

Official Proceedings of the Washington Township Board of Trustees
January 4, 2018
Washington Township Center
30200 Town Center Road, Beecher, IL

Trustee Paul Goldrick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. to pay bills for the month of **December** and transact any other business that may come before the Board of Trustees. The meeting agenda and guest sign-in sheet are attached. Trustee Goldrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call:

Present: Trustees: Paul Goldrick, Mark Herlitz, Tracy Heldt, George Obradovich

Absent: Supervisor Mike Stanula

Other Officials present:

Clerk Joe Burgess and Road Commissioner Jerry Meyer

Approval of the Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Dated December 4, 2017:

Trustee Goldrick asked if there were any corrections or additions to the December 4, 2017 board meeting minutes as presented. Being none, Goldrick asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion:

Trustee Heldt made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2017 board meeting as presented. Trustee Goldrick seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Heldt – yes, Goldrick – yes, Herlitz – yes, Obradovich - yes.

Motion passed 4-0.

Public Commentary:

None

Reports:

1. *Road Commissioner* – Commissioner Meyer reviewed his written report (attached). There were no questions or discussion regarding the report.
2. *Assessor* – No report, Assessor Blume was not in attendance.
3. *Clerk* – Clerk Burgess reported 135 people attended the Senior Holiday Dinner on December 5. A Senior Pizza & Movie Matinee is scheduled for January 20 at 1 pm at the Washington Township Center. Road Commissioner Jerry Meyer delivered the toys collected for the Marines “Toys for Tots” program to their facility in Joliet.
4. *Supervisor’s Report* – No report, Supervisor Stanula was not in attendance.
5. *Trustee’s Report* – No reports were presented.
6. *Transportation Report* – Will Ride provided 96 trips in September and the Washington Township Dial-a-Ride service provided 22 rides in December for residents traveling within Washington Township.

7. General Assistance Report – Trustee Goldrick reported that there was no GA applications received or disbursements in December.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration and Approval of Pending Zoning Applications – There were no applications to discuss.
2. Recycling Center Security Discussion – Clerk Burgess indicated this item was placed on the agenda because there have been individuals driving around the eastside of the new driveway gate and through the ditch and farm field to get to the recycling center. The Board discussed the concern and it was determined it was not necessary to add any additional security to the Recycling Center because of what appears to be an isolated incident.
3. BSSI Cottage Grove / Indiana Ave Solar Project Presentation – Alexander Farkes, a Director of Project Development for Borrego Solar and Matt Walsh, a Due Diligence Coordinator, representing Greenberg-Farrow addressed the Board.

Borrego Solar is currently working on two solar farm projects in Washington Township. The two 17-acre sites are located on the north and south side of Indiana Avenue just east of Cottage Grove and the Board was given a map of the proposed sites under consideration. The sites will have access roads with entrances off Indiana Avenue and are setback approximately 140' from the road. Each site will contain approximately 6000 articulating solar panels and the panels are wired together underground and will send their energy to a main electrical panel located on the property.

The landowner is required to sign a 20-year lease and Borrego will be responsible for installing the panels and infrastructure. They will also be responsible for maintaining the equipment (cleaning the panels) and the ground (mowing weeds) they are located on. Once the construction of the site is complete, a 7' cyclone fence is installed around the entire perimeter of the solar field. A suitable ground cover is then planted around and under the panels to keep weeds down and to provide adequate drainage. The field is designed to generate 2 megawatts of electricity per year and the power generated goes to ComEd, who offers a credit to the owner of the system. Any one who utilizes ComEd for their power has the option of "purchasing" energy from this site through an application process, although they must be drawing energy from the power grid the solar panels are supplying. The Board asked to see pictures of a completed solar farm however, Mr. Farkes did not have any pictures available and suggested going to their website for images. No other printed information about Borrego Solar was made available to the Board.

Mr. Farkes indicated the site would most likely be fully operational in June or July of 2019. He also said that these projects are then typically sold to investors, private equity groups or energy groups. When asked how the site is valued for tax purposes, Walsh said the State of IL has an assessment formula that is used to value the land and it will be similar to the formula used for wind turbine farms but he could not provide the Board with any additional tax revenue estimates. However, he did say that the actual EAV would "likely" be less than that of wind turbine farms because of the large cost differences between solar and wind power systems.

Borrego also has spent considerable up-front costs researching the property prior to selecting the site. Full site surveys have been performed including locating tile and possible pipelines and potential wetland issues. A full environmental impact assessment has also been completed on the site. All surveys have indicated that the selected locations are suitable for the project to move forward.

According to Mr. Farkes, Illinois is a leader in renewable energy and the project will have a positive impact on Washington Township. He requested that the Board consider drafting and sending a "Letter of Support" to Will County, who will make the final decision on this project being approved.

