

LOCKPORT, ILLINOIS

AUGUST 14, 2018

TOWN CLERK'S RECORD BOOK

ROAD & BRIDGE

The Lockport Township Board of Trustees met at the Lockport Township Government Building, Community Center, 1463 S. Farrell Road, Lockport, Illinois on Tuesday August 14, 2018 at 6:30 PM with Supervisor Ron Alberico presiding.

Present were Clerk Denise Mushro Rumchak, Assessor Debbi Mason, Highway Commissioner John Cielenski, Trustees Gregg Bickus, Barb Boyce, Barb Delaney and Dean Morelli, Collector Karen Johnson, Attorney Gary Mueller and Deputy Clerk Jessica Strickland. Also present were Julie Carco from Meals on Wheels, Delinda Herod, Bob Loewe, Ken Griffin, Antoinette Walker, Craig Horvath, Pat Horvath, Rich Horvath and Grant Spooner filming the meeting. The meeting agenda was posted at the Lockport & Crest Hill Libraries, Lockport Township Government Building, the Lockport Township website (Clerk's section), the calendar and also on the Community Center door.

On a Motion of Boyce, seconded by Delaney to approve the minutes from the previous regular monthly meeting held on July 10, 2018.

MOTION CARRIED

On a Motion of Delaney, seconded by Boyce to approve total bills and payroll in the amount of \$77,452.07. Roll call vote resulted in Alberico Aye, Bickus Aye, Boyce Aye, Delaney Aye and Morelli Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board- Craig Horvath addressed the Board to obtain information in regards to the "ownership" of the right way alleys in Fairmont. He explained that these areas are located behind parcels that are owned by himself and other residents. The areas have become an illegal dumping ground and are overgrown with vegetation. Commissioner Cielenski commented that the Township Assessor and Will County Land Use stated that these areas in between the backs of the private properties in Fairmont are considered to be private alleys. Craig stated that since there is no record of ownership to these areas, the Highway Commissioner is considered the default in this case. Commissioner Cielenski expressed that he does not agree with the statement that the Highway Department is the default in this situation. Attorney Mueller mentioned that there are two options for the residents: to pay for a title policy and perform a property track search for each individual parcel to show who is the owner of the property, or file a quiet title action lawsuit so a judge can determine who has ownership over these parcels. Attorney Mueller disclosed that in his 29 years of practice, it has never defaulted to a Highway Department. Attorney Mueller stated that the cost to perform a property track search would be approximately \$75.00 to \$145.00 per parcel and this expense would be paid by the individual trying to obtain the information. Trustee Morelli asked how many parcels are in question in this area. Craig Horvath commented that there are four separate alley ways and each alley consist of twenty parcels. There was additional discussion with the Board.

Antoinette Walker approached the Board to speak about her son being a victim of gun violence who died in 2011. In honor of her son's death, there are events held on January 3rd and August 18th of each year to clean the neighborhood in Fairmont. Antoinette asked the Board to honor the remembrance of her son by placing honorary street signs at the intersection of State Street & Fairmont Avenue and Brassel Street & Fairmont Avenue. The Board expressed their condolences. Commissioner Cielenski stated that if the street signs are approved by the Board, he will order them. Supervisor Alberico stated

that the approval for the street signs was placed on the Town Fund agenda and welcomed Antoinette to stay for the meeting. Antoinette asked the Board to have a dedication ceremony for her son on August 18th if the signs are approved. Commissioner Cielenski explained that the signs would not be ready by August 18th. Clerk Rumchak mentioned that the Township could share his remembrance on the website and informational screens in the hallway of the Township building.

Commissioner's Report-

- Will County Land Use is currently working on phase three of the Fairmont Flood Study. Commissioner Cielenski will be contacting the engineer to discuss a concern about work not being needed on a street that floods.

- The Highway Department has replaced culverts and installed catch basins to help with the flooding situation located at Maryville and 1st Street. The project will be finalized after there is confirmation that this construction has taken care of the flooding in this area.

- The flooding on Bruce Road is still under control.

- Commissioner Cielenski informed the residents that the Highway Department is behind schedule for branch pick up due to equipment problems.

- There has been discussion with Will County Land Use in regards to the future LED lighting in Fairmont.

- Commissioner Cielenski stated that material such as oil and asphalt has increased for the third time this year.

- The Highway Department will be finding out how much salt will cost them to purchase this year.

On a Motion of Boyce, seconded by Delaney to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

DENISE MUSHRO RUMCHAK, TOWN CLERK