

**Official Proceedings of the Washington Township Board of Trustees**

**May 3, 2021**

**Washington Township Center  
30200 Town Center Road, Beecher, IL**

Supervisor Mike Stanula called the meeting to order at **7:03 p.m.** to pay bills for the month of **April** and transact any other business that may come before the Board of Trustees. The meeting agenda and guest sign-in sheet are attached. Supervisor Stanula led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll call:**

**Present:** Supervisor Mike Stanula **Trustees:** Tracy Heldt, Mark Herlitz, George Obradovich

**Absent:** Paul Goldrick

**Other Officials present:**

Clerk Joe Burgess, Assessor Mary Tamez and Highway Commissioner Mike Smith

**Approval of the Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Dated March 29, 2021:**

Supervisor Stanula asked if there were any corrections or additions to the March 29, 2021 Board meeting minutes as presented. Being none, Stanula asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

**Motion:**

Trustee Herlitz made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2021 Board meeting as presented. Trustee Heldt seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion and the motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**Public Commentary:**

Township resident Troy Ronk, who lives on S. Racine Ave, addressed the Board regarding the use of vacant property located on W. Corning Road. Mr. Ronk explained that the property was purchased several months ago and there is no water or septic system on the property and no one lives on the land. There is at least one horse fenced in on the property and a couple of unfriendly dogs that appear to be owned by the property's "caretaker". There are approximately 25 junk cars on the acreage and several small buildings have been erected on the site. There are also generators that run 24-hours a day. A gate was installed across the driveway and a sign was erected that says, "Party Ranch".

The property is now being used to run a party business and on multiple occasions, hundreds of people gather to pay an admittance fee to drink, eat and listen to music to all hours of the morning. According to Mr. Ronk, some of the parties have even been advertised on social media. Ronk said the music is so loud that it can easily be heard at his house and he along with several neighbors have also called the Will County police regarding the noise.

Ronk and his neighbors have spoken to Will County Board member Judy Ogalla, who encouraged the group to email other county board members to make them aware of the issues. The group then decided to ask the township Board for help as well.

Supervisor Stanula said the property is zoned (A1) for agriculture use only and only businesses related to agriculture would be allowed to operate on the site. If they are running a “party” business they are going against county code and it should be addressed and stopped. The county also has a Noise Ordinance that they should be enforcing if they are contacted about loud music or other loud equipment. The Board was concerned about the problem and agreed action must be taken to help the residents. Supervisor Stanula will draft a letter to Will County Land Use regarding the use of the property and also call them about this issue. Stanula also suggested that the group contacts the Beecher Village Board as the village does have some jurisdiction up to 1 ½ miles outside of the village limits. Stanula asked for any solicitations or other media that has been used to promote the party business, saying it would help prove the land is not being used for agricultural purposes.

### **Reports:**

1. Road Commissioner – Commissioner Smith reviewed his written report (attached). The Stoney Island Road project includes one mile of new blacktop and Will County will be overseeing this project and it will be funded with MFT funds. Smith said he will be taking some of the road grindings from this project to use elsewhere in the township.
2. Assessor – Assessor Tamez reviewed her written report (attached). The current housing market is driving home prices up and many homes are being sold over listed price and higher than their assessed value, which will drive up property taxes.
3. Clerk – The township newsletter is being prepared and will be mailed before the end of May.
4. Supervisor’s Report – Supervisor Stanula received a call from Marta Keene, from Will County Green, asking the township to reconsider the elimination of the recycling bins on Township property.
5. Trustees Report – No reports.
6. Transportation Report – The Township’s Dial-A-Ride is still suspended at this time; however, the bus service will resume in June and will follow all CDC Covid protocols. The information will be published in the newsletter. Will Ride did not send a ride report or invoice during April.
7. General Assistance Report – Supervisor Stanula reported there were no Emergency Assistance disbursements in April. There was one General Assistance payout to Allied Benefits for the annual Catastrophic Insurance premium.

Community Building – Community Board Manager Teresa Peterson reported that the Community Building sidewalk replacement project is scheduled to begin the week of June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Consideration and Approval of 2021-2022 Town Budget – The Board reviewed the proposed budget and no changes were recommended. The budget will be available for public inspection for the next 30-days and the Public Hearing for the budget will be on June 7. Note: As per the discussion and approval of the computer upgrades for the Washington Township Center, the line item for this Capital Expense will be reduced from \$15,000 to \$10,000.
2. Consideration and Approval of 2021-2022 Road District Budget - Commissioner Smith is reviewing his final budget draft and will forward it to Tammy Hitzelburger and Clerk Burgess so it can be made available for public inspection as required by statute. The Public Hearing will be held on June 7.
3. Consideration and Approval of Computer and Server Upgrades – The Board reviewed a proposal from Chicagoland Cloud LLC to replace the existing outdated computer equipment at the Washington Township Center. Most of the current equipment is 11-years old and the current server is 6-years old and is no longer necessary. Chicagoland Cloud, who is the township’s current technology vendor, is recommending using one of the new desktops as a server and would back up the township’s information to the “cloud”. The quote includes new desktop units, 24” monitors and battery backup units. The total proposal, including installation and data migration is for \$9,098.00. The Board reviewed the proposal and decided to accept the quote.

