

LOCKPORT, ILLINOIS

OCTOBER 2, 2017

TOWN CLERK'S RECORD BOOK

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The Lockport Township Board of Trustees met at the Lockport Township Government Building, Community Center, 1463 S. Farrell Road, Lockport, Illinois on Monday October 2, 2017 at 7:30 PM with Supervisor Ron Alberico presiding.

Present were Trustees Gregg Bickus, Barb Boyce, Barb Delaney and Dean Morelli, Assessor Debbi Mason, Highway Commissioner John Cielelnski, Collector Lance McCalla, Attorney Gary Mueller and Deputy Clerk Jessica Strickland. Also present were State Representative John Connor, Bob Loewe, Terry Broadhurst and Grant Spooner filming the meeting. Absent was Clerk Denise Rumchak. The meeting agenda was posted at the Lockport & Crest Hill Libraries, Lockport Township Government Building, the Lockport Township website (Clerk's section), the calendar and also on the Community Center door.

On a Motion of Boyce, seconded by Delaney to approve the minutes from the previous regular monthly meeting held on September 11, 2017.

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Alberico explained to the Board their packets contain documents related to the allegation from Trustee Bickus that he was in violation of the open meeting act in regards to the posting of the water board meeting date. The documents (minutes and email) confirmed that Supervisor Alberico did not violate the open meeting act.

Supervisor Alberico read in reference to the open meeting act law that elected and appointed members are to complete electronic training no later than the 90 days after taking the oath of office. Supervisor Alberico reported that Trustee Bickus took his oath of office on May 8, 2017 and completed his training on September 11, 2017 which was in violation of the OMA electronic training requirements.

On a Motion of Delaney, seconded by Boyce to approve the total bills and payroll in the amount of \$75,618.40. Roll call vote resulted in Alberico Aye, Bickus Aye, Boyce Aye, Delaney Aye and Morelli Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Alberico stated he would like Attorney Mueller to read Resolution No. 2016-1 (Rules and Regulations for Public Participation) due to previous incidents from past meetings. Attorney Mueller read Resolution No. 2016-1 (Rules and Regulations for Public Participation), which states that each speaker will be allotted three minutes to present his or her topic.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board- Terry Broadhurst gave his opinion that the Township is trying to knock out public comment. Terry indicated he would like to talk about the issues of the water board. He asked if the water board or the Lockport Township residents paid for the \$580,000.00 lawsuit. Supervisor Alberico stated that Terry was out of order because he may not comment about water board concerns at a town meeting. Terry loudly continued to speak about the water board. Supervisor Alberico expressed to Terry that he will be asked to be removed if he does not obey the rules and regulations of Resolution No. 2016-1. Terry continued to interrupt Supervisor Alberico and Attorney Mueller with his disruptive and disorderly discussion. Supervisor Alberico contacted the police department and informed them that a resident was out of line. Attorney Mueller commented that Resolution No. 2016-1 was approved on May 9, 2016. Terry then continued to yell in the same manner. Supervisor Alberico expressed to Terry that he has had his three minutes for public comment and thanked him for his comments. Supervisor Alberico explained to Terry again that he is welcome to come into his office to discuss any issues or concerns he may have. Terry still continued to shout and disrupt the meeting. An officer from the Lockport Police Departemnt

then escorted Terry Broadhurst out of the building.

Assessor's Report- Assessor Mason reported there are 96 review hearings scheduled: 84 residential and 12 commercial/ industrial. The first hearing will be held on Thursday October 5, 2017.

Assessor Mason commented the Trunk and Treat Event will take place on October 26, 2017 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Lockport Township Building parking lot. The event will include a costume contest and the best decorated trunk prize. Assessor Mason stated the Township is looking for anyone who is interested in decorating their car to participate and also any donation to help support this event. If anyone is interested, please call Assessor Mason at 815-838-0780 or send an email to dmason@lockporttownship.com. Trustee Delaney commented that the costume contest will be organized into three different age categories that will include a first, second and third place prizes.

Clerk's Report- Clerk Rumchak was absent.

Supervisor Alberico wanted to update the Board in regards to Terry Broadhurst. Supervisor Alberico explained that he has asked Terry multiple times to come to his office to discuss any issues he may have with the Township. Alberico mentioned Terry has asked questions in regards to the bid process and how a bid is awarded for the building. Supervisor Alberico stated the Township did follow the law and accepted the lowest responsible bidder. Terry did come to Supervisor Alberico's office last week, but did not want to discuss anything because there were no cameras present. Supervisor Alberico reported that he does need to run the meeting in an orderly fashion and he encourages residents to speak for allotted time during the public comment section. He apologized to the Board for having Terry removed from the meeting, but it needed to be done due to his continuous disruptive actions.

Building Report- Supervisor Alberico reported that the Township parking lot has been completed.

The Lockport Fish Food Pantry is in the process of moving into the building. They have installed two exterior doors and a sidewalk. They are currently constructing a bathroom, finishing up their plumbing (thanks to Bickus Plumbing) and painting.

Supervisor Alberico mentioned the Limestone Theater Group and the Lockport/Homer Theater Group have been using the building for their rehearsals.

New Business- Supervisor Alberico stated that LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program), a shredding company and Walgreens (to administer flu shots) will be at the Township building on Friday October 20, 2017 from 9:00 AM to Noon for anyone would is interested in these programs.

Supervisor Alberico mentioned that the Will County Center for Community Concerns will be hosting a holiday basket event. The holiday basket will include: a new coat, hat and mittens for each child in the household, gifts for each child, and food for a holiday meal. Supervisor Alberico announced the requirements to participate in this event. This event will be held on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at the Will County Center for Community Concerns located at 2455 Glenwood Avenue in Joliet from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Supervisor Alberico stated the Lockport Township newsletter has been sent to the publisher to print. Residents should be expecting their newsletter in the mail by next week.

Supervisor Alberico announced the Lockport Fish Food Pantry has been temporary closed as of September 22, 2017. If there are any Lockport Township residents in need of this service, there is an emergency food pantry at the First Congregational Church located at 604 East 9th Street in Lockport. The emergency food pantry will be open from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, until renovations are completed at the Township building for the Lockport Fish Food Pantry.

Supervisor Alberico stated the next Water Board meeting will be held on October 23, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the community center.

State Representative John Connor addressed the Board. John Connor introduced himself to the officials and explained he was appointed to Emily McAsey's position. He announced his office is sponsoring a senior celebration event on Friday October 6, 2017 from 9:00 AM to Noon at the Romeoville Athletic Center and all seniors are welcomed. John Connor thanked the Board for serving the community.

Supervisor Alberico was addressed by a resident in the audience that was requesting permission to speak to the Board. Supervisor Alberico asked the Board if there were any objections to allow the resident to speak and there were none. Resident Bob Loewe lives in Lago Vista and is a member of the Fairmont Community Partnership. Bob explained the Fairmont residents are requesting that Fairmont residents be placed on the new Water Board when it is developed. Bob stated that the Fairmont residents are the ones that are affected and they want to be a part of the solution.

On a Motion of Delaney, seconded by Boyce to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

DENISE MUSHRO RUMCHAK, TOWN CLERK