

LOCKPORT, ILLINOIS

OCTOBER 3, 2016

TOWN CLERK'S RECORD BOOK

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The Lockport Township Board of Trustees met in the Central Square Board Room 318, 222 East Ninth Street, Lockport, Illinois on Monday October 3, 2016 at 7:28 PM with Supervisor Ron Alberico presided.

Present were Trustees John Batusich, Barb Boyce, Mike Lewandowski and Dean Morelli, Clerk Denise Mushro Rumchak, Highway Commissioner John Cielenski, Collector Lance McCalla, Attorney Gary Mueller, Deputy Clerk Jessica Strickland and Grant Spooner filming the meeting. Also present were residents Barb Delaney, Mava Zilka and Carl Bebrich. Absent was Debbi Mason. The meeting agenda was posted at the Crest Hill & Lockport Libraries, the Joliet Herald News, at the Central Square Building, on the Township's website (Clerk's section) and on the Board Room door.

On a Motion of Batusich, seconded by Lewandowski to approve the minutes from the previous regular monthly meeting held on September 12, 2016 and workshop meeting held on September 22, 2016.

MOTION CARRIED

Collector McCalla asked Supervisor Alberico if 13 Construction Corporation is getting paid by increments. Supervisor Alberico replied yes.

On a Motion of Boyce, seconded by Batusich to approve the total bills and payroll in the amount of \$337,123.24. Roll call vote resulted in Alberico Aye, Batusich Aye, Boyce Aye, Lewandowski Aye, and Morelli Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

Assessor's Report- Assessor Mason was absent.

Clerk's Report- Clerk Rumchak stated the amended budget has been on display in the Clerk's office since Friday September 30, 2016. A legal notice for the Public Hearing on November 7, 2016 at 6:30 PM was published in the newspaper and is on the Lockport Township's website. Clerk Rumchak stated a final action on this ordinance will take place on November 7, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

Clerk Rumchak announced Early Voting for the General Election will take place in the Clerk's office starting October 24, 2016-November 7, 2016. The Clerk's office hours are Monday-Friday 9AM – 4:30 PM, Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM – Noon and Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM – 1 PM. Clerk Rumchak stated if residents are unable to make it to the polls on election day, to come to the office and vote early or call the office and request a vote by mail request form. The Will County Clerk's office has sent out nine thousand vote by mail ballots as of Thursday September 29, 2016.

Clerk Rumchak reported there will be no same day registration on November 8, 2016 for the election. An injunction prohibiting Election Day Registration was signed on September 27, 2016 by US District Court Judge. However, an appeal may overturn this ruling. For more information please go to [www.willcountyclerk.com](http://www.willcountyclerk.com).

Clerk Rumchak stated Grace Period Voting dates start on October 12, 2016-November 8, 2016. The last day to register to vote is October 11, 2016.

Clerk Rumchak communicated she attended Lockport Township East High School to register voters. There was approximately ten students that registered.

Clerk Rumchak will be attending Carillon Lakes on Thursday October 6, 2016 and Grace Baptist Church on Sunday October 9, 2016 to register voters.

Clerk Rumchak informed the Board that Will County will be in her office on October 11, 2016 to set up the

equipment needed for Early Voting.

Clerk Rumchak publicized there is a free wellness clinic on Thursday October 20, 2016 from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM at Advanced Pediatric Care in Lockport. The clinic is offering free wellness checks and school/sport physicals. If anyone is interested, please call the Clerk's office to set up an appointment.

Central Square Report- Supervisor Alberico disclosed that the Central Square meeting has not taken place yet for the month of October. There will not be any capitalized improvements done to the building unless a major situation occurs.

New Business- Supervisor Alberico presented the Board with the Trunk or Treat event that Lockport Township Park District/Lockport Chamber of Commerce are hosting on Sunday October 9, 2016 from 12:30 PM – 3:00 PM at Dellwood Park Performing Arts Center Parking Lot. There is fifty dollar registration fee which includes one space for a vehicle and two hundred and fifty pieces of candy to hand out.