**MOTION:**

Trustee Herlitz made a motion to approve the Chicagoland Cloud LLC proposal dated March 30, 2021, in the amount of \$9,048.00. Trustee Heldt seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion and the motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Consideration and Approval of Pending Zoning Applications – The Board received a zoning request from Ostego Mall LLC, requesting that 40-acres of vacant farmland located at the corner of Brunswick Road & Klemme Road be rezoned from A1 to E2 for the purpose of subdividing the property into seven lots of approximately 5-6 acres each. Commissioner Smith had concerns with the zoning request because the property has uneven terrain and it would be difficult for installing driveways. The area also floods after heavy rains. Supervisor Stanula agreed and noted that there was also a pipeline running through the property. After a brief discussion it was decided that a letter be sent to Will County Land Use asking that they deny the owners request for the zoning change.

2. Town & Road District Budget Hearings – The Public Hearings for the Road District and Town Budgets will be held on June 7 at the Washington Township Center. The Road District hearing will be held at 6:30 pm and the Town hearing will begin at 6:45 pm.
3. Will County Green Recycling Discussion / Presentation – Supervisor Stanula explained that Marta Keene, who understood why the Board decided to terminate the service, had planned on coming to the meeting to discuss other recycling options rather than closing the Township’s Recycling Center, however, she was not in attendance. Stanula said Will County has a contract with the service provider and the contract calls for a 60-day notice to terminate the service. For this reason, the Recycling Center will remain open until June 1<sup>st</sup> and the recycling containers will then be removed in early June.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

**Insurance Fund**

There was one bill from TOIRMA for the Townships annual insurance premium in the amount of \$9200.54.

**MOTION:**

Trustee Herlitz made a motion to approve payment to TOIRMA in the amount of \$9,200.54. Trustee Obradovich seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. Roll call vote: Herlitz – yes, Obradovich – yes, Heldt – yes, Stanula – Yes. **Motion passed 4-0.**

**General Assistance Fund**

There was one bill from Allied Benefits for the Townships “Catastrophic Insurance” premium in the amount of \$2260.00.

**MOTION:**

Trustee Herlitz made a motion to approve payment to Allied Benefits in the amount of \$2260.00. Trustee Heldt seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion and the motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**Town Account (including Transportation Fund)**

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

**MOTION:**

Trustee Heldt made a motion to approve payment of all applicable payroll, bills, debits and appropriate transfers from the Town Account totaling \$12,033.16. Trustee Herlitz seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion and the motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**Road & Bridge Bills**

The board reviewed the Road District’s bills as prepared by Commissioner Mike Smith and presented by the Clerk.

**MOTION:**

Trustee Heldt made a motion to authorize payment of all applicable payroll, bills, and appropriate transfers or debits from the Road & Bridge Account totaling **\$52,366.30**. Trustee Obradovich seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion and the motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**Upcoming Seminars and Meetings**

- **June 7, 2021** – Road District Budget Hearing @ 6:30 pm
- **June 7, 2021** – Town Budget Hearing @ 6:45 pm
- **June 7, 2021** - Washington Township Board Meeting – 7 pm

**Announcements:**

Trustee Heldt questioned the landscaping requirements around the recent solar farm built on Corning Road. There are no berms hiding the solar panels and the area is covered with weeds. Supervisor Stanula indicated there were some requirements, but the solar farm was recently completed and he expected the landscaping would be addressed in the coming months. Trustee Heldt said she would continue to monitor the site to verify the landscaping is completed as required.

