

LOCKPORT, ILLINOIS

JULY 10, 2017

TOWN CLERK'S RECORD BOOK

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The Lockport Township Board of Trustees met at Lockport Township Government Building, Community Center, 1463 S. Farrell Road, Lockport, Illinois on Monday July 10, 2017 at 7:44 PM with Supervisor Ron Alberico presiding.

Present were Trustees Gregg Bickus, Barb Boyce, Barb Delaney and Dean Morelli, Clerk Denise Rumchak, Highway Commissioner John Cielenski, Collector Lance McCalla, Attorney Gary Mueller and Deputy Clerk Jessica Strickland. Also present were- See attendance sheet. Absent was Assessor Debbi Mason. 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 Bickus, seconded by Delaney to approve the minutes from the previous regular monthly meeting held on June 12, 2017 and workshop meeting held on June 28, 2017.

MOTION CARRIED

On a Motion of Boyce, seconded by Delaney to approve the total bills and payroll in the amount of \$98,632.13. Roll call vote resulted in Alberico Aye, Bickus Aye, Boyce Aye, Delaney Aye, and Morelli Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board- Resident Paula Leonard suggested to the Board to use the well location as a heat pump system. Paula also stated the Water Board and Water Board Workshop meeting agendas are not placed on the Township calendar. Supervisor Alberico commented the website is in the process of being updated.

Assessor's Report- Assessor Mason was absent.

Clerk's Report- Clerk Rumchak announced the Wellness Clinic will be held on Thursday August 10, 2017 from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM. This clinic is free and includes wellness checks and school/sport physicals. If anyone would like to take advantage of this program, please call the Clerk's office. Clerk Rumchak stated she handed out clinic flyers on Saturday for an event that took place in Fairmont and expressed the importance of free school physicals. As a result three appointment were scheduled.

Clerk Rumchak informed residents the Will County Clerk is looking for election judges. The requirements to become an election judge are to be a register voter in Will County and attend a two hour training class. All elections judges will be paid for their time serving. If anyone is interested in this opportunity, please call Nancy Schultz Voots at 815-740-4617.

Clerk Rumchak received a zoning request for property located at 924 East North Street. This is a special use permit to expand the square footage of the building from 1,800 square feet to 2,460 square feet.

New Business- Supervisor Alberico welcomed Rita Facchina from CASA. Rita informed the Board that CASA advocates for abused and neglected children in the community. Rita thanked the Board for providing the Township bus as a shuttle last year for their event. She announced CASA will be having the same event on December 2nd and December 3rd and hopes the Township will provide the same support as last year.

Supervisor Alberico stated Resolution No. 2017-4 is for the approval of an attorney for the Township. Supervisor Alberico disclosed the Supervisor appoints the attorney and the Board of Trustees approves the attorney. Supervisor Alberico

expressed he would like to retain Gary Mueller as the Township attorney. Attorney Gary Mueller has been working for the Township since 1997. Trustee Bickus asked Attorney Mueller if he has someone to carry out his duties in case he is unable. Attorney Mueller commented yes, he has three different attorneys at three different law firms. Trustee Delaney read from Resolution 2017-4 that states Gary S. Mueller & Associates, Ltd. has encourage Township and Highway to retain separate counsel to review the terms of the Employment Agreement and asked if the Board has done this. Supervisor Alberico commented no. Trustee Delaney suggested hiring another attorney to look at the terms of the employment agreement to protect the Township. Supervisor Alberico stated the Board will have to table Resolution No. 2017-4 if another attorney needs to be hired.

On a Motion of Morelli, seconded by Boyce to approve Resolution No. 2017-4 (employing Gary Mueller as the Township Attorney). Roll call vote resulted in Alberico Aye, Bickus Aye, Boyce Aye, Delaney Nay, and Morelli Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Alberico stated the Township's current accountant agency is Wermer, Rogers, Doran & Ruzon. WRDR has been employed by the Township since 2005. Supervisor Alberico passed out a letter stating the accountant, Dave Meyers, job description and hourly rate for payment.

On a Motion of Boyce, seconded by Delaney to approve accountant, Dave Meyers, from WRDR as the Township's accountant. Roll call vote resulted in Alberico Aye, Bickus Aye, Boyce Aye, Delaney Aye, and Morelli Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Alberico announced Dave Meyers will be attending the next monthly meeting to review the Township's audit from the last fiscal year. The audit will be placed on the agenda for approval.

Supervisor Alberico stated the Community Garden program was discussed at a workshop meeting. Eddie Duraka, Seeds Community Garden Board President, explained to the Board the details and benefits of his proposal for the use of land just north of the Township building for a community garden.

On a Motion of Delaney, seconded by Bickus to approve a Community Garden north of the Township building. Roll call vote resulted in Alberico Aye, Bickus Aye, Boyce Aye, Delaney Aye, and Morelli Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

Lucas Janchenko, executive director, from the Limestone Stage Theater spoke to the Board and answered any questions or concerns. Supervisor Alberico expressed this building was purchased to be able to give back to the community and this is a perfect chance to do so.

