



Supervisor's Office
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MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Thursday, November 10, 2016
7:30pm – BOARD MEETING

1. Call to Order: Supervisor Prouty called meeting to order at 7:30 pm.
2. Board Roll Call: Supervisor Prouty, Assessor Barrington, Highway Commissioner Kruckenberg, Trustee Bowman, Trustee O'Brien, Trustee Palmblad, Trustee Sikes and Clerk Donnan.
3. Pledge of Allegiance Supervisor Prouty led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.
4. Public Comment: None.
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2016: Motion by Trustee Palmblad, seconded by Trustee O'Brien to approve corrected minutes of October 13, 2016. Motion passed 5 – 0.
6. Committee Meeting Minutes: Motion by Trustee Palmblad, seconded by Trustee O'Brien to approve minutes from COW (11/7). Youth Committee (10/12), and Communication Committee (10/25). Motion passed 5 – 0.
7. Motion by Trustee O'Brien, seconded by Trustee Bowman to approve board audit for \$274,974.19. Motion passed 5 – 0. General Town \$190,278.39, General Assistance \$5,995.99, General Road \$18,343.53, Permanent Road \$34,651.27, Park Maintenance \$24,320.01, and Cemetery Maintenance \$1,294.00.
8. Monthly Updates from Elected Officials & Department Heads.
 - a. Supervisor Prouty: Very nice ceremony for the veterans and Jeff Tompson had an excellent idea to honor Carol Sullivan for her care of her boys at Fairfield Cemetery; she was very surprised and pleased. We have a dinner date with Clarke on Sunday night at the conference for anyone that can make it.
 - b. Clerk Donnan: Polls were open for 12 days and 90 hours with an additional 6 extra hours. We had 6,814 voters from Ela Township and other townships in the southwest area.
 - c. Trustee Bowman: Parks: Football still playing ends this week. The new park has the plans at Lake County, should be ready in about 17 days to start. Thanks to all the vets.
 - d. Trustee O'Brien: We are planning on a second e-blast to cover more topics each month. News letter is out, getting feedback from many sources.
 - e. Trustee Palmblad: Had two meetings this week and youth is averaging 25 members per day. I am sure Chris will have a nice report.
 - f. Trustee Sikes: Enjoyed the veterans lunch, well done. Trip recoveries are up. Attendance up past last year's with 2 months of time to set record. We are discussing maintenance contract, will have results later.
 - g. Highway Commissioner Kruckenberg: Finished up floor drains in bus garage and should have all trucks in garage next week. Ready for plowing g and getting calibration set for road. We are putting fences up on football field to keep field conditions good for next season. We will winterize the washrooms and lock them up for the winter.
 - h. Assessor Barrington: We are still working on appeals and attending hearings in Waukegan. Lawsuit update: Many Lake County residents have seen the open letter I wrote discussing Lake County not allowing assessors equalize assessments, even though the state statutes allow it and the Lake County State's Attorney acknowledged our ability to do so. This year Lake County removed assessor changes and replaced them with a blanket increase and replaced them with a blanket increase for all properties. All Ela Township parcels received a 5 % increase even though not all properties should have gone up 5 %. The assessors have met with the County Board Representatives, the chairman, the county Assessment officer, and the States Attorney to try to rectify the issues to no avail. Because of the inaction and Lake Counties refusal to follow state statutes a group of Lake County Assessors, along with tax payers filed a lawsuit requesting a declaration that Lake County follow State statutes. We asked that they stop the practice of tax attorneys calling the county assessment officer to get reductions without filing an appeal and without involvement of the local Assessor. As an example, without filing an appeal, and without involvement of local assessor had a 33 million value removed with a phone call and no evidence of reducing tax bill by 1 million. We are asking for change to be made by board members in an open session with

evidence and the assessor to be able to defend the case, not back room deals. We are locked out of the system that we pay over \$1,000 per month for. Lake County making changes and saying they were requested by assessor, when assessor had no knowledge of the change. The assessors are interfered with their performance we were elected to do.

- i. Social Worker Fackler: Complete report found in section 8 of board packet:
- j. Senior Director Dillon: Complete report found in section 8 of board packet.
- k. Youth Director Urry: Complete report found in section 8 of board packet.
- l. Communications Coordinator Sykora: Complete report is found in section 8 of board packet.

OLD BUSINESS

9. Deerpath Park Property – Consideration & possible action to approve concept drawings provided by Gewalt Hamilton for the future improvements of Deerpath Park at 21096 Deerpath Road. (Project 3847.200 - Revised 10/28/16). Motion by Trustee O'Brien, seconded by Trustee Bowman to approve concept drawings of Deerpath Park at 21096 Deerpath Road. Motion passed 5 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

10. Resolution 2016-05 Setting Compensation of Township Officials: Motion by Trustee Palmblad, seconded by Trustee O'Brien to approve Resolution 2016-05 setting salaries & benefits for township officials next term from May 15, 2017 to May 17, 2021. Motion passed 3- 1- 1. Trustee Bowman abstained, Supervisor Prouty voted Nay. See Resolution 2016-05 in section 10 of board packet.
11. Tax Levy Ordinance 2016-07/Town: Action to approve Tax Levy Ordinance 2016-07/Town, tax year 2016, collectable in 2017 (\$2,250,300.00). Motion by Trustee Palmblad, seconded by Trustee Bowman to approve Ordinance 2016-07. Motion passed 5 – 0.
12. Tax Levy Ordinance 2016-08/Road: Action to approve Tax Levy Ordinance 2016-08/Road, tax year 2016, collectable in 2017 (\$1,247,655.00). Motion by Trustee Bowman, seconded by Trustee O'Brien to approve Ordinance 2016-08. Motion passed 5 – 0.
13. 2017 Holidays: Action to approve Holidays for calendar year 2017. Motion by Trustee O'Brien, seconded by Trustee Sikes to approve Holidays for Calendar Year 2017. Motion passed 5 – 0.
14. 2017 Board Meeting Schedule: Action to approve schedule of board meetings for calendar year of 2017: Motion by Trustee O'Brien, seconded by Trustee Bowman to approve meeting dates and 7:00 PM start time for year 2017. Motion passed 5 – 0.
15. Policies & Procedures: consideration & possible action to approve policies & procedures for youth department. Motioned Tabled.
16. Insurance Renewal – discussion on Jan. 1, 2017 renewal of medical insurance benefits: Set meeting for November 18th at 11:00 am.
17. Closed Executive Session No executive session.
18. Consideration and possible action on items discussed in closed session: none.
19. Adjourn: Motion by Trustee Bowman, seconded by Trustee O'Brien to adjourn at 8: 38 pm. On voice vote was 5 – 0.

William L. Donnan, Ela Township Clerk

November 23, 2016

Supervisor Lucy A. Prouty
Trustee Larry Bowman

Highway Commissioner Bill Kruckenberg
Trustee Lynn O'Brien

Assessor John Barrington
Trustee Gloria Palmblad

Clerk William Donnan
Trustee Joel Sikes