**Adjournment:**

Being no other business or discussion, Trustee Obradovich made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Heldt seconded the motion. Being no discussion and after being unanimously approved by voice vote, the Board Meeting adjourned at **8:18 pm**.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Joseph Burgess – Town Clerk

Approved by Board of Trustees: 6/7/2021

# Washington Township

## Highway Department

30200 Town Center Dr.

Beecher, Illinois 60401

708-946-6459 Fax 708-946-6459

**Michael Smith Highway Commissioner**

1. Stoney Island between Indiana Ave and Corning will be getting ground and paved this summer. I spoke with the county engineer last week. They will be coming out to measure then sending it out for bid. MFT money will be used for this project.
2. Racine between Miller Street and Church is on the list for resurface but it will be tar and chip. I have been in contact with the village supervisor as part of that stretch is maintained by them. He agreed to provide funds and labor for their portion. He is going to bring it up at the next meeting.
3. We have been patching when weather permits. We will be starting to do asphalt repairs when the weather is consistently warm.
4. We have quite a bit of ditching work that needs to be done. We have borrowed Will Townships's mini excavator a few times and it proves to be much faster than our backhoe. Our backhoe is first on the list to be replaced. I am weighing out the options of a new backhoe vs a mini excavator. With the lease options available we could get into a mini excavator cheaper than a backhoe.

*Michael Smith*

Highway Commissioner

# Office of the Assessor

**Mary Margaret Tamez**  
Assessor

May 3, 2021

## Township Meeting Notes:

- I am continuing the updating of the assessments based on permits.
- Based on the current values and market, our township is looking at another large increase for the 2021 year. Homes are still selling for MUCH higher than our assessments.
- The field staff will begin measuring properties based on the permits and rechecks the first week of June.
- I have heard that the Bill has passed for the auto renewal. I have nothing confirmed from the county, but there have been multiple calls from people following the bill.
- Tax bills were mailed 5/1/2021, you should be receiving them soon! We had a reduction in tax rate with an increase in assessment. Those with the Senior Freeze, they will see a reduction in their bill due to the only change in tax bill being the rate change. Most of the other homes with no change in assessment other than the multiplier, the average home would see a \$150-\$200 change in their tax bill. I just checked a few with that being the average.

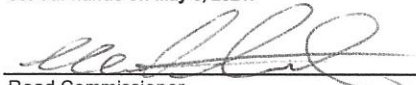
**Approved Claims - Board of Township Trustees  
Road & Bridge Account**

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

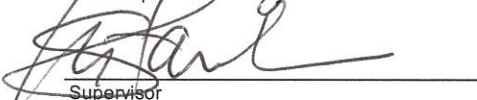
We the undersigned, comprising the Board of Trustees of  
Washington Township, having duly met at the Clerks office on May 3, 2021, for the  
purpose of auditing the Road & Bridge account, do hereby certify that the following claims or demands  
against said township were presented, and examined, were allowed at said meeting, to wit:

Claim #	Date	To Whom Allowed	Ck #	Nature of Claim	Amount
8279	4/8	ATT	8803	Phone - Acct # 7089466459-619-2 Inv # 7089466459-04	\$144.91
8280	4/8	Surf Air Wireless	8804	Internet service - Inv # 460164	\$64.95
8281	4/8	Cintas	8805	Medical supplies - Inv # 5051912302	\$90.87
8282	4/8	R.P. Lumber	8806	Supplies - Inv # 2013-049281	\$16.99
8283	4/8	Village of Beecher	8807	Equipment Fuel -32/1/21 to 3/31/21 - Inv # 701	\$828.92
8284	4/8	Tifco Industries	8808	Shop supplies - Inv # 71640888	\$256.45
8285	4/8	DeJong Equipment	8809	Parts - Inv # CR 31007	\$59.40
8286	4/8	NAPA Auto Parts	8810	Parts & supplies - Inv # 143976 / 144937	\$154.89
8287	4/8	ComEd	8811	Utilities - Acct #1659047007 - Bill date - 4/1/21	\$156.03
8288	4/8	Dahlberg Accounting Solutions	8812	Professional services - Inv # 30	\$300.00
8289	4/21	Cintas	8813	Uniforms - 3/1 to 3/31/21	\$237.81
8290	4/21	Gallagher Materials Corp.	8814	Asphalt cold patch - Inv # 18575 / 18653	\$1,718.64
8291	4/21	M&K Truck Center	8815	Parts - Inv # 134792 / 13494	\$1,650.66
8292	4/21	ATT Mobility	8816	Wireless charges - Inv #287293840112X04092021	\$55.12
8293	4/21	NICOR	8817	Utilities - Gas - Acct #58285823769 - Bill date 4/13/21	\$226.15
8294	4/21	Quill Corp.	8818	Office supplies - Inv # 15920961 / 15982094	\$48.68
8295	4/21	Beaupre Inc.	8819	Safety Lane (All trucks) - Inv # 170480	\$234.00
8296	4/22	TOIRMA	8820	2021-22 Liability Insurance	\$16,497.52
8297	4/25	Village of Beecher	EFT	RB Health Insurance - Inv # 2021-05	\$3,202.20
8298	4/30	April Payroll - QuickBooks	Misc	Payroll, IMRF & other government payroll liabilities	\$26,422.11
<b>Total disbursements</b>					<b>\$52,366.30</b>

