

Dundee Township Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 19, 2021 – 7pm
Dundee Township Building Meeting Room

Newly elected Supervisor Thrower called the May meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:03pm at the Dundee Township Meeting Room, 611 East Main Street, Suite 201, East Dundee, IL.

Roll Call: Supervisor Thrower, Trustee Schaffer, Trustee Harney, Trustee Ahrens, and Office Manager Block were in attendance at the Township Office. Trustee Romano was absent.

Trustee Schaffer led the attendees in The Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda:

Trustee Harney made a motion to approve the Agenda for the May 19, 2021 Board of Trustees' meeting as presented with a second by Trustee Schaffer. Supervisor Thrower called the motion to approve the Agenda as presented with a roll call vote. Supervisor Thrower, Trustees Schaffer, Harney, & Ahrens voted "aye". The motion to approve the Agenda passed.

Road District – Opening of Bids – Sale of Truck:

The Road District received one bid for the sale of the 2004 Sterling Truck from Phillip Fiscella of Crispin Auto Exports in Champaign, IL for \$17,632.

Minutes/Treasurer's Report:

Trustee Harney made a motion to amend the Minutes from the April 21, 2021 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting under the Open Spaces paragraph – correcting "Briarwood" to "Braewood". Motion was made by Trustee Schaffer to approve the amended minutes with a second motion made by Trustee Harney. Roll call vote: Schaffer, Harney, and Ahrens – ayes; Supervisor Thrower – abstained. Motion passed.

Trustee Harney made a motion to approve the Minutes from the May 5, 2021 Board of Trustees Special Meeting with a second by Trustee Ahrens. Roll call vote: Trustees Schaffer, Harney, Ahrens – ayes; Supervisor Thrower – abstained. Motion passed.

Trustee Ahrens made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report through April 30, 2021 and Financial Statements through May 19, 2021 with a second by Trustee Harney. Roll call vote: Trustee Schaffer, Harney, Ahrens – "ayes"; Supervisor Thrower – abstained. Motion passed.

REPORTS

Trustees: Trustee Harney asked to recognize Brandon Weinhamer and other volunteers for the work they completed on Braewood at Dixie Briggs as well as donating their services for free.

Highway Commissioner: Not in attendance but provided printed report.

Clerk: None

Assessor: Assessor turned in books to County. Made assessment changes which will be reviewed. 30 days to appeal assessment after being posted in July in Daily Herald. Residents can stop in to discuss.

Attorney: None

708 Mental Health Board: Paul Setts member of 708 Health Board. No report due to Kane County Clerk. Read report on website. Report every 5 years. #1 issue in Kane County is mental health. Arin inquired if we will have member/rep on 708 Board. Atty said Glees is still on the Board but we can add another member. Once her term is up we do not reappoint her.

Cemetery: None

Open Space: No representative but hard copies of May 2021 report were provided.

Office Manager: Kane County made first payments today. Received 50k for town, 38k for road district. Larger deposit in June. Bob will send OMA & FOIA training – turn certificates into Clerk.

Supervisor:

Kane County Sheriff: None – Deputy Garrity in attendance

Kane County Board: Kane County Board Cliff Surges & Chris Kious. Chris is Forest Preserve President. Redistricting & next wave of pandemic monies are available. Spoke with East Dundee FPD who will be receiving 400K and landlord assistance. In infancy. Larger assistance coming in. Reapportionment/redistricting not big partisan. Aurora will have some challenges redistricting. Pingree Grove will be our biggest challenge. No answers yet but these are 2 big hotspots. 5 town halls available & open forum for redistricting. May 27th at Senior Center. Municipalities are getting monies from the Feds. Will be receiving guidelines how we can get and utilize monies.

Bee-Blitz Katie Meyer – Dixie Briggs – natural hike bee spotter program build a database for pollinators.

Transportation – repaving goes to the township through the County. Map for Dundee Twp was passed last Tuesday. Longmeadow 25 to Sandbloom finished by beginning of next year. Not sure if tolls will be starting immediately or delay.

Vaccination site just outside the Kohl's – make appts on KaneVax.org

Forest Preserve has gone green by buying renewable resources to use.

Raceway Woods – extending parking on East side working with Village of C'ville have IGA with them to get it paved. Residents called Chris & Cliff.