On a Motion of Boyce, seconded by Delaney to allow Limestone Stage the use of the community center and stage for rehearsals and shows. Roll call vote resulted in Alberico Aye, Bickus Aye, Boyce Aye, Delaney Aye, and Morelli Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

Jessica Connors, director of the Lockport/Homer Youth Theater, summarized to the Board how the students benefit from this program. Supervisor Alberico communicated the theater would like to use the building two to three times a week for rehearsals.

On a Motion of Boyce, seconded by Bickus to allow the Lockport/Homer Youth Theater the use of the Community Center for rehearsals. Roll call vote resulted in Alberico Aye, Bickus Aye, Boyce Aye, Delaney Aye, and Morelli Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Alberico asked the Board for approval to attend the Township Supervisors of Illinois Educational Workshop

on Friday, August 11, 2017 in Bloomington. Clerk Rumchak suggested Chris Vershay-Hall to also attend this workshop meeting. Supervisor Alberico stated he will ask Chris if she would like to attend.

On a Motion of Delaney, seconded by Boyce to approve two individuals to attend the Township Supervisors of Illinois Educational Workshop on Friday, August 11, 2017. Roll call vote resulted in Alberico Aye, Bickus Aye, Boyce Aye, Delaney Aye, and Morelli Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

Old Business- Supervisor Alberico stated the Board needs to pass Resolution No. 2017-3 (IMRF Participation for Elected Officials) which was tabled at the last monthly meeting. The officials that are involved in IMRF are the Supervisor, Clerk, Assessor and Highway Commissioner. Supervisor Alberico stated all the Trustees have signed a wavier stating they do not want to participate in the IMRF program due to the 1,000 hours of performance needed. Supervisor Alberico clarified 600 hours is needed on this resolution because all current officials are grandfathered into the program. Clerk Rumchak informed the Board when new officials take office, then a resolution for 1,000 hours will take into effect.

On a Motion of Morelli, seconded by Delaney to approve Resolution No. 2017-3 (IMRF Participation for Elected Officials). Roll call vote resulted in Alberico Aye, Bickus Aye, Boyce Aye, Delaney Aye, and Morelli Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Alberico revealed last month the Board made a motion to cap the abandoned well and since then a couple of Trustees believe they may have made the wrong decision. Supervisor Alberico stated he has placed this item back on the agenda for reconsideration. There are three option to choose from to become compliant with code: permanently seal the well, temporarily seal the well or use it for its intended purpose. Supervisor Albericio received an estimate for \$2,300.00 for the well tank, pressure controls and labor. He commented this estimate does not include plumbing and electric. Supervisor Alberico believes it will cost a total \$5,000 to get the well running. Trustee Morelli asked when the Will County Health Department needs a decision by. Supervisor Alberico commented this letter is dated May 26, 2017 and states a reinvestigation will be scheduled on or shortly after June 30, 2017. Supervisor Alberico spoke with a representative from the health department and the deadline was extended. He also left a message with the department stating the Board will be voting again on the decision of the well and if there is a problem to please let him know. Supervisor Alberico has not received a phone call. There was discussion with the Board about the different options to consider for the well.

On the Motion of Morelli, seconded by Delaney to rescind the previous motion to permanently seal the well. Roll call vote resulted in Alberico Aye, Bickus Aye, Boyce Aye, Delaney Aye, and Morelli Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Delaney suggested temporarily sealing the well. Trustee Morelli expressed the Township will spend more money to temporarily seal the well and reopen it when ready.

On a Motion of Morelli, seconded by Boyce to get the well in working condition for its intended purpose. Roll call vote resulted in Alberico Aye, Bickus Aye, Boyce Aye, Delaney Nay, and Morelli Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Alberico announced the Township was in the Canal Day parade and it was a beautiful day.

Supervisor Alberico reported the Township had an open house last month with a great turnout.

There will be four officials attending the TOI education class on July 13, 2017.

Supervisor Alberico received an email from the Illinois Department of Labor. The Illinois Department of Labor has

reviewed the prevailing wage schedule that was published on May 26, 2017 (rates took effect on June 5, 2017). Following the review, they have corrected some of the rates for Will County. The corrected schedule and the revised items have been highlighted in the rate schedule. Clerk Rumchak stated she will print the new rate schedule to attach to the prevailing wage ordinance.

Meeting and Correspondence- Supervisor Alberico received a thank you card from Joliet Hospice and Bridges to a New Day for the Township's donation.

Supervisor Alberico also received a thank you letter from the Lockport Fish Food Pantry for the Board's approval to let them occupy the building.

Supervisor Alberico thanked the residents and all Board members for allowing the Township to grow to better service the community.

Trustee Morelli asked Supervisor Alberico if the Township has considered installing a broadcasting system for the meetings. Supervisor Alberico stated it is not the Township's responsibility to broadcast the meetings. The Township donates monies every year to LCTV for the use of their technology. In the future, Supervisor Alberico would like to install a system to be able to broadcast the meetings.

Clerk Rumchak asked Supervisor Alberico where all the short and long term lease documents for the new building will be filed. Supervisor Alberico stated he has a lease folder that he would be more than happy to give to the Clerk's office.

On a Motion of Boyce, seconded by Delaney to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

DENISE MUSHRO RUMCHAK, TOWN CLERK