MINUTES – ANNUAL MEETING OF LIBERTYVILLE TOWNSHIP ELECTORS

STATE OF ILLINOIS
Lake County,
Town of Libertyville

THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS OF LIBERTYVILLE TOWNSHIP held in said Town and County at the Libertyville Township Hall, 359 Merrill Court on April 11, 2017.

1. Call to Order

Clerk Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge to the Flag

Clerk Hansen led the electors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Election of Moderator

Clerk Hansen called for motions for the nomination of a Moderator for the Annual Meeting. A motion to nominate Jim Connell was made by Kathleen O’Connor and seconded by Paul Gieselhart without any further nomination Jim Connell was selected as Moderator by acclamation.

4. Reading and Approval of Annual Minutes of April 12, 2016

A motion by Kathleen O’Connor to waive the reading and approve the minutes of April 12, 2016 seconded by Paul Gieselhart and adopted on a voice vote.

5. Resolution 2017-R-4

Resolution of the Electors of the Town of Libertyville regarding the sale of Township Property:

1) 2004 Ford F350SDUTY Truck, VIN #1fdwx37p84eb12611-$16,500
2) 1998 New Holland LX 885Skid Steer Serial #114986-$15,000
3) 2011 Grapple Bucket Serial #283226- $2,000
4) 2012 Grouser Metal Tracks (2) for Skid Steer Model #FTS LX 885- $1,500
5) Milwaukee Driver/Drill- $50.00
6) Misc. Spare Parts Small Engines- $50.00
   Discussion &Vote

A motion by Peggy Freese, seconded by August Hock to approve Resolution 2017-R-4 regarding the sale of Township property presented. See Resolution attached.
6. **Trustees’ Report**
The trustees individually thanked the Township for the honor to serve. Lawrence Falbe said he was honored to have been appointed and enjoyed the opportunity to serve on the Board. A motion by Kathleen O’Connor and a second by Chris Gieselhart to approve the Trustees’ report as presented and adopted on a voice vote.

7. **Assessor’s Report**
Assessor Freese said for 2017 the Township is experiencing an increase in permits and new construction as well as an increase in sales. The Township’s equalized assessed value is just about 3 billion (market value 9 billion). Currently the Township has 20,831 parcels of which 18,828 are residential-1,859 are commercial/industrial.
There are 18 Townships in Lake County. Libertyville ranks 5th in number of residential properties and residential value. Libertyville ranks 2nd in total number of commercial/industrial properties and 1st in value among commercial/industrial properties Senior freeze forms have been mailed out and seniors come in daily to get help filing their paperwork.
A motion by Kam Hock and a second by Larry Falbe to approve the Assessor’s Report as presented and adopted on a voice vote.

8. **Clerk’s Report – Supervisor’s Annual Financial Report**
The reading of the Supervisor’s Financial Report was not necessary as there are copies available. Clerk Hansen said she is very proud to serve with such honorable elected officials and staff. A motion by Terry White and a second by David Nield to approve the Clerk’s Report of the Supervisor’s Financial Report as presented and adopted on a voice vote.

9. **Highway Commissioner’s Report**
Highway Commissioner Marty Neal gave a state of the Road District. A power point map of the 26 miles of roads and bridges was highlighted. Highway Commissioner Neal summarized the projects done in 2016 and discussed the projects for 2017. There were many residents of Rockland Road in attendance to discuss the Phase I plans for FAU Rockland Road Project. Moderator Jim Connel asked them to speak during the Public Comments section of the meeting. A motion by Kathleen O’Connor and a second by Chris Gieselhart to approve the Highway Commissioner’s Report as presented and adopted on a voice vote.

10. **Supervisor’s Report**
**General Assistance Report**
**Open Space Report**
Supervisor O’Connor stated the Township staff is hardworking and effective. Supervisor O’Connor also said the elected officials do valued work, and give pertinent input and participation.
Supervisor O’Connor provided hard copies of both reports for the 2015 Annual Social Service Report, and they are available for the public to preview.
a- Supervisor O’Connor reviewed some of the main responsibilities of the General Assistance at the Township.
b- Supervisor O’Connor highlighted some of the projects the Open Space Field Coordinates, Jon Happ and Damon Cedarberg, have worked on and accomplished. A motion by Lawrence Falbe and a second by David Nield to approve the General Assistance Report as presented and adopted on a voice vote. Motion Carried.

A motion by Kam Hock and second by Peggy Freese to approve the Supervisor’s Report/GA and Open Space Report as presented and adopted on a voice vote.

11. Old Business-none

12. New Business-none

13. Public Comments
Attorney Robert Rita; not a resident of Libertyville but a representative of the residents, spoke on behalf of the residents’ concerns. Attorney Rita said the residents want to keep the area of Rockland Road rural. They do not want to see the road widened, just paved. The residents are very concerned about traffic, safety, damage to existing trees and overall decrease in value to the neighborhood by implementing a widened road with a bike trail. Residents also are concerned the Rockland Road Bridge will be changed. Highway Commissioner Neal said the Bridge is not part of this project. Residents were also concerned Rockland Road would connect to Route 176. Attorney Rita said the residents are very worried that this is a “done deal”; and they want their voices heard. Many of the residents said they were not aware of the previous meetings held at the Township. Highway Commissioner Neal said he sent emails, posted on the web and circulated flyers in the neighborhood.

Residents, Holly Devon, Larry Sholewin, Chris Miller, Nancy Power and Peter Zahn all spoke against Option #2 which calls for widening Rockland Road in addition to repaving. Rick Mittleman said he thought the Open Houses Highway Commissioner Neal held in regards to the Rockland Road Project were extremely helpful and many residents in attendance seemed to be in favor of Option #2. Highway Commissioner Neal said the public comments were also favorable.

In summary, the residents in attendance at this meeting were very worried their questions and concerns will not be heard and a decision will be made without their approval. Highway Commissioner Neal assured the residents he is listening and will continue to communicate. There was an exchange of emails and phone numbers.
14. **Adjournment**
A motion by Rick Mittleman and a second by Peggy Freese to adjourn the meeting, all in favor on voice vote.

**TIME: 9:21 p.m.**

**Moderator,**
**Jim Connell**

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Hansen
Township Clerk