

**MINUTES – BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES**

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**STATE OF ILLINOIS  
LAKE COUNTY**

**THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the office of the Town Clerk, 359 Merrill Ct., Libertyville on Thursday, July 10, 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 except Trustee Collins and Trustee O'Connor. Also present were: Chris Slago and Damon Cederberg, Open Space Field Coordinators.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Special Call Meeting – June 26, 2014**

A motion to approve the Special Call Meeting 6.26.14 by Trustee Nield, and a second by Trustee White, All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

**Regular Board Meeting – June 26, 2014**

A motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting 6.26.14 by Trustee White, seconded by Trustee Nield. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

**TOWN FUND**

Motion by Trustee White with a second by Trustee Nield to approve the expenditures from the **Town Fund** in the amount of **\$7901.33**. On roll call vote: Trustee Nield, aye, Trustee White, aye, Supervisor O'Connor, aye. Motion carries.

**ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND**

Motion by Trustee Nield and a second by White to approve the expenditures from the **Road and Bridge Fund** in the amount of **\$11,214.73**. On roll call vote: Trustee Nield, aye, Trustee White, aye, Supervisor O'Connor, aye. Motion carries.

**OPEN SPACE FUND**

Motion by Trustee Nield and a second by Trustee White to approve the expenditures from the **Open Space Fund** in the amount of **\$1,476.25** On roll call vote: Trustee Nield, aye, Trustee White, aye, Supervisor O'Connor, aye. Motion carries.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Tom Nowak of Casey Road in Libertyville thanked the Board for all their thoughtful planning regarding the Casey Road Land Use Project.

**TOWNSHIP REPORTS:**

**Assessor's Report – Absent**

**Clerk's Report – None**

**Highway Commissioner's Report – Absent**

**Trustee's Report – None**

**Supervisor's Report**

Supervisor O'Connor made some general announcements regarding the food pantry.

Supervisor O'Connor and Clerk Hansen attended the Rt. 21 Tunnel Opening Celebration on Thursday, July 10 at 11:30 at Lake County Forest Preserve District's Independence Grove at the North Bay Pavilion. Betty-Ann Moore, the previous Township Supervisor, was also in attendance. The event was well attended. Wagon tours were provided.

**CASEY ROAD LAND USE – DISCUSSION**

**RANDY SEEBACH – LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT**

**JOE LODESKY – LAKE COUNTY FARMER**

Randy Seebach, Lake County Forest Preserve District Director of Planning Conservation and Development, provided an overview presentation on the District's approach to planning for public access, the trail connections that have been made over the years and the trails currently in progress. Mr. Seebach stated the objective is to connect the Lake County Forest Preserves, communities and schools in Lake County to the regional trail system. Trustee White asked about the District's use of Ranger Patrol. Mr. Seebach said the District does have Rangers that patrol the District's preserves and trails.

Lisa Moreno of Casey Road in Libertyville said it is very dangerous to walk down Casey Road because of the increase in traffic and speed of vehicles. Supervisor O'Connor said that falls under the authority of the Road District. A trail connection on Casey Road is in the Casey Land Use Conceptual Design plan. The Road District has been approached about a possible trail connection within the Road District Right-of-Way. Discussion ensued. Supervisor O'Connor said Mr. Seebach has been an incredible resource with the Township's various trail projects. It would have been difficult for the Township to tackle the projects without his expertise, guidance and sharing of resources.

Joe Lodesky came to the meeting to discuss biological farming. Mr. Lodesky uses biological farming practices. His approach includes multiple crop rotations and the use of grass waterways to combat erosion. These approaches have been very effective. In addition, he does not use any chemical fertilizers on his crops. Trustee Nield asked what

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Mr. Lodesky uses to kill the bugs on his crops. Mr. Lodesky said he utilizes crop rotation. Supervisor O'Connor stated the corn stalks on Mr. Lodesky's property appear to be thicker, denser and stronger than the crops on the Township's property.

There was some discussion on the profit margin of farming. Mr. Lodesky said it is largely dependent on the market year to year. Supervisor O'Connor added that the Township's current tenant farms on other parcels in Lake County.

Rick Mittelman of Shari Lane in Libertyville asked to speak. He asked if the Township lease would tell the farmers how to farm. Supervisor O'Connor said the lessees will be subject to following "best practices". The Township is already paying for erosion issues. However, as it stands now, the practices in place are not only costing the taxpayer's money, but they are harming the land.

Mr. Seebach commented that the Forest Preserve license agreements are three years long. The District receives approximately \$200.00 per acre and they do have best management practices which the farmers must use.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Supervisor O'Connor said social service grants are now available. The information is online and was sent to the paper. As of July 10, 8 applications have been requested and mailed. At the June 12 meeting, the Board was updated on a federal grant the Lake County Coordinated Transportation Services Committee will be submitting with the technical assistance of Lake County Division of Transportation. The grant will request funding so the Central Lake Dial-a-Ride service can expand the boundaries to include all of the Township and extend into Fremont Township. In addition, possible destination specific locations outside of the service area include: Lake Forest Hospital, Evanston Northwestern Healthcare Vernon Hills, Target and Walmart on Rt. 60, College of Lake County and possibly the medical center on Greenleaf Avenue in Gurnee. It is the Township's hope that the service area will eventually extend to Shields Township. The grant application will be submitted by noon July 11, 2014. Supervisor O'Connor said she will notify the Board of any further developments.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Supervisor O'Connor reminded the Board that the next meeting will be Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Time: **8:25p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Hansen, Township Clerk