

Official Proceedings of the Washington Township Board of Trustees

August 2, 2021

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

Supervisor Mike Stanula called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. to pay bills for the month of July 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, Teresa Peterson Absent: None

Other Officials present:

Clerk Joe Burgess and Assessor Mary Tamez

Approval of the Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Dated July 8, 2021:

Supervisor Stanula asked if there were any corrections or additions to the July 8, 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 July 8, 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:

None

Reports:

1. Road Commissioner – Commissioner Smith was not in attendance but left a written report for the Board. Supervisor Stanula read his report and there was no discussion regarding the information.
2. Assessor – Assessor Tamez reviewed her written report (attached). There were no questions or comments regarding her report.
3. Clerk – No report.
4. Supervisor's Report – Supervisor Stanula sent the Will County Zoning Board a letter requesting they deny the Special Use Permit requested by Matt Krudup to hold a “music festival with overnight camping”. The letter outlined the reasons why the Board is requesting that the Special Use Permit be denied.

Stanula received an email from residents Bill & Robin Giese, who live in Eagle Lake, explaining a house was recently purchased at 28808 S Yates Avenue and is being advertised for “Summer Party Time” rentals. There have been parties on several weekends and neighbors have reported hearing gun fire, loud music, and crowds in the area until 2 am in the morning. Someone was recently burning garbage on the property and the Will County Sheriff's Office was contacted.

There has been a recent surge of these types of parties and other questionable activities in the township and Stanula has contacted Will County Board member Judy Ogalla, who has promised to bring up these concerns to the Will County Zoning Board, in hopes that action can be taken to restrict or set reasonable guidelines for these events.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Solar Farm Discussion – Trustee Heldt has made several phone calls trying to find out who is responsible for the upkeep of the solar farm at Corning and Dixie Highway, which was one of the first solar farms built in Will County. Heldt learned that the operations and maintenance of the solar farm was subcontracted to Cypress Creek Renewables. She contacted Cypress Creek and was told that cameras are now installed on the property, and they would be willing to discuss their process for vegetation management, which was never completed.

Heldt indicated that current county regulations are not being followed and township residents should not have to monitor these areas for the county, and it was her opinion, that there is no reason to approve additional solar farms in Washington Township until the county enforces their own guidelines. Trustee Obradovich suggested the county be contacted regarding an explanation as to how solar farm rules are being enforced. Supervisor Stanula said Will County board member Judy Ogalla and Zoning Board representative Bobbie Peterson are aware of the issues in the township and will be bringing these items up at the Will County Zoning Board meeting on August 3rd.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration and Approval of Pending Zoning Applications – The Township has received a Special Use Permit request from Borrego Solar Systems to construct a 20-acre solar farm at Cottage Grove Ave and Indiana Ave. Due to the recent issues with the current solar farm not following Will County requirements and because of the lack of enforcement to follow these guidelines, the Board is not prepared to approve any additional solar farms in Washington Township at this time. The Board asked Supervisor Stanula to send a letter to the Will County Zoning Board asking them to deny Borrego’s application for a Special Use Permit. The letter will also reference the current issues with the Summit Ridge solar farm as a factor as to why the Board is opposed to the construction of additional solar farms at this time.
2. Reopening Senior Programs Discussion – Due to the current outbreak of the Covid-19 Delta variant, all senior programs are still suspended indefinitely.

3. Property Ordinance Discussion – The Board is looking at the possibility of creating an ordinance to limit certain activities, such as direct code violations and “for profit” parties, and to ensure county ordinances are followed and enforced. It was recommended that Attorney Tom Knuth be contacted to discuss the process and legality to pass such an ordinance and enforcement options. The ordinance would help to ensure zoning codes are being followed and to protect residents from illegal and unauthorized activities.
4. Beecher EMA Sponsorship Request – Supervisor Stanula received a request from the Beecher EMS to assist in sponsoring the program. The Board was not in favor of just giving a cash sponsorship and would prefer that the funds be used to pay for equipment or training. Supervisor Stanula will contact members of the EMA to determine if the Township can sponsor training or purchase equipment.
5. Beecher Lion’s Club Sponsorship Request – The Lion’s Club is providing a Beef Dinner at the 4th of July Commission’s September festival and looking for sponsors. The Board discussed the sponsorship and would prefer to sponsor an event versus just having Washington Township written on a sign. The Board would consider sponsoring the Lion’s Club Halloween Hot Dog Roast during Trick or Treat hours. Lion’s member George Schuitema will speak to the Lion’s Club about the township’s request.
6. Consideration to Upgrade the Interior Lighting at the Washington Township Center – Supervisor Stanula recommended that the old fluorescent lighting at the Washington Township Center be upgraded to more energy efficient LED lighting. There are programs that are available to help defray the cost of the upgrades and there would be a considerable energy savings. The Board was interested in the project and Stanula will research what options are available and report back at the September meeting.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Town Account (including Transportation Fund)

