

ROCKFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

March 16, 2021

The Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the **Board of Trustees of the Town of Rockford**, held at 315 North Church Street, Rockford, Illinois and by UberConference was called to order at 4:35 PM.

<i>Present:</i>	Supervisor	Jasper St. Angel
	Town Clerk	Carl Wasco
	Assessor	Ken Crowley
	Highway Commissioner	Dan Conness
	Trustees	Frank Manzullo
		Doug Mark
		Nancy Johnson
		Dave Vella

Staff and Guests: Vicky Carlson and Paula Lind

Call to Order:

Supervisor St. Angel called meeting to order and reported that this week marked the one-year anniversary of sheltering at home due to the COVID pandemic. He further requested a moment of silence in memory of those families who lost loved ones due to COVID-19.

Approval of Minutes:

Trustee Mark moved to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2021 meeting. Trustee Vella seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Public Participation: None

Correspondence and Communication:

Supervisor St. Angel reported that the Annual TOI Topics Day will be held virtually on Wednesday, April 21, 2021. Please contact Paula Lind for registration.

Transfers:

Trustee Johnson moved to approve General Assistance Fund transfers from the underexpended line items Education and Training to line item Telephone for total sum of \$1,300.00 and from line item Insurance/Bonds to line item New Equipment for total sum of \$21,400.00. Trustee Mark seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Trustee Johnson moved to approve Town Fund transfer from the underexpended line item Training/Travel to line item Financial Program for total sum of \$3,205. Trustee Vella seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Trustee Manzullo moved to approve Assessor's Office transfer from the underexpended line item Insurance & Bonds to line item Office Supplies for total sum of \$11,000.00. Trustee Vella seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Trustee Mark moved to approve Road & Bridge Fund transfers from the underexpended line items Contingency to line item Bridges/Culverts for total sum of \$10,000.00 and from line item Office Equipment/Building to line item Legal Expense for the total sum of \$4,000.00. Trustee Manzullo seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Reports:

Assessor Ken Crowley reported that the Board of Review has completed all assessment complaints. He further reported that residential sales are at an all-time high, however, our region is experiencing low real estate inventory. Assessor Crowley believes commercial complaints will be on the rise this year. He reported no firm date on the tax bill mail date. 2020 assessments will be published in August. He lastly reported that he will be one of four panelist for the Illinois Property Assessment Institute to discuss COVID disaster effects on businesses.

Highway Commissioner Conness reported on yesterday's snow event. He further reported purchase of a used service truck, as the department continues to update their equipment fleet. He also reported pending work on salt dome, landscaping, and are looking at an additional storage building. Highway Commissioner Conness reported that they are pending union negotiations with Teamsters Local 325 for contract expiring April 30, 2021, and the need for a competitive wage package to keep good employees. He lastly responded to Trustee Johnson's question on staffing during COVID. The highway department is maintaining regular hours, following CDC guidelines, and have remained healthy.

Administrative Assistant Paula Lind reported on the February General Assistance Community Work and Job Training Program.

Review and Approval of Bills:

Trustee Johnson moved to approve the bills as presented. Trustee Vella seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

General Assistance	\$	54,006.63
Town Funds	\$	127,629.46
Road & Bridge Funds	\$	151,766.92

Financial Status:

The financial reports were distributed for Board review.

New Business:

Trustee Manzullo moved to approve the Highway Department Resolution to declare equipment surplus for approval at the Annual Town Meeting. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Trustee Mark moved to approve the Fair Housing Resolution to declare April as Fair Housing Awareness Month. Trustee Vella seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Trustee Manzullo reported on the Northern Illinois Great American Clean-up scheduled for April 24, 2021.

Meeting of the Town Board adjourned at 4:55 PM.

The next Town Board meeting will be held on April 6, 2021 at 4:30 pm.

Trustee Manzullo

Trustee Mark

Trustee Vella

Trustee Johnson

Jasper St. Angel, Supervisor

Respectfully submitted,
Carl R. Wasco, Town Clerk

Date