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**LIMESTONE TOWNSHIP**

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**LIMESTONE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES**  
August 8, 2023

Supervisor Roemer called the August 8, 2023, public meeting to order at 6:00pm 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

Trustees Johnson and O'Neill motioned for the approval of the regular Board of Trustees minutes for July 11, 2023.

Ayes: Trustees Getz, Johnson, Neal, O'Neill, and Supervisor Roemer  
Nays: None Motion Carried

Trustees Getz and Johnson motioned for the approval of the Planning Commission minutes from July 18, 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 O'Neill 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 O'Neill and Neal motioned to accept the Town expenditures for the month.

Ayes: Trustees Getz, Johnson, Neal, O'Neill, and Supervisor Roemer  
Nays: None Motion Carried

Trustees Neal and Johnson 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 Senior Coffee was last week. The guest speaker was Amanda from The Cookery. She provided a cooking demonstration and offered samples for each of the seniors to try. Next month, the speaker will be Karri from the Greater Peoria Honor Flight.

He then went on to provide the Board with some updates. He stated that the Sharps grant has been applied for, and results for this grant should be known by the end of the month. He continued by informing the Board that the ordinance complaints have been sent out. Once he receives the updated county list, he will get it sent out to all the Board members.

Supervisor Roemer then proceeded to inform the Board that General Assistance and Emergency Assistance cases have been rising as Ameren sends out their disconnect notices. LIHEAP will start back up at the beginning of September.

Supervisor Roemer let the Board know of some clean-up events that will be happening. Community Shred Day will occur this Saturday from 9am-12pm in the pool parking lot. Each car will be limited to ten (10) boxes. He then reminded the Board that next month will be the Town Clean-Up and Electronics Recycling Days. Postcards for the event should be prepared and mailed out three weeks prior to the event.

He continued by stating that the Township will be switching to i3 Broadband. The service switch will be coming in the next couple of months, once a line is bored under Garfield Ave.

Supervisor Roemer then informed the Board that the Township Road District, Village of Bartonville, and Peoria County have submitted a grant to Tri-County for the connecting pathways project. They have requested \$100,000 to \$200,000 for the engineering to create a 10-year multi-phase plan.

He concluded his report by stating that registration is now open for the Township Officials of Illinois fall conference. If any of the Board members are interested in attending, he urged them to contact Michelle, office manager, or himself.

### HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

Randy Neal, Township Highway Commissioner, was not present but gave his report to Supervisor Roemer to share with the Board. The Road department is now preparing streets for the fog coat. They are also preparing streets for next year's seal coat.

### ASSESSOR REPORT

There was no report given at this time by the Assessor. Supervisor Roemer shared with the

Board that he had received an email from the Supervisor of Assessments for Peoria County regarding the Township's Assessor, Rhonda Rutledge. The email states that the Assessor has not completed the assessment reports on time for the year as required by law. There were only three (3) Townships in Peoria County that failed to do this, all of which are under her supervision. Since these tasks were not complete, the county will have to work to complete the reports. The Township will be responsible for compensating all the time that the County has to invest in order to complete this task. Supervisor Roemer went on to share that as soon as he received the email, he went down to talk to the Supervisor of Assessments for the County to try and come up with a solution. They settled on three (3) adjusted hard deadlines to complete these tasks. If the Assessor fails to complete these tasks, the work will fall to the County, resulting in the Township having to pay for their work. Supervisor Roemer explained to the Board that with the structure of Township Government, both the Assessor and the Highway Commissioner are over themselves. Therefore, neither the Board or himself have any say in how, or if, they fulfill their duties. The only reason he has been informed of this incident is because the money spent on County work to complete the assessment reports would come from the Town fund. He expressed his displeasure by stating that the Pool Days Committee worked tirelessly for months to raise money for the Township's Pool, just to be thrown away by the Assessor deciding not to complete her work on time. Trustee Johnson thanked Supervisor Roemer for making the Board aware of the situation. He exclaimed that it is unacceptable, and that the money lost from the Township needs to be taken into consideration when looking at the Assessor's budget next year. Trustee Neal asked if this is a hard deadline that needs to be met every year. Supervisor Roemer told her that it needs to be met every four (4) years. So far, the Assessor has met the first of the three (3) adjusted hard dates to get her work into the County.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to come before the Board.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Trustees O'Neill and Johnson motioned to approve Resolution 2023-01, on the recertification of IMRF for qualifying elected officials.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Supervisor Roemer showed the Board two (2) proposals for LED lighting upgrades at the pool. He explained that one (1) proposal is updating all of the existing light structures at the Pool. The second proposal includes that addition of a light pointing towards that snack bar. He explained that the Board could decide what lighting they wanted to have done, and could decide to not complete every existing lighting structure. Trustee O'Neill commented that he would like to look into a local company. This has been tabled until the next Board Meeting.

Supervisor Roemer stated that he reached out to Smooth for an alternative for the Township website. This company is run by a Limestone area graduate. This would consist of having a higher upfront cost of having to transfer all of the existing Township material over to a new website, but then the cost would drop down to \$16.00 a month. The website would exist through Wix.

Trustees Johnson and Neal motioned to approve going with the quote which includes a startup fee from Smooth and continued monthly payments to Wix.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Supervisor Roemer informed the Board that the Pool season has been extended through August 27, 2023, as a result of such a high number of high school guards willing to continue working. The Pool will be open nights, weekends, and twice a week for morning aerobics. Back to School Nights are starting this week. The end of the season party for the Pool is tonight from 7:00pm-9:00pm. He encouraged any of the Board members to come up and meet the 2023 pool staff.

#### NON-AGENDA BUSINESS BY BOARD MEMBERS

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

#### 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 6:26pm.

Heather Robinson, Limestone Township Clerk