Forest Preserve walked the deer migration path/ravine along Sleepy Hollow which was recently purchased.

Public Comment:

Mark Avelar 26 year resident of Algonquin – lawsuit approved on April 21st for 708, asks Board to let it play itself out, case law is solid and may be ruled against the Township. Sooner its resolved is better – mental health is important. Move to summary judgement for the County. 708 Board may be able to be a 9 member board asks that vacancies not be filled lickity-split, lame duck appointment, needs to be open to the community so more members can become more active.

James Gould 309 Sedgewick C'ville 33 years – how society treats others. Developmentally disabled, drugs, mental health. Voted for mental health board years ago. 708 referenda. Current board will withdraw lawsuit which was filed. Please provide a safety net for those vulnerable.

Susan Gould 649 Jefferson C'ville & ex-wife of Mr. James Gould – upset that Kane County is not willing to collect the tax, needs resources for those in the community wanting more for those who are here and will continue to be here; deserve to have voices heard.

Loree Baker Pres CEO of AID Cares

– 7 facilities in Elgin and Dundee. Mental health concerns for members of residents of Kane County. Intellectual and developmental disabilities. PUNS list – waiting list. Dundee Twp 84 people with disabilities on waiting list for funding to purchase services they need to live and thrive in community. Continue with the lawsuit. As providers, they are looking into their rights.

Mike Tennis – provided printed, hard copy of concerns regarding Employer Insurance

Bernie May ED of Family Services edge of East Dundee & Elgin resident of Algonquin – provides services to schools and home & community services for children & adolescence. 2017 17% increase, . Abused & suicide attempts by kids while on waitlist. Decrease threefold for those who have services. Pursuing the lawsuit to save lives and kids.

New Business

Employee Insurance:

Trustee Schaffer inquired what is the percentage increase over last year? Approx. 3.8% increase for BCBS programs. Don't know exact costs as we have some employees who don't know if they are continuing or waving ins. BCBS was the only one which increased as Delta Dental & Vision and Sunlife stayed the same.

Employee mentioned to Supervisor Thrower that family plan is expensive and she is open to pricing out other carriers. Office Manager Block did have broker price out 2 other policies which were higher. Could Don't contribute to family plans. Retirees are paying for full costs reimbursed IMRF to the Township. Trustee Harney would like to see coverage for families but recommended to start charging employees for part of the premium; however, it may be difficult for those who didn't have pay increases.

Assessor Bielak said that it was one of his employee came up to talk to Supervisor Thrower about costs. Asks that we consider a sliding scale. \$1960/mo for insurance. Other townships offer coverage.

Consider for next year. Meet with employees to discuss and explain options.

Trustee Schaffer made a motion to approve the Employee Insurance Program for July 2021 to June 2022 with Trustee Harney providing the second motion. Roll call vote: Supervisor Thrower and Trustees Schaffer & Harney – “ayes”; Trustee Ahrens – “nay”. Motion passed.

Trustee Ahrens made a motion to approve Supervisor Thrower as the Dundee Township's IMRF Authorized Agent. Trustee Schaffer seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Trustees Schaffer, Harney, & Ahrens – "ayes". Motion passed.

Old Business

Resolution – Office Manager Block

Expenditures – Office Manager Block does not include Road District

Audit/Approve Bills – Extra

Trustee Harney made a motion to approve the Bills as audited. Trustee Ahrens seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Supervisor Thrower; Trustees Schaffer, Harney, & Ahrens – "ayes". Motion passed.

No Budget Transfers

Executive Session

Entered into Executive Session at 8:07pm with motion by Trustee Schaffer and seconded by Trustee Ahrens. Roll call vote: Supervisor Thrower; Trustees, Schaffer, Harney, & Ahrens – "ayes". Ended at 8:13pm. Entered into Executive Session at 8:15pm and ended at 8:17pm. Entered into Executive Session 2 at 8:18pm & ended at 8:54pm. Executive Sessions ended with motion by Trustee Schaffer and seconded by Trustee Harney.

Motion made to Adjourn Meeting by Trustee Ahrens and seconded by Trustee Harney. Board of Trustees Meeting ended at 8:54pm.