sent to Illinois Department of Transportation concerning the Illinois Route 47 corridor and the substantial increase in traffic and stating a need to update the Strategic Regional Arterial Plan from 1995.

REPORTS:

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

1. Senior/Disabled Transportation update
 - Total of 141 residents are registered for the transportation program as of 10/31/23.
 - A total of 108 rides were given in the month of October.
 - A total of 4,280 rides have been given from 9/1/18 through 10/31/23.
2. Senior Lunch was held October 31st, Bratworst sandwiches from Paisano's were served to approximately 75 individuals. This year's Halloween lunch also featured a costume party with prizes.
3. Senior Lawn Mowing program concluded on Oct. 31st with 12 households served. Applications have been mailed for the 2023-24 senior snow removal program with a deadline of Nov. 17th. We budgeted 12 households to be served but have received 15 applications so far.
4. Holiday Events: **Ceremonial Tree Lighting** will be Dec. 1st at the corner of Rt. 47 & Cross Street followed by cookies and hot chocolate at the Community Building. **Holiday in the Grove** presented by Kiwanis Club of Sugar Grove will be held on Dec. 2nd which includes Breakfast with Santa, horse drawn sleigh rides, pictures with Santa, live entertainment and more.
5. I.T. Proposal – A proposal (attached) from Jim Daw regarding IT services going forward for a monthly fee of \$320 which would include managed services for the Township, Road District and Community Building. Over the past ten years, we have spent over \$60,000 with Computer Network Management for IT services and equipment.
6. General Assistance Update – the new Kane County Township Caseworker Network had its initial meeting on October 4th with plans to meet Quarterly throughout the year. We will be comparing our GA and EA payment levels to other Kane County Townships before recommending any changes to our current policy.
7. TOIRMA Annual Report – a copy of the 2023 annual report from TOIRMA is attached.

Assessor: Assessor Karas reported there were 4 new home permits, 2 new homes were transferred to owners.

Road & Bridge: Commissioner Doug Musser reported that they put up posts for snow fences and have about 2-3 fields still to be done. Did a little more mowing and trimming. Trucks are serviced and ready to go.

Trustee Reports:

Mental Health – Trustee Silagi shared the Service Statistic. The previous officers were re-elected. 431 Individuals were served.

Community Building – Trustee Bobbe Reported that there was lots of discussion about Food Pantry that was supportive. The front door will be fixed appropriately and there are some light issue that are being addressed. The Gazebo has been wrapped as a warming center for the ice rink.

Airport – Trustee Medina said his wife broke her foot two days before and had surgery so he could not attend. Next meeting is December 11, 2023.

Water Authority - Trustee Elliott said Blackberry Creek is at 7260 gal/min up from last month. Two wells are at 10 feet which is good. Four wells are one foot down.

Clerk's report: Clerk filed the final the TOIRMA bond for the Road District's Mutual Aid Network with the County.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Review of Blue Cross Blue Shield Health & Dental Insurance Renewal for 2024: There is an 8.5% increase in cost. Supervisor Rowe stated that there may be a change if a dependent leaves the plan which would save money. He gave statistics on history of costs. A formal vote on insurance will be taken at December meeting.
- b. Consideration & Potential Approval to Purchase & Install Cameras at the Bliss House: Supervisor Rowe presented a quote and for cameras from Wire Wizard and A/I/S. Road Commissioner Musser has used A/I/S to install cameras on trucks and said they were reasonable and did good work. They are a local company. The quote from Wire Wizard was \$1800-\$3400. The quote from A/I/S was \$1250. Supervisor Rowe asked for a motion to approve cameras from A/I/S. Motion by Trustee Medina, second by Trustee Silagi. Trustees Bobbe, Elliott, Medina, Silagi and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nay. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consideration & Potential Approval of AID Contract for Social Services 2024. Supervisor Rowe stated that the contract is basically the same and that we want funds targeted for transportation of disabled residents in Sugar Grove. He asked for a motion to approve the AID contract for \$5000. Trustee Bobbe moved and Trustee Elliott seconded. Trustees Bobbe, Elliott, Medina, Silagi and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nay. Motion Carried. Supervisor Rowe pointed out the chart of statistics provided by AID including how many rides given and the cost per ride.

- b. Consideration & Potential Approval Estimated Tax Levy for SG Township. Supervisor Rowe said the levy is frozen for Township, Town Fund, Road District and Road District Permanent Funds. What has gone up is the Mental Health 5% increase. That is built in to this estimate. He asked Trustee Silagi if he could speak to the increase, and Silagi reported that there is a need there, as they pay professionals for services and what they are asking per household is minimal. Supervisor Rowe said the Township Levy is at \$641,065. He asked for a motion to approve the estimated levy for the Township. Trustee Elliott motioned, Trustee Silagi seconded. Trustees Bobbe, Elliott, Medina, Silagi and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nay. Motion Carried.
- c. Consideration & Potential Approval Estimated Tax Levy for SG Road District Funds. Supervisor Rowe stated this levy is flat at \$67,982 and the Permanent Road Fund at 0.138%. He asked for a motion to approve the estimated Road District Levy. Trustee Bobbe motioned, Trustee Medina seconded. Trustees Bobbe, Elliott, Medina, Silagi and Supervisor Rowe voted aye. 0 nay. Motion Carried.

Next Meeting: Tuesday December 5, 2023 at 6:00 pm. Third Decennial meeting to follow.

Adjournment: Trustee Bobbe motioned, Trustee Medina seconded, voice vote carried. Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Road Commissioner Musser said they are having a Holiday party on Wednesday December 6th at 11:30 am to be catered by Harner's. He said other Townships will and guest will be there.