



Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
Held at Winfield Township Office
130 Arbor Avenue
West Chicago, IL 60185
8/9/2021

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM by Supervisor Prater.

Clerk Guglielmi called roll call. Trustee Voelz, Trustee Alekna, Trustee Hacker, Trustee Lukas and Supervisor Prater were present.

Also present: John Dusza – Highway Commissioner, Mark Malay - Assessor

Others present: Ed Tracy (Selden Fox)

Supervisor Prater led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Prater entertained a motion for approval for the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held July 12, 2021. Motion made by Trustee Alekna. Second by Trustee Voelz. Discussion by Trustee Voelz to strike the clerk comments from June meeting from the minutes Motion amended by Trustee Alekna and Seconded by Trustee Alekna. Trustee Lukas had concerns about how her comments were stated in the minutes. Supervisor Prater asked Clerk Guglielmi if he would like the minutes to remain as written except for the sticken sections at the end. Clerk Guglielmi stated yes. End of discussion and called for vote. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Trustee Hacker-Nay Trustee Voelz-Aye Trustee Lukas- Nay
Trustee Alekna- Aye Supervisor Prater- Aye

Audience participation:

None.

Correspondence: None

Board Audit Report:

Town Fund: \$81,188.05	General Road Fund: \$16,497.14
General Assistance: \$16,457.40	Permanent Road Fund: \$69,040.50
Equipment & Building Fund: \$0.00	IMRF Road District Fund: \$2,700.69
Social Security Road Fund: \$2,818.80	Liability Insurance Fund: \$0.00
Total of all Funds: \$188,702.58	

Motion made by Supervisor Prater to approve the Board Audit Report. Second by Trustee Voelz. No discussion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Trustee Hacker-Aye Trustee Voelz-Aye Trustee Lukas- Aye
Trustee Alekna- Aye Supervisor Prater- Aye

Unfinished Business: None.



New Business: Monthly Financial and Investment Reports - For information only

Discussion and acceptance of the 2020-2021 Audit Report. Ed Tracy from Selden Fox discussed the audit. Motion made by Trustee Lukas to accept the Audit Report. Second by Trustee Voelz. Motion Carried on roll call vote.

Trustee Hacker-Aye Trustee Voelz-Aye Trustee Lukas- Aye
Trustee Alekna- Aye Supervisor Prater- Aye

Review of updated ordinance 2021-02 Road District Budget amendment for Building and Equipment section. During discussion by Highway Commissioner Dusza at time stamp 18:57 of the YouTube video <https://youtu.be/n4SSALTfnRI?t=1135> Trustee Lukas is clearly shown placing Executive Minutes under the table concealing her action of placing the minutes in her purse. Supervisor Prater states the amended budget is given to the board for review.

Discussion of a workshop to develop a Mission Statement. Trustee Lukas discussed a possible mission statement for the Township. Instead of a resolution on mental health we should show that we value people with a mission statement. Supervisor Prater asked Trustee Lukas what the statute states the purpose of township government is. Supervisor Prater wants to follow the state law. Trustee Lukas states this is important for general assistance and people in need. Supervisor Prater clarifies people in need of what. Trustee Lukas states financial need, a lot of times people with financial need have mental illness. I am a registered nurse and I do know that mental health problems lead to a lower socio-economic of the population. That is evidence based. Supervisor Prater asked for a straw pull and for their opinion on a mission statement workshop. Trustee Voelz states if Trustee Lukas brings the information back we could look at it. Trustee Hacker states it is 2021 we need a mission statement, all organizations have mission statements. Trustee Lukas is a yes. Trustee Alekna is a no.

Department reports –

Assessor Malay – We are closing our books. Notices going out, still working on the assessments. The information from the county has been delayed.

Highway Commissioner Dusza – Supplies still an issue. The bucket truck is in, #4 was auctioned off and put towards the new bucket truck. Recycling event coming up.

Supervisor Prater – Ride DuPage and Township bus rider statistics. General Assistance statistics as well. National Night Out was a success. Thank you to Claudia and Steve for attending. Thank you to John Dusza for the children’s hats, they were a big hit.

Trustee Voelz – Discussing the agenda if we can get a preliminary agenda. Clerk Guglielmi reiterated the process for adding agenda items. Trustee Voelz appreciated the explanation and clarity around adding agenda items. Trustee Voelz would also like to get rid of elected official comments as 7 other townships do not have that as part of the agenda. Not one of the other townships had a mission statement as well. Trustee Voelz could not find the accusations of Trustee Lukas towards Trustee Alekna “listen to the tapes” I listened to the tapes and could not find anything that Trustee Alekna said.



Trustee Hacker – Now that we have clarification of the agenda, why was Trustee Lukas’ COVID 19 vaccination clinic information not included in the agenda. Supervisor Prater clarified that Trustee Hacker brought an ordinance to the board and it was included. Trustee Lukas did not bring any physical documentation to support the clinic to her to include in the agenda.

Trustee Lukas – I was never told to hand something in, I was going to do an oral report. Both Clerk Guglielmi and Trustee Voelz have some good ideas for adding onto the agenda. I like a preliminary agenda. You (Supervisor Prater) have never instructed me to bring something in writing to have it put on the agenda. Supervisor Prater responded with that is regular business. Trustee Lukas states that is not regular business for anything I have done. Trustee Voelz confused the meetings about her comments to Trustee Alekna. Supervisor Prater ordered Trustee Lukas to stop her threatening physical behavior.

Trustee Alekna – I agree with Trustee Voelz about removing the elected official comments, we have never had an issue with it in the past but it is becoming an issue due to the aggressive threatening behavior. I would also like to take a moment to show support for all law enforcement after the tragic events in Chicago. It is important to show support and thank them for everything they do for us and protect us.

Clerk Guglielmi – Thank you to Betsy for covering last meeting. Would like to second Trustee Alekna’s comments in showing support for our police officers. It is a very tough job that they have and thoughts and prayers to all affected. There is a huge drop off of the expectation the new trustees have, this is a government position. It is not a hired position, you are elected by the people. You have to learn the position and your development is in your own hands.

Supervisor Prater – This is a business meeting, this will be handled with decorum. As supervisor it is my duty to run this meeting. If things are getting out of hand, I will continue the meeting. We were chosen by the people and emotions are high. I also support the blue, and the first responders.

Motion to fall into executive session to review executive session minutes 5 ILCS 120 2 (c) 21 by Supervisor Prater, second by Trustee Voelz. Motion carries by roll call vote.

Trustee Hacker-Aye Trustee Voelz-Aye Trustee Lukas- Aye
Trustee Alekna- Aye Supervisor Prater- Aye

Fall into executive session at 7:53 pm.

Rise into open meeting Roll call at 8:02pm. Clerk Guglielmi called roll call. Trustee Voelz, Trustee Alekna, Trustee Hacker, Trustee Lukas and Supervisor Prater were present.

Supervisor Prater made a motion to approve and hold closed session minutes from June 14, 2021. Seconded by Trustee Voelz. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Trustee Hacker-Nay Trustee Alekna- Aye Trustee Lukas – Nay
Trustee Voelz- Aye Supervisor Prater-Aye



Motion for Adjournment was made by Supervisor Prater Second by Trustee Voelz. No further discussion. Motion carried on voice vote.

Trustee Hacker-Aye

Trustee Alekna- Aye

Trustee Lukas – Aye

Trustee Voelz- Aye

Supervisor Prater-Aye

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

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Michael Guglielmi, Clerk

A blue ink signature of Nicole Prater, written over a horizontal line.

Nicole Prater, Supervisor