Clerk Burgess questioned how residents who are participating in an aggregation agreement would benefit from this system and was told residents would have to "opt-out" of the aggregation agreement and purchase power from ComEd. Trustee Heldt questioned how the project would benefit the township, as it appeared that everyone was profiting from the project, except the township. She was also concerned that the project would be an eyesore because of the installation of a 7' chain link fence around the property plus the weeds that would be growing around the fence and panels. Heldt said she believed residents live in the country for a reason and they don't want to see chain link fences in fields. Trustee Goldrick agreed with her assessment and said more suitable aesthetics should be provided around the project. Road Commissioner Meyer was also concerned about weed control and said weeds will grow through the ground cover provided and will need to be cut more than twice a season.

Trustee Goldrick will report this info to Supervisor Stanula and recommend that any letter of support include improving the aesthetics of the project.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Road & Bridge Bills

The board reviewed the Road District bills as prepared by Commissioner Meyer and presented by the Clerk. The Bank of America credit card statement and Clauss Specialties bill were reviewed.

MOTION:

Trustee Heldt made a motion to authorize payment of all applicable payroll, bills, and appropriate transfers or debits for the Road & Bridge Account totaling **\$46,146.64**. Trustee Herlitz seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion.

Roll Call vote: Heldt – yes, Herlitz – yes, Goldrick – yes, Obradovich – yes.

Motion passed 4-0.

Town Account (including Transportation Fund)

The board reviewed the bills as prepared by the Supervisor and presented by the Clerk.

MOTION:

Trustee Obradovich made a motion to authorize payment of all applicable payroll, bills, debits and appropriate transfers for the Town Account totaling **\$45,108.35**. Trustee Heldt seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion.

Roll Call vote: Obradovich – yes, Heldt – yes, Herlitz – yes, Goldrick – yes.

Motion passed 4-0.

Upcoming Seminars and Meetings:

- February 5, 2018 - Washington Township Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

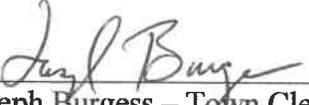
Announcements:

- January 20 – Senior Pizza & Movie Matinee @ 1 pm at the Washington Township Center
- January 29 – Intergovernmental Meeting @ 7 pm at the Washington Township Center

Adjournment:

Being no other business or discussion, Trustee Goldrick made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Herlitz seconded the motion. Being no discussion and after being unanimously approved by voice vote, the Board Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph Burgess – Town Clerk

Approved by Board of Trustees: 2/5/2018

Washington Township

Jerry K. Meyer

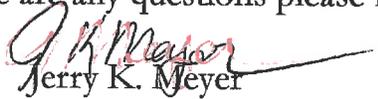
Highway Commissioner

January 4, 2018

To the Board of Trustees of Washington Township

- Winter is here
- We plowed and or salted 5 events so far this year
- Doing service work in the shop on equipment
- New Mack truck has been on the road and is working well we have used the wing plow it moves a lot of snow
- We got rid of all our old tires we have Thanks to Will County we had over 100 tire from the roads

If there are any questions please feel free to contact me at the office.


Jerry K. Meyer
Commissioner

Approved Claims - Board of Township Trustees
Town Account

State of Illinois)
Will County) ss.
Washington Township)

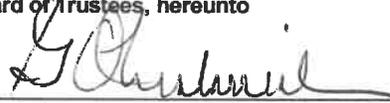
We the undersigned, comprising the Board of Trustees of
Washington Township, having duly met at the Township office on January 4, 2018, for the
purpose of auditing Town accounts, do hereby certify that the following claims or demands
against said township were presented, and examined, were allowed at said meeting, to wit:

