

Approved Meeting Minutes
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Thursday, September 11, 2014 7:30 PM

1. Call to Order: Supervisor Prouty called meeting to order at 7:30 PM
2. Board Roll Call: Supervisor Prouty, Assessor Barrington, Highway Commissioner Kruckenberg (excused), Trustee Bowman (excused), Trustee O'Brien, Trustee Palmblad, Trustee Reck, and Clerk Donnan.
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Supervisor Prouty led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Public Comment: Mike Kleeman is interested in working on plans for Kuechmann Park if Ela Township is interested in the project. Mary Kozub, has worked on many projects with our parks and recreation and with many students and parents interested in K Park. She is presently working with McHenry County Conservation District (15 yrs). The park has 79 oak trees, some over 100 years old. Any tree over 15" in diameter will retain over 1500 gal of water for every 1" of rain. We need to preserve our trees. We would like to help preserve the park and help the village and the township with this project.
Judy Thode, we have worked with the tree commission and many people from all over Lake Zurich preserve our park. So far we have over \$5,000 to help maintain K. Park. Robert Sundelin, I enjoyed showing the senior group that went of the Railroad Museum, I showed them rebuilding steam engines. I also found some storm drain flags in my yard, if anyone knows the owners let me know.
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2014: Motion by Trustee O'Brien, seconded by Trustee Palmblad to approve the minutes of August 7, 2014. Motion passed 4 – 0.
6. Committee Meeting Minutes: Motion by Trustee O'Brien, seconded by Trustee Reck to accept the minutes of the meeting minutes from: COW (7/28, 8/25), Seniors (6/30, 7/28, 8/25), Youth, Family, Welfare, Communication (7/28, 8/26), Cemetery (8/20) and Ela Historic.
7. Approval of Board Audit from 08/06/14 to 09/09/14. Motion by Trustee O'Brien, Seconded by Trustee Palmblad to approve audit for \$807,188.93. Motion passed 4-0. General Town \$271,670.03, General Assistance \$11,250.80, General Road \$108,928.70, Permanent Road \$396,910.05, Park Maintenance \$21,211.35, Cemetery Maintenance \$218.00.
8. Monthly Updates from Elected Officials & Department Heads:
 - a. Supervisor Prouty: Canadian trip was very wonderful and very well organized. A very good chance to get to know our seniors and others that were on the trip. We have hired a youth director and I will leave Gloria fill you in on that. We had 14 applications and we narrowed down to five that were the most promising and experienced with youth. We interviewed them and the one we picked came prepared with what she would like to accomplish with the Youth Program.
 - b. Clerk Donnan: Thanks for the cards and the cookies for my hospital stay, I really appreciated it and my grandkids loved the cookies. TOI educational conference forms have been registered, so you are covered for the November conference.
 - c. Trustee O'Brien: Laurie Wilhoit is officially on board. Our web site is now live and we will send to all subscribers shortly. The electronic sign is on hold until the end of September. Our e-blast will be out in October.
 - d. Trustee Palmblad: We had quite a few applicants and we picked Alexandria Tonigan as our youth director. She met all of our qualifications and presented great plans as to programs and ideas for our youth. She will start with our homework club which will meet on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday's and she will start with 39 members. I will be meeting with Susan and set up the transition of the programs. She will be at the October meeting, and I hope you will give her a warm welcome.
 - e. Trustee Bowman: excused
 - f. Trustee Reck: The Historical building will be completed in time for the Rock the Block and our dedication at 3:00 PM. On Saturday September 13th. The costs came in, thanks to Jeff Pathmann, at \$86,000. At the Community Center we are finding most of the leaks and still checking to make sure we have all them.
 - g. Assessor Barrington: Last week I met with the Industrial Council and informed on the process of our evaluations of their properties and answered their questions. I also informed them of their options for questioning the values and the process of any challenges to these numbers. I am also available to speak to your group and answer any questions on your evaluations of your property. The deadline for appeals is Monday September 15th.
 - h. Highway Commissioner Kruckenberg: excused
 - j. Social Work & Youth Director Fackler: See report in section 8 of board packet. I have 2 new interns one from Aurora University and other is from Loyola University both on the Master level. We did a mother daughter get together to talk about things that were going to happen. We had a nurse and a community volunteer that gave us gifts for the girls. I will be selling wrist bands To promote Ela Coalition at Rock the Block

- k. Senior Director Dillion: See report in section 8 of the board packet. I just returned from Springfield with a 2 day senior trip. Our budget has over \$3,500 for the rest of the years, so we will be fine for this year. Holiday dinner dance is on December 1st, we will only be able to have citizens of Ela Township there (NO Exceptions). Doors will open at 5:00 PM. Our Alzheimer's walk has \$530 in with a donation of double from the mother of one of our members from AON. We also have 8 on our walking team. We have 2 intergenerational programs to complete, the circus and at the Marriott "The Wizard of Oz". There will be a reenactment of Lincolns Funeral in Springfield on May 1, 2, &3, which is the 20th anniversary of his death.

OLD BUSINESS (none)

9. Ela Town Hall Site Improvements. Motion by Trustee Reck, seconded by Trustee O'Brien to approve contract for 2014 Town Hall Site Improvements with bid price amount \$218,995.00 from Lenny Hoffman Exc. Inc. Motion passed 4 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

10. Fall Newsletter – Update
11. Employee Handbook: Tabled
12. Scholarship Application forms; Tabled
13. Insurance Renewal: Rates up 64%. Tabled
14. Closed Executive Session – if needed. Not needed.
15. Consideration and possible action to approve action on items discussed in closed session. No action.
16. Adjourn. Motion by Trustee Reck, seconded by Trustee O'Brien to adjourn at 8:20 PM. Motion passed on roll call vote 4 – 0.