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LIMESTONE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
September 12, 2023

Supervisor Roemer called the September 12, 2023, public meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Roll Call of Officers.

Trustees Present: Getz, Johnson, Neal, O'Neill, and Supervisor Roemer.

Trustees Absent: None Quorum: Present

Visitors: Randy Neal, Rose Neal, Michelle Johnson, and Sophie Spirrison

Trustees O'Neill and Neal motioned for the approval of the regular Board of Trustees minutes for August 8, 2023.

Ayes: Trustees Getz, Johnson, Neal, O'Neill, and Supervisor Roemer

Nays: None Motion Carried

Supervisor Roemer presented the Statement of Revenue & Expenditures vs. the Annual Budget for the fiscal year-to-date for approval.

Trustees Neal and Johnson motioned to accept the Statement of Revenue & Expenditures vs. the Annual Budget for the fiscal year-to-date.

Ayes: Getz, Johnson, Neal, O'Neill, and Supervisor Roemer

Nays: None Motion Carried

Trustees Johnson and Getz motioned to accept the Town expenditures for the month including a supplemental in the amount of \$2,229.87 to Heart Technologies, Inc.

Ayes: Trustees Getz, Johnson, Neal, O'Neill, and Supervisor Roemer

Nays: None Motion Carried

Trustees O'Neill and Getz motioned to accept the Road expenditures for the month.

Ayes: Trustees Getz, Johnson, Neal, O'Neill, and Supervisor Roemer

Nays: None Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business at this time.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Roemer informed the Board that this month's speaker at the Senior Coffee was a representative from the Honor Flight. There was a lot of interest in this from the seniors. Next month's speaker will be Wildlife Prairie Park.

He continued by giving the Board an overview of things currently happening at the Township. He stated that the Sharp's grant is still pending. He also informed the Board that LIHEAP is getting ready to start up again. This year will be different than years past with eligibility requirements taking place in different stages.

He then updated the Board that the new Township website is in progress. He urged the Board to send any pictures that they have of the Township to display on the website. He then continued his list of updates by letting the Board know that the Township will be switching over to i3 broadband tomorrow.

Supervisor Roemer then gave a list of upcoming community events. He emphasized a Bartonville Comprehensive plan event on Wednesday October 18, 2023, from 5-7pm held in the Limestone High School Cafeteria. This event will allow citizens to express what they would like to see on Bartonville's Comprehensive Plan for future development of the Village.

He also talked about the Neighborhood House Coat Drive now happening at the Township. He continued by discussing the upcoming Bartonville Block Party hosted by the Limestone Chamber of Commerce with proceeds from the event to help with the beautification of downtown Bartonville. He then invited the Board to be on the Township float for the Limestone High School Homecoming Parade. He finished his list of events with the Scooters grand opening on Friday September 15, 2023, at 11:00am.

Supervisor Roemer concluded his report by reading a letter from the Oak Grove PTO thanking the Township for hosting a Back-to-School Pool Party Fundraising Event.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

Randy Neal, Township Highway Commissioner, was present and informed the Board that the Road Department is getting roads prepped for next year's seal coating and getting holes in the roads fixed.

ASSESSOR REPORT

There was no report given at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to come before the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Roemer informed the Board that the Township has been working on a Safe Routes to

School Grant. The Township has partnered with Monroe Grade School. Other entities that are involved in this series of grants include Oak Grove, Limestone High School, Peoria County, and the Village of Bartonville. He thanked Randy Neal, Highway Commissioner, for attending the meetings.

Trustees Neal and O'Neill motioned to approve Resolution No. 2023-03, Approving and Authorizing Financial Commitment in the Safe Routes the School Grants Program.

Ayes: Trustees Getz, Johnson, Neal, O'Neill and Supervisor Roemer

Nays: None Motion Carried

The Board looked at the Audit Findings. Supervisor Roemer stated that they came out great and thanked the Township Office Manager, Michelle Johnson, for all her hard work.

Trustees Neal and Johnson motioned to approve the Audit Findings and Financial Reports for Fiscal Year 2023.

Ayes: Trustees Getz, Johnson, Neal, O'Neill and Supervisor Roemer

Nays: None Motion Carried

Supervisor Roemer discussed a proposed intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Bartonville. The agreement would allow for the Township's proposed ice rink fundraiser for Pool Days to fall under the Village of Bartonville's insurance. He explained that the proposed ice rink will be in the park for ten (10) days in December. This intergovernmental agreement has already been passed by the Village of Bartonville.

Trustee Getz and Johnson motioned to pass the intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Bartonville, if Pool Days agrees to pay any extra fees and the fees do not exceed \$1,000.00.

Ayes: Trustees Getz, Johnson, Neal, O'Neill, and Supervisor Roemer

Nays: None Motion Carried

The lighting improvements for the Pool were tabled due to not receiving an additional quote yet.

Sophie Spirrison, the Limestone Township Pool Manager, was present to give an end of season report. She stated that she thought this year was an improvement over last year's season. She made a couple of suggestions for the future pool season. She started by suggesting that the Township lower the price for parties. She continued by proposing that the age restrictions for unsupervised children be raised for next season. Other suggestions included offering the use of credit card transactions to pay for entry into the Pool. She then went on to highlight some of the things that the Pool was successful at this year. This included water aerobics and a police presence being established early on. She concluded by informing the Board that she thinks that we underestimate our pool. It is clean and nice compared to other pools that she has worked at.

Supervisor Roemer informed the Board that a developer has come to help think about future building developments for the Township. He expressed that he would like the Board to start thinking about what they would like to see in a future recreation center. Once there is a better idea of what the Board wants to see, it will be easier to set a timeline. He stated that the Comprehensive Plan for the Village of Bartonville can help guide the Board's decisions since it is asking local residents what they would like to see. He stated that he just wants to be mindful in planning for the long term.

NON-AGENDA BUSINESS BY BOARD MEMBERS

It was discussed that the Tax Assessor, Rhonda Rutledge, successfully met all the deadlines. All the Tax Assessments for the properties have been sent out. A majority of the assessments went up.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no Citizen Input at this time.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees, the Board adjourned at 6:39pm.

Heather Robinson, Limestone Township Clerk