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

MOTION:

Trustee Herlitz made a motion to approve payment of all applicable payroll, bills, debits, and appropriate transfers from the Town Account totaling **\$11,230.85**. Trustee Peterson 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 **\$46,505.11**. Trustee Obradovich seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion and the motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

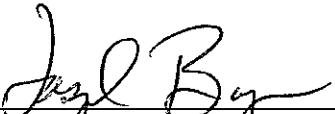
Upcoming Seminars and Meetings

- September 9, 2021 - Washington Township Board Meeting – 7 pm

Adjournment:

Being no additional business to discuss, Trustee Herlitz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Being no discussion and after being unanimously approved by voice vote, the Board Meeting adjourned at **8:03 pm**.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph Burgess – Town Clerk

Approved by Board of Trustees: 9/9/2021

Washington Township

Highway Department

30200 Town Center Dr.

Beecher, Illinois 60401

708-946-6459 Fax 708-946-6459

Michael Smith Highway Commissioner

1. We will begin starting to tar and chip this Thursday.
2. Asphalt patching will take place on days that we are not running tar and chip.
3. All bids were to be turned in on or before July 11th. I did not receive any correspondence in regards to asphalt or road mix.

Michael Smith

Highway Commissioner

Office of the Assessor

Mary Margaret Tamez

Assessor

July 8, 2021

Township Meeting Notes:

- The 2021 assessment notices will be mailed to all of the farm properties, as well as any property that had a change made by our office August 6, 2021. They will also be published in the Vedette newspaper August 12, 2021. This is the start of the submission of Appeals that are then filed through September 13th. Appeals are filed through the Supervisor of Assessments Office. This information can be found on their website by going to www.willcountysoa.com after August 6th.
- We can still do Certificate of Errors on the assessments for exemptions as well as any errors in the assessment 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 – 4
 - Disabled Veteran Exemption - 1
 - Certificate of Error – 23
 - Home Improvement Exemption – 41
 - Senior Freeze – 8
 - Senior Homestead Exemption – 8
- Since the closing of the Township level, there have been 13 assessment revisions that are waiting to be entered. These are people that have inquired



30200 Town Center Rd April 2021 no disbursemen

Beecher, IL 60401

Supervisor

Michael Stanula

Assessor

Mary Tamez

Highway Commissioner

Michael Smith

Clerk

Joe Burgess

Trustee

Paul Goldrick

Tracy Heldt

Mark Herlitz

George Obra

may 2021 disbursement \$1,749.65
June 2021 no disbursement
July 2021 No disbursement

**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 August 2, 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
8342	7/9	Dahlberg Accounting Solutions	8862	Professional services - Inv # 51	\$360.00
8343	7/9	Beecher Hardware	8863	Shop supplies - Multiple Invoices	\$276.21
8344	7/9	RP Lumber	8864	Mailbox - Inv # 2106-067863	\$14.99
8345	7/9	Village of Beecher	8865	Equipment Fuel - 6/1/21 to 6/30/21 - Inv # 719	\$2,435.33
8346	7/9	Walt's Foods	8866	Water - Inv # 005009161107	\$27.00
8347	7/9	DeJong Equipment	8867	Parts - Inv # CR 32902	\$352.92
8348	7/9	Prairie Disposal	8868	Refuse service - July - Dec - Inv # 93893	\$336.00
8349	7/9	Gallagher Materials Corp.	8869	Asphalt cold patch - Inv # 20107	\$1,003.16
8350	7/9	NAPA Auto Parts	8870	Parts - Inv # 150428 / 151786	\$98.23
8351	7/9	ComEd	8871	Utilities - Acct #1659047007 - Bill date - 6/30/21	\$226.71
8352	7/9	VCN Prairie LLC	8872	Stone - Inv # 890068724 / 890070925 / 890068900	\$1,114.17
8353	7/9	VCN Prairie LLC	8873	Stone - Inv # 890074437 / 890071244 / 890078727 / 890078326	\$1,104.31
8354	7/19	M&K Truck Center	8875	Parts - Inv # 139746 SC	\$176.49
8355	7/19	P&M Auto Glass & Trim	8876	Window repairs (2012 Ford) - Inv # 16401	\$275.00
8356	7/19	Gallagher Materials Corp.	8877	Asphalt cold patch - Inv # 20226	\$1,004.40
8357	7/19	AT&T	8878	Phone - Acct # 7089466459-619-2 Inv # 7089466459-07	\$146.91
8358	7/19	Ford Credit Municipal Finance	8879	2020 Ford F350 payment - Inv # 1766691	\$16,180.21
8359	7/19	AT&T Mobility	8880	Wireless charges - Inv #287293840112X07092021	\$55.01
8360	7/19	Cintas	8881	Uniforms - 6/1 to 6/30/21	\$299.36
8361	7/19	NICOR	8882	Utilities - Gas - Acct #58285823769 - Bill date 7/13/21	\$45.84
8362	7/20	VCN Prairie LLC	8883	Stone - Inv # 890068724 / 890104559 / 890105090 / 890104999	\$1,448.36
8363	7/19	Surf Air Wireless	8874	Internet service - Inv #	\$64.95
8364	7/25	Village of Beecher	EFT	RB Health Insurance - Inv # 2021-08	\$3,361.76
8365	7/30	July Payroll - QuickBooks	Misc	Payroll, IMRF & other government payroll liabilities	\$16,097.79
Total disbursements					\$46,505.11

