

LOCKPORT, ILLINOIS

MARCH 13, 2017

TOWN CLERK'S RECORD BOOK

ROAD & BRIDGE

The Lockport Township Board of Trustees met at Lockport Township Government Building, Community Center, 1463 S. Farrell Road, Lockport, Illinois on Monday March 13, 2017 at 7:00 PM with Supervisor Ron Alberico presided.

Present were Supervisor Ron Alberico, Trustees John Batusich, Barb Boyce, Mike Lewandowski and Dean Morelli, Clerk Denise Mushro Rumchak, Highway Commissioner John Cielenski, Collector Lance McCalla, Attorney Gary Mueller and Deputy Clerk Jessica Strickland. Also present were Barb Morrissette, Ken Morrissette, Karen Johnson, Ron O'Malley, Karolina O' Malley, Elaine Harris, Patricia Starks-Howard, Nikki Zarnecki, Leigh Kelley, Gregg Bickus, Steve Daul from Morris Engineering and Grant Spooner filming the meeting. Absent was Debbi Mason. The meeting agenda was posted at the Lockport & Crest Hill Libraries, Lockport Township Government Building, the Lockport Township website (Clerk's section) and also on the Community Center door.

On a Motion of Boyce, seconded by Morelli to approve the minutes from the previous regular monthly meeting held on February 6, 2017 and reconvened meeting held on February 27, 2017.

MOTION CARRIED

On a Motion of Morelli, seconded by Boyce to approve total bills and payroll in the amount of \$34,413.30. Roll call vote resulted in Alberico Aye, Batusich Aye, Boyce Aye, Lewandowski Aye, and Morelli Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board- Former resident Patricia Starks-Howard informed the Board about her concern with the large amount of trash located on Harvard Hill where her mother lives. Patricia Harris also expressed her frustration with this ongoing issue. Patricia passed out photos of the trash located on Harvard Hill to the Board. There was discussion with the Board in regards to previous cleanups, jurisdiction, and proposed ways to improve the area.

Commissioner's Report-

- There were flooding issues located on Bruce Road and the Fairmont community due to the three and half inches of rain from last week.
- The Highway Department has been snow plowing as necessary.

Commissioner Cielenski introduced Steve Daul from Morris Engineering to answer any questions the Board may have on the FEMA denial letter that was received last month. Collector McCalla asked Steve about the process to receive the FEMA grant and why the Highway Department is just receiving a denial letter now. Steve explained the FEMA grant was awarded due to the damage from a storm in 2013 at which they also allocated monies for the High Road culvert. In the spring of 2015, he stated Commissioner Cielenski received a notice stating the grant is going to expire on August 1, 2015. The Highway Commissioner submitted an appeal for an extension for the work activity that needed to be performed and it was approved. The work was completed in August 2015. A request was received to file a close out to IEMA for the project. Once this was filed, there were additional requests from IEMA and FEMA for more information. Collector McCalla asked Steve to clarify what IEMA stands for. Steve explained the IEMA is the Illinois Emergency Management Association that grants the FEMA funds to allocate to local agencies. Collector McCalla questioned what the emergency was for that area. Steve mentioned there was a 60 inch corrugated pipe that was 20 feet below the surface that was damaged and was recommended by IEMA and FEMA to replace. Collector McCalla asked why there was no bid opening for this large project that exceeded the state law. Steve agreed

that a bid opening should have been held, but IEMA needed the project completed by August 2015. Steve also commented that he did receive one proposal for the project. Clerk Rumchak asked how the proposal was obtained. Steve commented that various businesses were contacted via phone calls explaining the project over the phone and only one company responded. Clerk Rumchak stated the project was completed in August 2015 and then asked Steve when the FEMA grant was applied for. Commissioner Cielenski commented that FEMA contacted him in regards to the issue and the grant process was in progress in 2013. Clerk Rumchak asked Commissioner Cielelnski if those documents were in the current FOIA request. Commissioner Cielenski stated yes. Collector McCalla asked if FEMA grants cover construction. Steve commented yes.

On the Motion of Batusich, seconded by Boyce to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

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DENISE MUSHRO RUMCHAK, TOWN CLERK