

MINUTES – BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
LAKE COUNTY**

THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the office of the Town Clerk, 359 Merrill Ct., Libertyville on Thursday, June 26, 2014.

Kathleen M. O'Connor----SUPERVISOR

Anne Hansen----- CLERK

Phil Collins-----TRUSTEE

David Nield-----TRUSTEE

Robin M. O'Connor-----TRUSTEE

Terry A. White-----TRUSTEE

Supervisor O'Connor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge to the Flag, roll call and all Board members were present. Also present were: Mike Graham, Highway Commissioner, Chris Slago Open Space Field Coordinator, George Covington, Township Open Space Attorney, Pamela Milroy, Financial Director and Gloria Dail, Administrative Assistant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 12, 2014

A motion to approve the minutes of June 12, 2014, by Trustee White, and a second by Trustee Nield, all in favor, aye. Motion carries.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

TOWN FUND

Motion by Trustee Nield with a second by Trustee Collins to approve the expenditures from the **Town Fund** in the amount of **\$7,623.40**. On roll call vote: Trustee Collins, aye, Trustee Nield, aye, Trustee White, aye, Trustee O'Connor, aye, Supervisor O'Connor, aye. Motion carries.

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

Motion by Trustee Collins and a second by Trustee O'Connor to approve the expenditures from the **Road and Bridge Fund** in the amount of **\$55,903.95**. On roll call vote: Trustee Collins, aye, Trustee Nield, aye, Trustee White, aye, Trustee O'Connor, aye, Supervisor O'Connor, aye. Motion carries.

OPEN SPACE FUND

Motion by Trustee O'Connor and a second by Trustee Nield to approve the expenditures from the **Open Space Fund** in the amount of **\$1,166.04**. On roll call vote: Trustee Collins, aye, Trustee Nield, aye, Trustee White, aye, Trustee O'Connor, aye, Supervisor O'Connor, aye. Motion carries.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – None

TOWNSHIP REPORTS:

Assessor's Report – Absent

Clerk's Report – None

Highway Commissioner's Report

Highway Commissioner Mike Graham said he is working with Jim Ferolo, Township Attorney, on some projects that will go out for bid late summer, fall and winter.

Trustee's Report – None

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor O'Connor made some general announcements regarding the food pantry and announced the weekly donations from various local businesses and individuals.

The National Association of Letter Carriers in conjunction with the United States Postal Service collected food for the needy on Saturday, May 10. They delivered 4,900 pounds of non-perishable food items collected from the community to Libertyville Township Food Pantry. The Township is very appreciative of the Letter Carriers for organizing such a generous and successful food drive.

There will be a Rt. 21 Tunnel Opening Celebration on Thursday July 10 at 11:30 a.m. at Independence Grove at the North Bay Pavilion. The Board members will be receiving an invitation from Lake County Forest Preserve District regarding the event.

CLARKE ENVIRONMENTAL MOSQUITO MANAGEMENT, INC. – APPROVAL OF CONTRACT – DISCUSSION & VOTE

Clarke provides mosquito abatement for the unincorporated areas of Libertyville Township. In the packets, the Board received a copy of the letter from Clarke which indicated a 1% increase for their services for the year 2014.

A motion by Trustee O'Connor, seconded by Trustee Collins to approve the Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management, Inc. professional services agreement for the 2014 season in the amount of **\$19,311.00**. On roll call vote: Trustee Collins, aye, Trustee Nield, aye, Trustee White, aye, Trustee O'Connor, Supervisor O'Connor, aye. Motion carries.

BIRDSCAPING PROJECT UPDATE – PAUL GEISELHART, LAKE COUNTY AUDUBON SOCIETY

Supervisor O'Connor said the Township has received a total of \$10,000 in grants from the Lake County Audubon Society and the DAS Charitable Fund for the Preservation of the Feline Animal Life to enhance the bird habitat at Liberty Prairie. Paul Geiselhart provided a power point presentation on the birdscaping projects and update of the recent volunteer work day. Mr. Geiselhart said there are over 100 species of birds that migrate to this area every spring. Ken Weik of Libertyville stated the planted trees and shrubs will help supply food and habitat for the birds throughout the year. Mr. and Mrs. Geiselhart said they are

working very hard to educate the volunteers and the public about the importance of plant and animal relationships. Supervisor O'Connor and the Board thanked all of them for their valuable service and support of the Open Space District.

CASEY LAND USE PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE UPDATE

Supervisor O'Connor said the Casey Road Land Use Public Open House held on Thursday, June 19 from 5-8 p.m. went extremely well. There were a total of 38 people in attendance, 10 of which were non-residents. The Board was provided a copy of the public comments that have been received to date. Supervisor O'Connor said overall the comments have been very positive with only a few people opposed to the plan. There is a group that likes the plan but would like to see some of the land retained for farming. Of those, some people expressed a desire for traditional row crops and others for local food.

At the July 10 Board meeting, Joe Lodesky, a Lake County farmer, will be discussing farming per the request of the Trustee Nield. In addition, Randy Seebach from the Lake County Forest Preserve District (LCFPD) will be addressing the issue of public access and how the LCFPD approaches public access in their long term planning.

Trustee Nield suggested a cost analysis of the different plans. Supervisor O'Connor said that would come with the next phase of the Plan when the budget concept is discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor O'Connor said the applications for the Social Service grants will be available on Monday, July 7. Supervisor O'Connor asked the Board if they are comfortable with the process as it is. Trustee O'Connor said she thinks the Township should send out reminder emails or post cards to the various agencies.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn by Trustee O'Connor and a second by Trustee White. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Time: 7:43p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Hansen, Township Clerk