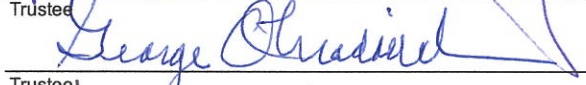
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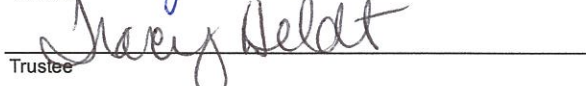
  
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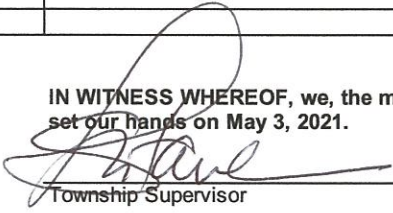
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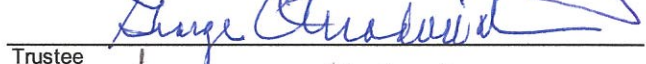
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5705	4/8	Walt's Foods	8498	Supplies - Inv # 005036791003	\$59.08
5706	4/8	Teresa Peterson	8499	Reimbursement for Avast software	\$74.36
5707	4/8	Comcast	8500	Internet and Cable # 10295 - Bill date - 3/24/21	\$265.80
5708	4/8	Beecher Hardware	8502	Office supplies - Inv # A230742 / A231254	\$119.74
5709	4/8	Tom's Truck Repair	8503	IL Safety Lane test - Inv # SL131346	\$27.00
5710	4/8	ComEd	8504	Electric bill - Acct # 4341116018 - Bill date 4/1/21	\$256.38
5711	4/8	Dahlberg Accounting Solutions	8505	Professional services - Inv # 29	\$450.00
5712	4/8	Spectrotel	8506	Phone service - Acct # 343999 - Inv # 10170401	\$205.47
5713	4/21	Greater Chicago Food Depository	8507	Food Pantry donations	\$50.00
5714	4/21	Reaper Pest Management	8508	Pest services - Inv # 10006	\$120.00
5715	4/21	Verizon Wireless	8509	Cellular phones - Acct # 485462600 / Inv # 9877108408	\$59.84
5716	4/21	NICOR	8510	Utilities gas - #55877029193 - Bill date - 4/12/21	\$153.38
5717	4/21	Quill Corp.	8511	Office supplies - Inv #15871654	\$54.55
N/A	4/21	VOID	8512	VOID	\$0.00
5718	4/21	Will-Ride	8513	Transportation Expense - Jan. - 6 total trips	\$136.91
5719	4/15	Intuit Software	EFT	ACH payroll charges	\$36.72
5720	4/30	April Payroll - QuickBooks	Debit	ALL payroll, IMRF & other government payroll liabilities	\$9,963.93
<b>TOTAL ALL DISBURSEMENTS</b>					<b>\$12,033.16</b>

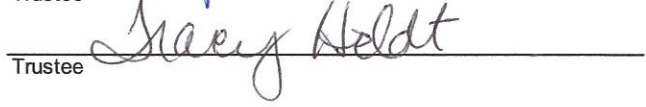
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Township Supervisor

  
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Township Clerk

  
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**Washington Township Board Meeting**  
**May 3, 2021 - 7:00 pm**  
**Meeting Agenda**

**Call to Order / Roll Call**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Board Meeting Minutes Dated March 29, 2021**

**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. Consideration and Approval of the 2021-2022 Town Budget
2. Consideration and Approval of the 2021-2022 Road District Budget
3. Consideration and Approval of Computer and Server Upgrades

**New Business**

1. Consideration and Approval of Pending Zoning Applications
2. Town & Road District Budget Hearings
3. Will County Green Recycling Discussion / Presentation

**Payment of Bills**

Town Acct, Road District, General Assistance (as required)

**Upcoming Seminars and Meetings**

- **June 7, 2021 – Road District Budget Hearing @ 6:30 pm**
- **June 7, 2021 – Town Budget Hearing @ 6:45 pm**
- **June 7, 2021 – Monthly Board Meeting @ 7 pm**

**Announcements**

**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.**

Washington Township Board Meeting

7:00 PM

May 3, 2021

Guest Sign-in Sheet

Please CHECK here if you have Pubic Commentary

PLEASE PRINT NAME

ADDRESS

Tammy Hitzelborg

412 Prairie

Pat Peters

745 W Corning

Troy Ronk

30844 S. RAINE

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Jeres Peterson

532 Willow Ln