

July 2021 Minutes Jackson Township Board

Call to Order: @6:33

Pledge to the Flag:

Roll Call

Present: Trustee J. Fanning, Trustee N. Fanning, Trustee O'Connell, Trustee Tibble, Supervisor Robbins, Clerk Hunt, Highway Commissioner Walsh, Assessor LeGrett

<u>Items of Public Concern</u>

Resident Terry Wilhelmi was present asking about the speed bumps on Sharp Road. HC Walsh said they sent the speed bumps but not enough of the spikes that hold them into the road. ComEd will be putting poles in and they will be on the road and he wants to wait to put them in based on when ComEd is doing their work. There will be signs that say Speed Bump ahead and signs that say Bump. There will be three speed bumps in that ½ mile stretch of road.

The gentlemen who attended last month's meeting returned to this month's meeting with a report that they have gotten over 500 signatures of township residents and have copies of the signatures to provide to certain residents. Supervisor Robbins and HC Walsh are meeting with Don Gould and Jeff Ronaldson from the county tomorrow to discuss signage.

Approval of June 2021 meeting minutes

Motion to approve June 2021 meeting minutes made by Trustee O'Connell. Second by Trustee N. Fanning. All in favor. Motion passed.

Approval of 2021 Budget meeting minutes

Motion to approve June 2021 budget meeting minutes made by Trustee N. Fanning. Second by Trustee Tibble. All in favor. Motion passed.

Approval of Financial Statement

No motion to approve. Matt will call Cory Tromp asking about some discrepancies brought up by the board.

Old Business

Lighting in CharlMar-Trustee O'Connell proposed that, to set a precedent, the residents of the subdivision pay to get the lights working and then the board could take over the maintenance and monthly costs. BUT, the board wants to create something in writing that will establish standards and policies moving forward regarding if/how the township will take care of lighting in residential neighborhoods specifically.

New Business

Compass Business Park

• Nothing to report

Consideration of donation

- Supervisor Robbins provided trustees with a list of what was donated last year and a list of what has been given out so far this year.
- Will County Center for Community Concerns sent another request but \$1,000 was donated on 6/10 and trustees decided to hold off
- Will Grundy Medical Clinic requesting donation for its 33rd annual celebration dinner. \$500 was donated in December of 2020 and we table for the time being.
- National Night Out is August 3rd from 6pm to 8pm, they are not asking for donations.
- Elwood Community Days parade is August 21st and we will be putting an entry into the parade.

Website/Township Emails

• Nothing to report

Community Building

• Nothing new to report

General Assistance Standards

• Supervisor Robbins came up with a proposed standard of emergency assistance standards which can only be done once every 12 months. General assistance is help every month but only for a certain amount of time.

Township Lighting Standards

• Will revisit at next meeting based upon update from Trustee O'Connell

Retirement Party

- Matt has reserved the Elwood Park for August 15th, a Sunday afternoon, and the Village has waived the fees for us. We did give a deposit of \$200 in case of damage. We want the open house to run from 1-4 and light food and water/pop will be provided. Trustee J. Fanning will ask is mom to make cupcakes.
- A motion to spend up to \$1,000 was made by Trustee N. Fanning. Second by Trustee Tibble. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Allied Landscaping

- A motion to purchase the suggested plants/landscape materials from Allied Landscaping to landscape the township hall was made by Trustee O'Connell. Second by Trustee J. Fanning. All in Favor. Motion passed.
- Summer help will be in charge of planting the plants.

Reports

Assessor's Report- The first in-person WCAA (Will County Assessor's Association) meeting is tomorrow. Next week is the annual county meeting being held remotely. They are waiting on the Governor to sign the bill that has passed for the Senior Freeze exemptions. This bill will waive the requirement for seniors to have to re-file for the Senior Freeze. Notices for new assessments will be mailed/published August 11th. Residents will have until September 11th to file an appeal with the county if they feel their assessment is too high.

Road Report- HC Walsh and Supervisor Robbins are meeting with County Engineer and Don Gould about possible signage to help guide truck drivers to appropriate roads. HC Walsh is meeting July 29th with the Village of Manhattan to discuss a half mile stretch of Cherry Hill Road. Village of Manhattan is responsible for the road but the residents on the West side of that road are township residents. He proposed to them that Jackson Township would pay to blacktop the road but then the Village will pay Jackson Township back a percentage over the course of a few years. HC Walsh got an email from Mike Hanson regarding an informational meeting on the 21st at Stone City 6pm by CenterPoint to discuss CenterPoint property/bridge. As mentioned in the public comments, we have received the speed bumps for Sharp Road. Noel Road is going to be temporarily closed- a day or two August 2/3-to replace a culvert.

Town Report- Supervisor Robbins has turned everything into the auditor. We are going to reach out to the Township P and Z board to make sure they still want to be on the board. He is still working on shirts and business cards. Everyone got a new Township Officials of Illinois handbook. Clerk Hunt signed up for some classes

through the Township Officials of Illinois and if other Trustees want to sign up for classes sign up and they will be reimbursed for the cost.

Trustee Comments-

Expenditures

Road and Bridge Bills: Motion to approve Road and Bridge Bills made by Trustee O'Connell. Second by Trustee N. Fanning. All in favor. Motion passed.

County Aid to Bridge Bills: None

Town Fund Bills: Motion to approve Town Fund Bills made by Trustee Tibble . Second by Trustee J. Fanning. All in favor. Motion passed.

Next Meeting(s):

Township Monthly Meeting: August 11th 6:30pm

Adjournment: @8:19

Motion to adjourn made by Trustee J. Fanning. Second by Trustee Tibble. All in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted

Kathryn Hunt

Kathryn Hunt, Clerk