

Official Proceedings of the Washington Township Board of Trustees
June 22, 2015
Washington Township Center
30200 Town Center Road, Beecher, IL

Supervisor Mike Stanula called the Special Board meeting to order at **6:03 p.m.** to consider action on the proposed Illiana Expressway. The meeting agenda and a guest sign-in sheet are attached. Supervisor Stanula led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call:

Present: Supervisor Mike Stanula **Trustees:** Paul Goldrick, Mike Mach, Mark Herlitz, Ted Deery

Absent: None

Other Officials present: Clerk Joe Burgess

Public Commentary:

Virginia Hamman, a resident of Peotone and the president of "No Illiana 4 Us", addressed the board. Ms. Hamman told the board that since she last addressed the board on June 4th, a total of seventeen entities have now passed resolutions or prepared written statements opposing the expressway. She said she was going to approach the Village of Beecher later this evening and ask them to change their current stance on the issue. According to Ms. Hamman, every township that is in the path of the proposed expressway has now passed a resolution opposing the project.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Consideration and Approval of Planning Commission (WTPC) Recommendations – There were no recommendations from the WTPC.
2. Consideration and Approval of a Resolution Opposing the Illiana Expressway – Supervisor Stanula asked the board if they had an opportunity to review the proposed resolution.

MOTION:

Trustee Goldrick made a motion to approve resolution #15-02, A Resolution Opposing the Illiana Expressway as presented. Trustee Herlitz seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Trustee Deery indicated that he read through the other resolutions and Monee Township's resolution did not oppose the need for the expressway but opposes the path of the expressway. Deery suggested that the board consider changing the verbiage of the proposed resolution to state opposition to the path and not the road itself and said he supports the need for the expressway, but not a path through Washington Township. Supervisor Stanula said the resolution was not written to ask for a different path and believed the board should oppose the project because of the negative impact it would have on the local community.

Trustee Deery also questioned how the expressway would be a “hardship” to “all” residents of Washington Township and how it would affect people who live on the opposite end of the township. Supervisor Stanula said once the project is started, all taxpayers would be contributing towards the necessary upgrades and changes to other roads and interchanges created by the route of the expressway. Also, many current roads would be cut by the expressway and become dead end roads. Stanula said there were numerous life-safety issues that are created with dead end roads such as longer response times by police, fire and ambulance services. This ended the discussion on the motion and Stanula called for a vote.

Roll call vote as follows: Goldrick –yes, Herlitz – yes, Deery – yes, Mach – yes, Stanula - yes.
Motion passed 5-0.

Upcoming Seminars and Meetings:

- July 6, 2015 – Washington Township Board Meeting – 7:00 PM

Adjournment:

Being no other business or discussion, Trustee Goldrick made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Trustee Herlitz, and after being unanimously approved by voice vote, the Board Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph Burgess – Town Clerk

Approved by Board of Trustees: 7/6/2015

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED ILLIANA TOLLROAD

WHEREAS, the elected officials for Washington Township do hereby oppose the construction of the proposed Illiana Toll road thru Washington Township citing significant issues that will place a hardship on all Washington Township residents; and

WHEREAS, Washington Township has a Comprehensive Land Use Plan calls for limited development south of Indiana Avenue so as to preserve large acre agricultural land; and

WHEREAS, Numerous dead-end roads will be created throughout the township creating hardship to residents by limiting both travel & farming access while extending the time of our children's school bus routes; and

WHEREAS, The safety of our residents will be negatively impacted with restricted access for medical ambulance services, Fire Department services and Police protection; and

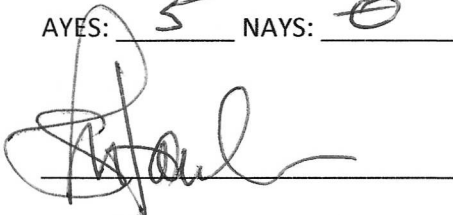
WHEREAS, Due to the approval of "Quick Take" by the State of Illinois for this project, local residents impacted will lose their property and/or will experience diminished property values.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Supervisor and the Board of Trustees of the Township of Washington, Will County, Illinois, declare this resolution opposing the construction of the proposed Illiana Toll shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 22 day of JUNE, 2015, by the following roll call vote:

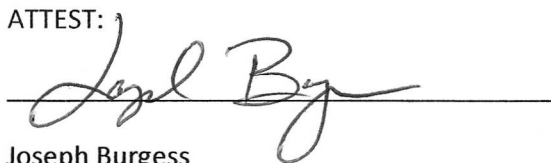
MOTION: GOLDRICK SECOND: HERLITZ

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0



Michael Stanula

Washington Township Supervisor

ATTEST: 

Joseph Burgess

Washington Township Clerk



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