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APPROVED MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 10, 2015  
7:30pm – BOARD MEETING

1. Call to order: Supervisor Prouty called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Supervisor Prouty led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Board Roll Call: Supervisor Prouty, Assessor Barrington, Highway Commissioner Kruckenberg, Trustee Bowman, Trustee O'Brien, Trustee Palmblad, Trustee Sikes, and Clerk Donnan.
10. At this time I would like to move Trustee Appointment agenda item number 10 under new business up on the agenda. I would entertain a motion to approve appointment of Mr. Joel Sikes to Ela Township Trustee vacancy to fill out the term of Trustee Jack Reck who has retired to Texas. Motion by Trustee O'Brien, seconded by Trustee Palmblad to appoint Joel Sikes to the position vacated by Jack Reck. Motion passed 3 – 0. Clerk Donnan then swear in Joel Sikes. Mr. Sikes then thanked the board and all his friends and family that were able to attend this function.
4. Public Comment:
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2015: Motion by Trustee Bowman, seconded by Trustee Palmblad to approve the meeting minutes of November 12, 2015. Motion passed 3 – 0. Trustee O'Brien abstained
6. Committee Meeting Minutes: Motion by Trustee Bowman, seconded by Trustee O'Brien to accept minutes from COW (11/30), Community Family services (12/7). Motion passed 4 – 0.
7. Approval of Board Audit from 11/1/15 to 12/08/15: Motion by Trustee Palmblad, seconded by Trustee Bowman to approve the board audit for a total of \$282,009.27. Motion passed 4 – 0. General Town \$176,286.83, General Assistance \$4,517.70, General Road \$25,781.49, Permanent Road \$41,023.55, Park Maintenance \$23,524.57, Cemetery Maintenance \$10, 875.13.
8. Monthly Updates from Elected Officials & Department Heads.
  - a. Supervisor Prouty: I finally had the opportunity to watch our last board meeting and I could not hear everyone. We have to sit up and talk into the microphones, and anyone talking from the audience has to come up to this microphone. I hope everyone has gotten their donations for the C Christmas party to our Senior Director. Remember our Christmas Party has a time change to start at 4:30. As you know Life Source has moved from Lake Zurich. They have contacted us for a blood drive and we have set it up for December 29<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 3 pm. They will be parking their bus in our west parking lot. Heidi asked the highway commissioner if he could advertise on electronic sign and maybe we could put it on the community center sign. I really hope that it will be a successful drive. Oh I forgot the best part as everyone that gives blood get a ten dollar Wal-Mart gift card.
  - b. Clerk Donnan: No report.
  - c. Trustee Bowman: The park committee will have a meeting tomorrow morning. We will discuss maintenance programs for the spring and get an early start on their contracts and schedules.
  - d. Trustee O'Brien: I would like to welcome Angela as our communications person. She will be working on a directory of our services and who is responsible for handling it. I would also thank Susan Dillon for the special programs for our military veterans, it was a great program and they really appreciated the recognition.
  - e. Trustee Palmblad: I want to thank Susan Fackler for helping out with the shop with cop program. The 40 plus kids really had a great time getting what they wanted and even purchased gifts for their parents. We helped with the wrapping of the gifts.
  - f. Trustee Sikes: I am very excited to join the team here as a local boy I always wanted to make a difference and this is a great way. I hope I can give a different prospective and learn from you.
  - g. Highway Commissioner Kruckenberg: Sherman Plumbing did the maintenance at all the buildings. The bad news is that both furnaces at the garage have cracked heat exchangers and need new furnaces the cost is \$4500.
  - h. Assessor Barrington: Working on our board of reviews, we have finished all that could be resolved here so next is Lake County and hearing there. The new veteran exemption for disabled vets, depending on percentage of

disabilities, can be up to no taxes.

- i. Social Worker Fackler: Complete report is found in Board Packet in section 8.
- j. Senior Director Dillon: Complete report is found in Board Packet in section 8
- k. Youth Director Tonigan: Complete report is found in Board Packet in section 8.
- l. Communications Director Sykora: complete report is found in board packet in section 8. She has 7 stories in the Daily Herald, the Tribune and on the Patch.com as well as on face book. Contact her if you have any topic you wish to publicize.

#### OLD BUSINESS

9. Committee Ordinance- discussion on updates and changes. Tabled until next month.
11. Insurance Renewal – Motion by Trustee Bowman, seconded by Trustee O’Brien to approve Insurance renewal with same BCBS, continuation of HRA and employee contributions. All PPO at increase of 9.4% over last year and charge of 3% above the 7% for last year, which comes to \$26 increase for single and \$52 for families. Motion passed 4 – 0.
12. Scholarship Applications: Motion by Trustee Bowman, seconded by Trustee O’Brien to approve application for 2016-17. Motion passed. FYI the highway department rents parking spaces to high school students and all monies collected are given out to Lake Zurich High School seniors. We prefer to give to students going to a technical or College of Lake County. These students seldom get any help from any other sources.
13. Ela Township Facilities Schedule: Directors will work on all the books needed.
14. Closed Executive Session. Not needed.
15. Items discussed in executive session. None
16. Adjournment: Motion by Trustee Bowman, seconded by Trustee O’Brien at 8:15 pm. On voice vote all present voted aye. Vote 5 – 0.

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William L. Donnan, Ela Township Clerk

December 15, 2015

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**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