

Official Proceedings of the Washington Township Board of Trustees

July 8, 2021

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

Supervisor Mike Stanula called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. to pay bills for the month of June 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: Teresa Peterson

Other Officials present:

Clerk Joe Burgess and Assessor Mary Tamez

Approval of the Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Dated June 7, 2021:

Supervisor Stanula asked if there were any corrections or additions to the June 7, 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 June 7, 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.

Approval of Road District Budget Hearing Minutes Dated June 7, 2021:

Supervisor Stanula asked if there were any corrections or additions to the June 7, 2021, Road District Budget Hearing minutes as presented. Being none, Stanula asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion:

Trustee Obradovich made a motion to approve the Road District Budget Hearing minutes dated June 7, 2021, as presented. Trustee Herlitz seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion and the motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Approval of Town Account Budget Hearing Minutes Dated June 7, 2021:

Supervisor Stanula asked if there were any corrections or additions to the June 7, 2021, Town Account Budget Hearing minutes as presented. Being none, Stanula asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion:

Trustee Heldt made a motion to approve the Town Account Budget Hearing minutes dated June 7, 2021, as presented. Trustee Herlitz seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion and the motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Public Commentary:

None

Reports:

1. Road Commissioner – Commissioner Smith was not in attendance, but left a written report, which was read by Supervisor Stanula. Smith’s reference to Item 2 in his report was regarding an email from a local resident, who contacted the IL Department of Transportation (IDOT) requesting road improvements to Eagle Lake Road, Brunswick Road, and Yates Avenue. The resident said the roads were “unsafe” and they should be wider and resurfaced. IDOT forwarded the email to Clerk Burgess, who passed it on to Commissioner Smith.
2. Assessor – Assessor Tamez reviewed her written report (attached). There were no questions regarding her report.
3. Clerk – The 2021-22 Town and Road & Bridge budgets have been filed with the county.
4. Supervisor’s Report – Supervisor Stanula and Tammy Hitzelburger have both received phone calls from a resident that was upset because the township had once again renewed an aggregation agreement with Nania Energy to supply unincorporated residents with electricity at a lower cost than ComEd. Under the terms of the agreement, all unincorporated residents are automatically signed up for the service and can “opt-out” if they prefer to use ComEd for service. The opt-out process involves filling out a provided card and returning it to Nania.

The resident did not feel the township had the authority to “force” residents to use Nania or any other provider. Stanula explained that all aggregation agreements are setup for residents to opt-out at any time and the township followed all legal requirements to setup the agreement. Stanula said the resident was still not satisfied with his explanation.

5. Trustees Report – No reports.
6. Transportation Report – There were no riders on the Township’s Dial-A-Ride service in June. Will Ride did not send a bill or a ridership report in June.
7. General Assistance Report – There were no new applications or disbursements from the General Assistance fund in June.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Consideration and Approval of Beecher 4th of July Sponsorship Request – Clerk Burgess was in contact with Cameron Ohlendorf, who is in charge of “Corporate Donations” for the 4th of July Commission. Ohlendorf said the commission was having live music for each evening during the festival, but no bands have been booked at this time. He did indicate there were openings for contributors to sponsor a band if that was their preference.

MOTION:

Trustee Herlitz made a motion to approve a \$1500 sponsorship to the Beecher 4th of July Commission, to be used to sponsor a band during the September Festival. Trustee Heldt seconded the motion. There was no discussion on 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 – Supervisor Stanula received a call from a representative of the Will County Zoning Board, who explained a local resident (Karl Krudup) has requested a Special Use Permit to hold a “local music festival with overnight camping” on Yates Ave. on August 14 & 15 and asked if the Township Board was aware of the request. Stanula said the township Board was unaware of the request and was told the County Zoning Board had the item on their agenda. Upon hearing this, Stanula requested and was granted a continuance on the matter by the Zoning Board, so the township had a chance to review the permit request and respond. Stanula also noted that the permit was never sent to the township Board, which is standard protocol on Special Use Permits. The Permit indicated that attendance for the music festival would be limited to 150 people and wristbands will be sold to gain entrance. Food and beverages (no alcohol) would be sold at the event and parking and security would be handled by volunteers.