On the Motion of Batusich, seconded by Boyce to approve registration for the Trunk or Treat event. Roll call vote resulted in Alberico Aye, Batusich Aye, Boyce Aye, Lewandowski Aye, and Morelli Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Alberico stated Ordinance No. 2016-5, an ordinance amending compensation for Lockport Township officials, needs to be passed by the Board one hundred and eighty days before the April 2017 election. Supervisor Alberico stated there would be a three percentage raise per year for four years for the officials. Commissioner Cielenski inquired about the details of the ordinance since he was unable to attend the workshop meeting. There was further discussion with the Board. Resident Carl Bebrich asked if the public can raise any questions of concern with the ordinance. Supervisor Alberico stated you may when the meeting moves to citizens wishing to address the Board. Resident Carl Bebrich commented the ordinance will already be passed at that point of the meeting. Trustee Lewandowski announced that resident Carl Bebrich is out of order. Trustee Morelli asked Supervisor Alberico if the information with the salary amounts from the workshop meeting applied to this ordinance. Supervisor Alberico commented this ordinance reflects the Board's discussion at the workshop meeting. Attorney Mueller commented the information on the ordinance is what was discussed at the workshop meeting.

On the Motion of Batusich, seconded by Boyce to approve the compensation Ordinance No. 2016-5. Roll call vote resulted in Alberico Aye, Batusich Aye, Boyce Aye, Lewandowski Nay, and Morelli Passed.

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Alberico read a letter he received from Pace. The letter states that Pace is currently reevaluating their bus route network to improve customer service, safety and on-time performance. Pace is undergoing the process of converting all of their bus routes to a posted-stops-only operation.

Supervisor Alberico read a letter he received from Will County Division of Transportation. The Will County Division of Transportation has been working to update its current Long Range Transportation Plan, known as Will Connects 2040. There will be two Public Hearings that will highlight critical information on display boards and copies of the draft Plan will be available on site for review. The first Public Hearing will be held at New Lenox Village Hall on October 11, 2016 from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM. The second Public Hearing will be held at Romeoville Village Hall on October 18, 2016 from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

Supervisor Alberico read a letter he received from Illinois Department of Transportation regarding their Public Hearing they have scheduled on Thursday October 13, 2016 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Bolingbrook Golf Club. The letter stated

that IDOT in cooperation with the Villages of Romeoville, Bolingbrook and Plainfield cordially invite citizens to attend the public meeting concerning the preliminary engineering and environmental studies for Interstate 55 at Airport Road/Lockport Street and at Illinois Route 126/Essington Road in Will County.

Supervisor Alberico informed the Board that Jim Naylor from the Food Pantry will be attending the next monthly meeting to discuss the possibility of moving into the new Lockport Township Building. Supervisor Alberico asked Attorney Mueller to draft a memorandum of understanding for the Food Pantry. Clerk Rumchak asked Supervisor Alberico if the Food Pantry has an approximate date and if they will supply their own refrigeration.

Old Business- Supervisor Alberico read the Architect's Field Report from Dewberry. The report included estimated percentage of completion, work in progress, who is present at the site, observations and information or action required. Supervisor Alberico is hoping that the date of completion will be at the end of November.

Supervisor Alberico announced he needs confirmation of who will be attending the TOI conference in November by Thursday September 6, 2016. Clerk Rumchak stated that lodging needs to be reserved by October 11, 2016 to receive the discounted rate.

Supervisor Alberico asked the Board to fill out the TOI Legislative Survey by November 1, 2016.

Supervisor Alberico disclosed that he will be making a personal donation to TOI for their food pantry. He asked the Board to inform him if they would also like to contribute.

Supervisor Alberico stated the Fall Newsletter is currently being printed and residents should receive the newsletter by next week.

Meeting and Correspondence- Supervisor Alberico received a thank you note from the family of Charlene Strahanoski for sending flowers to her memorial.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board- Resident Carl Bebrich commented that the Board needs to justify why it is necessary and the rational reasoning of the three percentage raise increase. He also stated he would like the Board to look into a different process to adopt an ordinance. Clerk Rumchak stated a workshop was held that was opened to the public. The Board discussed in length the official's salaries at this workshop.

Resident Barb Delaney stated she did a little research on the salaries of the similar Townships and found that Wheatland Township supervisor makes \$29,000 a year and the clerk makes \$11,000 a year. Resident Barb Delaney then reported the incorrect current salaries for Lockport Township supervisor and clerk annually. She asked the Board to use due diligence to inform the residents of how the decision process was made. Clerk Rumchak commented to Barb Delaney that the Township used a number of variables, one being a salary survey conducted by TOI for the state of Illinois salaries, another referred to the Townships with the same number of parcels and EAVs in the vicinity of Lockport Township.

On a Motion of Batusich, seconded by Lewandowski to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 PM.

MOTION CARRIED