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the members of said Board of Trustees, hereunto
set our hands on August 2, 2021.

Road Commissioner

Township Clerk

Supervisor

Trustee

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Approved Claims - Board of Township Trustees

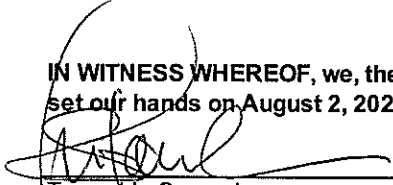
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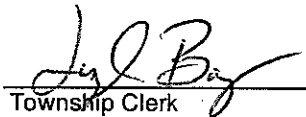
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Claim #	Date	To Whom Allowed	CK	Nature of Claim	Amount
5761	7/9	Spectrotel	8551	Phone service - Acct # 343999 - Inv # 10321422	\$206.14
5762	7/9	Comcast	8552	Internet and Cable # 10295 - Bill date - 6/24/21	\$256.63
5763	7/9	ComEd	8553	Electric bill - Acct # 4341116018 - Bill date 6/30/21	\$329.49
5764	7/9	Dahlberg Accounting Solutions	8554	Professional services - Inv # 50	\$450.00
5765	7/9	Beecher Hardware	8555	Supplies - Inv # A234256 / 236246	\$45.54
5766	7/9	BMS Lawn Care	8556	Lawn care services - Inv # 7369	\$90.00
5767	7/9	The Vedette	8557	VOID	\$0.00
5768	7/19	NICOR	8558	Utilities gas - #55877029193 - Bill date - 7/12/21	\$43.14
5769	7/19	Beecher 4th of July Commission	8559	September Festival Sponsorship	\$1,500.00
5770	7/19	Verizon Wireless	8560	Cellular phones - Acct # 485462600 / Inv # 9883550118	\$59.82
5771	7/19	The Vedette	8561	Publish Town Budget Hearing Notice - Inv # 53719	\$150.00
5772	7/19	Tiffany Silerzio	8562	Reimbursement mileage (Assessor's Office)	\$98.64
5773	7/15	Intuit Software	EFT	ACH payroll charges	\$25.92
5774	7/30	July Payroll - QuickBooks	Debit	ALL payroll, IMRF & other government payroll liabilities	\$7,975.53
TOTAL ALL DISBURSEMENTS					\$11,230.85

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 Township Supervisor



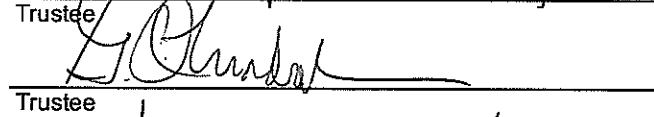
 Township Clerk



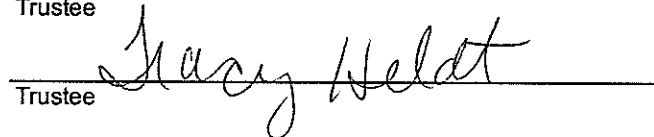
 Trustee



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 Trustee

**Washington Township Board Meeting
August 2, 2021 - 7:00 pm
Meeting Agenda**

Call to Order / Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes Dated July 8, 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. Solar Farm Discussion

New Business

1. Consideration and Approval of Pending Zoning Applications
2. Reopening Senior Programs' Discussion
3. Property Ordinance Discussion

Payment of Bills

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

Upcoming Seminars and Meetings

- September 9, 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.