Claim #	Date	To Whom Allowed	CK	Nature of Claim	Amount
4833	12/1	Prairie Disposal	7678	20-yard container emptied - Inv # 58940	\$395.00
4834	12/1	Comcast	7679	Internet and Cable # 10295 - Bill date - 11/24/17	\$185.51
4835	12/1	NICOR	7680	Utilities gas - #55877029193 - Bill date - 11/15/17	\$101.48
4836	12/1	Walt's Foods	7682	Open House refreshments - Inv # 00108983	\$97.21
4837	12/1	Pace Vanpool	7683	Monthly Charges - 11/27/17 Inv # 490859	\$100.00
4838	12/1	ComEd	7686	Electric bill - Acct # 4341116018 - Bill date 11/28/17	\$339.79
4839	12/1	S&K Security	7687	Monitoring fees - 12/1/17 to 2/28/18 - Inv # 114479	\$212.73
4840	12/1	Sikich	7689	Professional services "Final Billing" - Inv # 316800	\$1,100.00
4841	12/2	Spectrotel	7690	Phone service - Acct # 343999 - Inv # 8350511	\$210.46
4842	12/2	Quill Corporation	7691	Office supplies - Inv # 2592153	\$54.95
4843	12/4	Joe Burgess	7693	Reimbursement for Senior Dinner supplies (GFS)	\$153.13
4844	12/4	Quill Corporation	7694	Office supplies - Inv # 2715447	\$31.98
4845	12/6	Tony's Pizza	7696	Senior Dinner catering - Inv # 006665	\$490.00
4846	12/7	Village of Beecher	7697	Bus fuel - 11/1/17 to 11/30/17 - Inv # 437	\$45.37
4847	12/7	Quill Corporation	7698	Office supplies - Inv # 2759665 / 2841460	\$60.96
4848	12/7	Village of Beecher	7699	Beecher Preservation Plaques - Inv # 05-2017-12	\$660.00
4849	12/7	Walt's Foods	7700	Senior Dinner food - Inv # 00116993	\$491.44
4850	12/7	First Community Bank and Trust	7701	GO Obligation principal only payment	\$23,333.00
4851	12/11	Dahlberg Accounting	7702	Professional services - Inv # 121916	\$455.00
4852	12/18	NICOR	7703	Utilities gas - #55877029193 - Bill date - 12/8/17	\$152.02
4853	12/18	Quill Corporation	7704	Office supplies - Inv # 3186634	\$54.99
4854	12/18	Tom's Truck Repairs	7705	IL Truck inspection - Inv # SL8318	\$23.00
4855	12/18	Quality Computer Systems	7706	Professional services - Inv # 17-12019	\$90.00
4856	12/18	Verizon Wireless	7707	Cellular phones - Acct # 485462600 / Inv # 9797624063	\$65.10
4857	12/18	Apex Software	7708	Assessor's sketching software renewal - Inv # 299254	\$235.00
4858	12/18	Beecher Post Office	7709	Stamps - Inv # 840-56040002	\$49.00
4859	12/18	Metro Power	7710	Generator repairs - Inv # 11733	\$2,106.74
4860	12/18	Will-Ride	7711	Transportation Expense - September (96 trips)	\$1,859.21
4861	12/18	Thomas Murphy	7712	Bus driver - Senior Holiday Concert at Olivet @ Kankakee	\$70.85
4862	12/18	Beecher School District 200U	7713	Transportation (bus service) Olivet concert	\$38.50
4863	12/19	Chicago Food Depository	7714	Food Pantry (donations)	\$813.76
4864	12/20	Chicago Food Depository	7715	Food Pantry (donations)	\$360.00
4865	12/29	Beecher Hardware	7716	Cleaning supplies - Inv # A148307	\$10.47
4866	12/29	Joe Burgess	7717	Reimbursement - Avast internet security laptop - #19352818	\$79.99
4867	12/29	Martin Whalen Office Solutions	7718	Annual copier contract - Inv # 679927	\$1,894.86
4868	12/29	Chicago Food Depository	7719	Food Pantry (donations)	\$50.00
4869	12/23	QuickBooks Payroll Service	EFT	Payroll fees	\$25.50
4870	12/23	December Payroll - QuickBooks	Debit	ALL payroll, IMRF & other government payroll liabilities	\$8,611.35
TOTAL ALL DISBURSEMENTS					\$45,108.35

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the members of said Board of Trustees, hereunto
set our hands on January 4, 2018.


Township Supervisor


Township Clerk


Trustee


Trustee


Trustee


Trustee

Washington Township Board Meeting

7:00 PM

January 4, 2018

Guest Sign-in Sheet

PLEASE PRINT NAME	ADDRESS	Please CHECK here if you have Public Commentary
Alexander Jakes	1 North State St, Chicago Suite 1426	
Matt Walsh	21 S. EVERGREEN AVE, SUITE 200 BELWATER HEIGHTS, IL 60005	

**Washington Township Board Meeting
January 4, 2018 - 7:00 pm
Meeting Agenda**

Call to Order / Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes Dated December 4, 2017

Public Commentary

Reports

1. Road Commissioner
2. Assessor
3. Clerk
4. Supervisor's Report
5. Trustee's Report
6. Transportation Report
7. General Assistance Report

Old Business

- 1.

New Business

1. Consideration and Approval of Pending Zoning Applications
2. Recycling Center Security Discussion
3. BSSI Cottage Grove / Indiana Ave - Solar Project Presentation

Payment of Bills

Upcoming Seminars and Meetings

- **February 5, 2018 – Washington Township Board Meeting - 7:00 PM**

Announcements

- January 20 - Senior Pizza & Movie Matinee – 1:00 pm
- January 26 – Intergovernmental Meeting

Adjournment

Any disabled person requiring special accommodations should notify Supervisor Mike Stanula *prior* to the meeting date to make necessary arrangements. Supervisor Stanula may be reached at 946-2026.

A CLOSED (EXECUTIVE) SESSION MAY BE HELD AT ANY POINT DURING THE MEETING.