

LOCKPORT, ILLINOIS

MARCH 13, 2018

TOWN CLERK'S RECORD BOOK

TOWN FUND

The Lockport Township Board of Trustees met at the Lockport Township Government Building, Community Center, 1463 S. Farrell Road, Lockport, Illinois on Tuesday March 13, 2018 at 6:50 PM with Supervisor Ron Alberico presiding.

Present were Trustees Gregg Bickus, Barb Boyce, Barb Delaney and Dean Morelli, Assessor Debbi Mason, Clerk Denise Mushro Rumchak, Highway Commissioner John Cielelnski, Collector Karen Johnson, Attorney Gary Mueller and Deputy Clerk Jessica Strickland. Also present were: See Attendance Sheet. 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 February 13/27, 2018.

MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Delaney asked if the Clarke Mosquito Control invoice was a partial or annual payment. Supervisor Alberico stated an invoice is received after a service is conducted and the amount depends on the treatment that was provided.

On a Motion of Delaney, seconded by Boyce to approve the total bills and payroll in the amount of \$60,064.50. Roll call vote resulted in Alberico Aye, Bickus Aye, Boyce Aye, Delaney Aye and Morelli Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

Assessor's Report- Assessor Mason disclosed that there has been a change to the senior citizen assessment freeze exemption. For the 2018 assessment year (property taxes payable in 2019) the income limit has increased to \$65,000. Assessor Mason reported that the Will County Supervisor of Assessments will be mailing out forms for the senior assessment freeze on April 1, 2018.

Clerk's Report- Clerk Rumchak presented to the Board of Trustees the Annual Town Meeting agenda for approval. Clerk Rumchak read the agenda. The electors of Lockport Township submitted a question to be placed on the Annual Town meeting agenda. The question will be presented as followed: "Shall the Lockport Township Board of Trustees be Authorized to Contract, Administer, or License a Refuse Collection, Disposal, and Recycling Program on Behalf of All Residents of Unincorporated Lockport Township, Pursuant to Section 85-13 (f) and Article 210 of the Township Code?" Trustee Delaney asked who submitted the question to the Clerk's office. Clerk Rumchak stated that the Clerk's office received two petitions with more than 15 Lockport Township registered voters signatures that acknowledged the same question. This question will be voted on by the electors at the Annual Town Meeting held on Tuesday April 10, 2018 at 6:30 PM in the Community Center.

On a Motion of Boyce, seconded by Bickus to approve the Annual Town Meeting agenda as presented. Roll call vote resulted in Alberico Aye, Bickus Aye, Boyce Aye, Delaney Aye and Morelli Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

Clerk Rumchak informed the residents that early voting is taking place in the Township Clerk’s office until March 17, 2018. The hours of operation are Monday- Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM and Saturdays from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

The Will County Clerk’s office is conducting Early Voting and Grace Period Voting. Grace Period Voting allows individuals who have not registered to vote, to register and then cast their ballot the same day.

The deadline for residents to request a vote by mail application is March 15, 2018.

Clerk Rumchak reminded residents that changes have been made to polling place locations for Lockport Precinct 16, 17, and 18 for the Primary Election on March 20, 2018.

OLD POLLING LOCATION	NEW POLLING LOCATION
Lockport 16- Lockport Township Park District	Lockport 16- White Oak Library- Lockport
Lockport 17- Shepherd of the Hill Church	Lockport 17- Lockport Township Building
Lockport 18- Christ United Methodist Church	Lockport 18- Shiloh Baptist Church

Clerk Rumchak mentioned that the next Baby/Youth Wellness Clinic will be held on April 5, 2018 from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. at Advance Pediatric Care. For more information, please call the Clerk’s office.

Trustee Morelli asked when the previous Annual Town Meeting minutes would be available. Clerk Rumchak stated the draft minutes are available online.

Trustee Comments and Suggestions- Trustee Delaney stated that the Trustees are not being informed about the current organizations utilizing the building. Trustee Delaney communicated that any future organization that would like to use the building, needs to come before the Board for approval. Trustee Morelli agreed with Trustee Delaney in regards to not being updated on the organizations utilizing the building. Trustee Morelli and Trustee Boyce would like the schedule to be emailed to them. There was discussion with the Board about the approval process, the different type of organizations and possibly charging a maintenance fee. There will be a workshop meeting held in a month to discuss/review the details of the lease contract for the building.

Building Report- Supervisor Alberico stated that last month there was an odor in the building. The odor was a result of a rotten piece of meat in the Food Pantry.

The Lockport/Homer Youth Theater Group had a play three weeks ago in the building. The money received for the play was donated to the Food Pantry and \$200.00 to the Township.

Allegro Music had a play in the building on Saturday and Sunday of last week. The members from Allegro Music painted the Community Center stage.

Supervisor Alberico would like approval to place TV monitors by the entrance way, upstairs and in the Food pantry to inform residents of information and events that are taking place in the area. An estimate was received from Velocita Technology, Inc. for the three TV monitors, wall mounts and labor in the amount of \$4,632.00. An additional estimate was received from Pierro Electrical Construction for the electrical work and labor in the amount of \$1,500.00. The total cost of the project will be \$6,132.00. There was discussion with the Board.

On a Motion of Boyce, seconded by Morelli to accept the two proposals to install the informational TV monitors. Roll call vote resulted in Alberico Aye, Bickus Nay, Boyce Aye, Delaney Nay and Morelli Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

New Business- Supervisor Alberico informed the residents that the Water Board members decided not to forward the \$5,000 a month to the Town Fund. The money will be placed into an account to either repair the water system or repay the Town Fund when a final decision is reached. Trustee Morelli asked if there would be any repercussion to either Board, if the Water District decided not to pay back the loan. Attorney Mueller stated that the court system ruled that the Water Board and the Township Board are one and the same and he believes that the “loan” is not borrowed money that is expected to be paid back. The “loan” would be considered a transfer of funds due to the two Boards being indicated as the same. Attorney Mueller advised the Board to speak to the Township’s accountant. Attorney Mueller disclosed it is the Township Board’s decision on how the two Boards are classified. There was additional discussion with the Board and Attorney Mueller.

Supervisor Alberico stated there was discussion with the Board to increase the hours of operation for the Township at the last workshop meeting. The Board would like the hours of operation to be Monday- Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. There will be further discussion about the hours and funding at the Workshop meeting held on Thursday March 22, 2018.

Old Business- Supervisor Alberico reported that the Lockport Township newsletter should be in everyone’s mailbox by the end of the week.

On a Motion of Delaney, seconded by Bickus to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

DENISE MUSHRO RUMCHAK, TOWN CLERK