The Board had several issues regarding the event including safety concerns, noise levels for surrounding residents and having adequate water and toilet facilities for the crowd. Although alcohol was not being sold, there were no provisions to stop attendees to bring their own liquor and the Trustees were apprehensive about volunteer “security” handling situations such as preventing underage drinking and controlling the crowd size. There were also concerns about having enough parking to keep vehicles from parking on dimly lit roads. Supervisor Stanula explained the property is not zoned for a “for profit” event and it shouldn’t be allowed. The entire Board voiced their opposition to the event and asked Stanula to draft a letter asking the County to deny the request for the Special Use Permit.

2. Solar Farm Discussion – Trustee Heldt expressed major concerns regarding the aesthetic conditions of the property housing a solar farm on Corning Road. Stipulations regarding building solar farms in the county include the installation of a vegetated buffer, evergreen trees and maintaining the grounds and none of these requirements are being met at the Corning Road location. Heldt took pictures of the site that showed tall weeds, many as tall as the solar panels, covering the grounds. The entire area is a weed field and residents near the area are upset about the condition of the grounds. Heldt said concerned residents called the county and a code enforcer visited the site and cited numerous violations. The weeds have since been cut, but Heldt said there were no guarantees that the property would continue to be maintained according to code and urged the Board to prohibit any further solar farms from being built in the township, unless provisions were in place to ensure builders were held responsible for not following agreed upon terms.

Supervisor Stanula said the original agreement with this solar farm did require maintenance and landscaping and the owners are in violation of the agreement. The Township does not have an ordinance regarding problems like this and the Board discussed creating an ordinance to address these situations as well as other issues such as abandoned cars. Although the township has little recourse with property owners, who violate zoning codes, a township ordinance would be useful if the county was called to address these types of issues on the Township’s behalf. Stanula agreed no additional solar farms should be allowed until the right precautions, such as requiring a large retainer from the energy companies and / or other enforcement procedures were in place.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Road & Bridge Bills

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

MOTION:

Trustee Herlitz made a motion to authorize payment of all applicable payroll, bills, and appropriate transfers or debits from the Road & Bridge Account totaling **\$42,917.40**. 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 **\$12,070.41**. 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

- **August 2, 2021** - Washington Township Board Meeting – 7 pm

Adjournment:

Being no other business, Trustee Heldt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Obradovich seconded the motion. Being no discussion and after being unanimously approved by voice vote, the Board Meeting adjourned at **8:07 pm**.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph Burgess – Town Clerk

Approved by Board of Trustees: 8/2/2021

Washington Township

Highway Department

30200 Town Center Dr.

Beecher, Illinois 60401

708-946-6459 Fax 708-946-6459

Michael Smith Highway Commissioner

1. Will County put our Stoney Island project out for bid so by the end of the month we should know who will be doing the asphalt work.
2. In regards to the email forwarded to Joe yesterday, Eagle Lake and Brunswick will both be getting asphalt repair along the edges. Melvin has been off for a few weeks healing from a procedure and Bruce has not come back to work yet after planting season. Next week we plan to start doing our asphalt work.
3. We have all of our seal coat chips stock piled. By the end of the month we will begin seal coating in Peotone Township and working our way East.

Michael Smith

Highway Commissioner

Office of the Assessor

Mary Margaret Tamez

Assessor

July 8, 2021

Township Meeting Notes:

- The 2021 assessments have been submitted and I have to go out to sign my books next week. I did not make any major changes to subdivisions although with the market being so high, we should anticipate quite a multiplier from the County.
- We are getting caught up with the measuring for the year. I am hoping to go out again in the next few weeks. Many of the permits have not started the work due to COVID.
- We can still do Certificate of Errors on the assessments for exemptions as well as any errors in the assessment. This is through October.
- The forms for all of the exemptions are also on the Will County Supervisor of Assessments website. www.willcountysoa.com. The current totals of applications are:
 - Disabled Person Exemption – 3
 - Disabled Veteran Exemption - 1
 - Certificate of Error – 22
 - Home Improvement Exemption – 41
 - Senior Freeze – 6
 - Senior Homestead Exemption – 8
- I have been meeting with and talking to people wanting to appeal their assessment. It is much easier to look into the assessments now rather when



