

LOCKPORT, ILLINOIS

April 11, 2016

TOWN CLERK'S RECORD BOOK

TOWN FUND

The Lockport Township Board of Trustees met in the Central Square Board Room 318, 222 East Ninth Street, Lockport, Illinois on Monday April 11, 2016, at 7:39 PM with Supervisor Ron Alberico conducting the meeting.

Present were Trustees, John Batusich, Barb Boyce, Mike Lewandowski and Dean Morelli, Clerk Denise Mushro Rumchak, Assessor Debbi Mason, Highway Commissioner John Cielenski, Collector Lance McCalla, Deputy Clerk Michele Rutter and Attorney Gary Mueller and Jessica Strickland. Also present were residents, Miriam Salvador, Sue Bebrich, Carl Bebrich, Jose Barrios, Darren Deskin, Grant Spooner, filming the meeting and Gina Gramarosso with the Northern Illinois Food Bank. The meeting notice and agenda were posted at the Lockport & Crest Hill Libraries, at the Central Square Building, and also on the Township website (Clerk's section) and Board Room door.

On a Motion of Batusich, seconded by Boyce to approve the minutes from the previous regular monthly meeting on March 14, 2016 and the Workshop meeting February 23, 2016.

MOTION CARRIED

On a Motion of Batusich, seconded by Boyce, that all bills and payroll in the amount of \$152,242.89 be allowed and paid. Roll call vote resulted in Alberico Aye, Boyce Aye, Batusich Aye, Lewandowski Aye and Morelli Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

Assessor's Report- Senior freeze forms were mailed out April 1st. If you qualify and have not received a form, call the Assessor's office. Assessor Mason and employee Maryann Williamson have been conducting senior seminars at Senior Communities to explain the process and file an appeal. There has been a good response from residents.

Assessor Mason passed out a monthly report for March 2016. In March there were 59 Residential Permits, 1 New Construction (single family), 20 Industrial Commercial Permits, 41 Certificate of Occupancy (residential), 15 Certificate of Occupancy (commercial), 237 Deeds, 96 Green Sheets, 11 Sr. Citizens Homestead Exemption, 4 Sr. Citizen Freeze Exemption, 5 Disabled Person's Homestead Exemption.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Rumchak announced that the Annual Town Meeting will take place Tuesday April 12 at 6:30 pm. All townships in the state of Illinois will hold their Annual Town meeting on this date. The original location for holding this meeting was in the Central Square Board Room, because of the amount of residents expected to be present, the meeting location was changed to accommodate the residents. The new meeting location will be at Lockport Township East Campus High School. The meeting will take place in the Auditorium. The entrance to the Auditorium is located off of Farrell Road. Please let everyone you know who is interested in attending the Annual Town Meeting of this important change in venue.

Clerk Rumchak attended Topics Day in Springfield, Illinois on April 6, 2016. Clerk Rumchak meet many legislative officials while attending the House floor as bills were being passed. There was a large amount of Township officials that attended. Clerk Rumchak expressed that it was very informative.

Central Square Report – Supervisor Alberico mentioned that the Township is in the process of moving into a new facility. There was a discussion regarding dissolving the Central Square Committee. The paperwork is in process and all of the Township’s requests have been approved.

Supervisor Alberico will have the dissolution process put on next month agenda.

The Central Square gym windows are currently being replaced.

The exterior keys to Central Square building have all been changed.

Supervisor Alberico congratulated the city of Lockport for winning a trophy for the Battle of the Burbs.

Homer Tree Services is cutting down trees that are dying around the building and removing stumps.

The Lockport Car Show will begin on Monday June 1, 2016 and will continue on every Monday after this date. List of bands to follow.

New Business- Supervisor Alberico spoke about the 2016-2017 Town budget. He stated that the Township is heading in the right direction with keeping cost down. The General Assistance, Senior, and Town budgets went down in cost. The 2016-2017 Town budget was on display for 30 days at the Clerk’s office and the Joliet Herald News was notified.

On the motion of Batusich, seconded by Morelli to approve the 2016-2017 Budget Ordinance # 2016-1. Roll call resulted in Alberico Aye, Batusich Aye, Boyce Aye, Lewandowski Aye, and Morelli Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

Old Business – The Floor Plan committee reviewed the 6 plan designs for the new location and recommended option 6. Supervisor Alberico brought it to the Board for final approval.

On a Motion of Alberico, seconded by Lewandowski to adopt option 6 as a floor plan. Roll call resulted in Alberico Aye, Batusich Aye, Boyce Aye, Lewandowski Aye, and Morelli Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

The next step for the new building is to set a contract up with the architects. The board further discussed other options for the new building such as re-keying the locks, the security system and maintaining the property. The Board would like to keep the locks and security as it is until after construction is completed.

Supervisor Alberico received an estimate of \$100.00 to mow 7 acres at the new building on a weekly basis. Trustee Batusich would like Supervisor Alberico to obtain a few other bids. The Board also discussed the possibility of purchasing a tractor and having the building maintenance staff take care of it, or see if the Highway Department could take care of it. Commissioner Cielenski said they have bush mowers, but they are not finish mowers (for lawns) so you would not get a real finished cut. He was not sure if he had the staffing to commit to weekly care. The Board discussed further and decided to have the lawn cut for \$100.00 for the next month and determine a more long term solution once additional information is provided on tractor costs and bids from other vendors.

Supervisor Alberico asked Trustee Batusich to look over the contract for the fire alarm system.

Supervisor Alberico reminded residents that the Newsletter has been sent out to residents. The letter contains information on the programs and services available through the Township.

Supervisor Alberico discussed the Tax Levy stating that the tax rate for Corporate was being lowered from .1224 to .1208. The total tax rate is being lowered from .1591 to .1575.

Meetings and Correspondence

* Lockport Love is having a candlelight bowl fundraiser at Strike N Spare, May 20, 2016, 6:00 PM

* Earth Day Celebration at Fairmont Community Center, Saturday April 30, 2016 12-2 PM..

Clerk Rumchak announced a Public Hearing meeting to consider the tentative Road and Bridge Fund 2016/17 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance to be held on Monday, May 16, 2016, 6:45 PM. The budget is on display at the Clerk's office for residents to view and also posted in the Joliet Herald Newspaper. The Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be voted on during the Public Hearing.

Resident Carl Bebrich addressed the Board and suggested an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to pool resources with another government agency to take care of the property maintenance (grass mowing) at the new building such as the Park District which has lawnmowers.

Resident Sue Bebrich suggested looking into involving the community to help with the landscaping of the new building by having high school and college students collect seeds to plant.

On a Motion of Batusich, seconded by Lewandowski to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

DENISE MUSHRO RUMCHAK, TOWN CLERK