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LIMESTONE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
September 10, 2024

Supervisor Roemer called the September 10, 2024, 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: Michelle Johnson, Randy Neal, Rose Neal, Aoife Dwyer

Trustees Neal and Johnson motioned for the approval of the regular Board of Trustees minutes from August 13, 2024.

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

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

Nays: None Motion Carried

Trustees O'Neill and Johnson motioned to accept the Town expenditures for the month.

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

Nays: None Motion Carried

Trustees Johnson 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.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Roemer informed the Board of the Township's upcoming events. He let the Board know that the Electronics Recycling Day is on September 25, 2024, at Kuusakoski and there will be a Clean Up Day on September 28, 2024 from 8:00 am to 11:00 am at the Eagles Club. He then reminded the Board that the Walk, Ride, and Roll event will be held at the local grade schools on October 2, 2024. The Township will also have a float for this year's homecoming parade. The parade starts at 3:15 pm this year.

Supervisor Roemer concluded his report by stating that LIHEAP starts in October.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Randy Neal, Township Highway Commissioner, was present and said that the Roads Department is on their last round of mowing. After this is completed, they will use the boom arm mower to start trimming.

He continued by stating that over the weekend there was a hole on Schneblin Lane. They had to fill it and will continue to work in this area.

He then went on to inform the Board that they got the sweeper back out. Since fall is approaching, he reminded residents that there is no putting debris in the roadway. The sweeper will not pick it up.

Randy Neal concluded his report by telling the Board and the residents that updates on what is happening with the Road District can be found on their Facebook page.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

There was no report given at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to come before the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Aoife Dwyer, Limestone Township Pool Manager, was present to discuss the 2024 pool season. She said that the prices that they charged this past season went over well. She then went on to give suggestions for next year, such as creating an end of school party for teens. She also discussed improvements that she would like to see made, such as an updated management structure, starting the hiring process of lifeguards earlier, and a new snack bar register. She concluded her report by letting the Board know that the pool had a great team of employees this year, with a lot of them saying they would be back next year.

Supervisor Roemer informed the Board that the Pool has been winterized and the water is shut off for the season.

Trustees Neal and Johnson motioned to accept the fiscal year 2024 audit findings and financial report.

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

Nays: None Motion Carried

Trustees Getz and O’Neill motioned to retain Gorenz & Associates as the auditor for Limestone Township.

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

Nays: None Motion Carried

Supervisor Roemer discussed with the Board the potential of getting a new technology contract. He stated that he has investigated this in the past and gets sticker shock. However, he thinks that the Township is hitting a point where they are going to need a better technology system in place. He wants to be proactive and find a contract suitable for the Township before it is an absolute necessity. He presented a quote from Heart Technologies. Trustee Neal will look in to getting additional quotes from other companies before the next meeting.

Supervisor Roemer requested moving the November 2024 meeting date due to the Township Officials of Illinois conference falling on the same day as the regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

Trustees O’Neill and Johnson motioned to move the November 2024 meeting to take place on Thursday November 14, 2024, at 6:01 pm in the Township Hall.

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

Nays: None Motion Carried

Supervisor Roemer presented the Board with Ordinance #2020-05, an ordinance for compensation for Limestone Township elected officers. This ordinance must be revised at least one hundred and eighty (180) days before the beginning of a term of the officers. The Board held a discussion on what they think that the newly elected official’s compensation should be. It was discussed that next year the Supervisor, Clerk, and Highway Commissioner would all get a raise, and then get a 3% raise in the years to follow. They also talked about keeping the Tax Collector and Trustees salary the same as it has been in years past. Finally, they discussed cutting the Assessor’s salary due to the work not currently getting completed on time. It was confirmed that Peoria County could contract with the Township to provide an Assessor's service, including having someone one day a week in the office, if the Assessor position was not filled. The final setting of the salaries for elected officials will take place at the October 8, 2024, Regular Township Board Meeting.

CITIZEN INPUT

Randy Neal stated that he thinks that the Trustees should have asked for an increase in their salary, since there is a lot of work that goes into it.

NON-AGENDA BUSINESS BY BOARD MEMBERS

There was no Non-Agenda Business by Board Members at this time.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees, the Board adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Heather Robinson, Limestone Township Clerk