30200 Town Center Rd April 2021 no disbursemen

Beecher, IL 60401

may 2021 disbursement \$1,749.65

June 2021 no disbursement

Supervisor

Michael Stanula

Assessor

Mary Tamez

Highway Commissioner

Michael Smith

Clerk

Joe Burgess

Trustee

Paul Goldrick

Tracy Heldt

Mark Herlitz

George Obra

**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 July 8, 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:

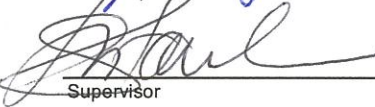
Claim #	Date	To Whom Allowed	Ck #	Nature of Claim	Amount
8317	6/8	T&M Tire Service	8838	Tire tube - Inv # 165183	\$45.00
8318	6/8	Cintas	8839	Medical / first aid supplies - Inv # 5064148163	\$73.16
8319	6/8	ComEd	8840	Utilities - Acct #1659047007 - Bill date - 6/1/21	\$175.18
8320	6/8	Beecher Hardware	8841	Shop supplies - Inv # A233616	\$1.73
8321	6/8	Dahlberg Accounting Solutions	8842	Professional services - Inv # 43	\$300.00
8322	6/8	Village of Beecher	8843	Equipment Fuel - 5/1/21 to 5/31/21 - Inv # 713	\$2,238.29
8323	6/8	NAPA Auto Parts	8844	Battery - Inv # 148316	\$149.03
8324	6/8	NICOR	8845	Utilities - Gas - Acct #58285823769 - Bill date 5/12/21	\$148.24
8325	6/8	VCN Prairie LLC	8846	Stone - Inv # 890024233 / 890024068 / 890022087	\$2,674.80
8326	6/8	VCN Prairie LLC	8847	Stone Inv # 8900114825 / 890017417 / 890006916 / 890008861	\$3,688.54
8327	6/8	VCN Prairie LLC	8848	Stone - Inv # 890032640 / 890026739 / 890026312 / 890014978	\$3,432.85
8328	6/8	Cintas	8849	Uniforms - 5/1 to 5/31/21	\$57.47
8329	6/8	Surf Air Wireless	8850	Internet service - Inv # 487502	\$64.95
8330	6/8	DeJong Equipment	8851	Parts - Inv # CR 32319	\$404.99
8331	6/23	Fratco Inc.	8852	Drainage supplies - Inv # 45355-2	\$1,508.07
8332	6/23	NICOR	8853	Utilities - Gas - Acct #58285823769 - Bill date 6/11/21	\$50.09
8333	6/23	AT&T	8854	Phone - Acct # 7089466459-619-2 Inv # 7089466459-06	\$147.73
8334	6/23	Phoenix Fire Systems	8855	Annual fire extinguisher inspections - Inv # 202212	\$68.00
8335	6/23	AT&T Mobility	8856	Wireless charges - Inv #287293840112X06092021	\$64.50
8336	6/23	The Vedette	8857	Public Bid notices - Inv # 53972 / 53973 / 53974	\$150.00
8337	6/23	VCN Prairie LLC	8858	Stone Misc. Invoices	\$2,930.25
8338	6/25	VCN Prairie LLC	8859	Stone - Inv # 890059561	\$1,080.14
8339	6/25	Gallagher Materials Corp.	8840	Asphalt cold patch - Inv # 18653 / 19451	\$2,487.44
8340	6/25	Village of Beecher	EFT	RB Health Insurance - Inv # 2021-07	\$3,361.76
8341	6/25	June Payroll - QuickBooks	Misc	Payroll, IMRF & other government payroll liabilities	\$17,615.19
Total disbursements					\$42,917.40

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the members of said Board of Trustees, hereunto
set our hands on July 8, 2021.

Road Commissioner



Township Clerk



Supervisor



Trustee



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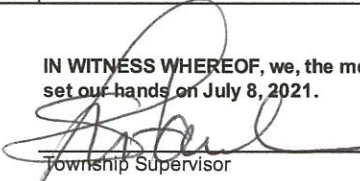
**Approved Claims - Board of Township Trustees
Town Account**

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Will County) ss.
Washington Township)

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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
5742	6/8	BMS Lawn Care	8534	Lawn care services - Inv # 7100	\$120.00
5743	6/8	Tammy Hitzelburger	8535	Reimbursement - postage	\$8.30
5744	6/8	Beecher Hardware	8536	Supplies - Inv # B7275	\$19.99
5745	6/8	S&K Security	8537	Monitoring fees - 6/1/21 to 8/31/21 - Inv # 131419	\$212.73
5746	6/8	Dahlberg Accounting Solutions	8538	Professional services - Inv # 44	\$375.00
5747	6/8	Walt's	8539	Supplies - Inv # 003047341327	\$29.94
5748	6/8	Comcast	8540	Internet and Cable # 10295 - Bill date - 5/24/21	\$266.57
5749	6/8	Spectrotel	8541	Phone service - Acct # 343999 - Inv # 10269798	\$209.28
5750	6/8	NICOR	8542	Utilities gas - #55877029193 - Bill date - 5/1/21	\$140.42
5751	6/8	One Step	8543	Fall Newsletter printing & postage - Inv # 171877	\$2,736.03
5752	6/8	Staples	8544	Office supplies - Inv # 83281	\$46.98
5753	6/8	ComEd	8545	Electric bill - Acct # 4341116018 - Bill date 6/1/21	\$255.45
5754	6/23	Tiffany Silerzio	8546	Reimbursement mileage (Assessor's Office)	\$19.07
5755	6/23	NICOR	8547	Utilities gas - #55877029193 - Bill date - 6/10/21	\$62.95
5756	6/23	Phoenix Fire Systems	8548	Annual fire extinguisher inspections - Inv # 202213	\$73.50
5757	6/23	Verizon Wireless	8549	Cellular phones - Acct # 485462600 / Inv # 9881395437	\$59.84
5758	6/23	ComEd	8550	Aggregation Refresh - Acct # 1171050044	\$127.00
5759	6/15	Intuit Software	EFT	ACH payroll charges	\$28.08
5760	6/25	June Payroll - QuickBooks	Debit	ALL payroll, IMRF & other government payroll liabilities	\$7,279.28
TOTAL ALL DISBURSEMENTS					\$12,070.41

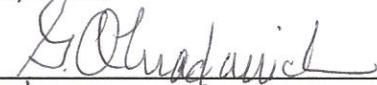
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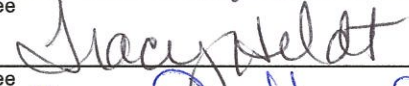
Township Supervisor



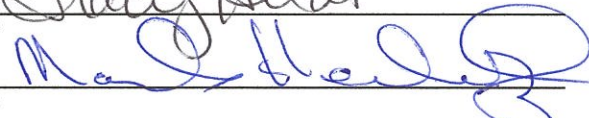
Township Clerk



Trustee



Trustee



Trustee

Trustee

Washington Township Board Meeting
7:00 PM
July 8, 2021

Guest Sign-in Sheet

PLEASE PRINT NAME	ADDRESS	Please CHECK here if you have Pubic Commentary
<i>NONE</i>		
<i>J. By</i>		
<i>CLERIC</i>		

Washington Township Board Meeting
July 8, 2021 - 7:00 pm
Meeting Agenda

Call to Order / Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes Dated June 7, 2021

Approval of Road District Budget Hearing Minutes Dated June 7, 2021

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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 Beecher 4th of July Sponsorship Request

New Business

1. Consideration and Approval of Pending Zoning Applications
2. Solar Farm Discussion

Payment of Bills

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

Upcoming Seminars and Meetings

- August 2, 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.