

Official Proceedings of the Washington Township Board of Trustees
September 9, 2021
Washington Township Center
30200 Town Center Road, Beecher, IL

Supervisor Mike Stanula called the meeting to order at **7:07 p.m.** to pay bills for the month of **August** 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 & Teresa Peterson

Absent: Mark Herlitz & George Obradovich

Other Officials present:

Clerk Joe Burgess

Approval of the Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Dated August 2, 2021:

Supervisor Stanula asked if there were any corrections or additions to the August 2, 2021, Board meeting minutes as presented. Being none, Stanula asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion:

Trustee Heldt made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2021, Board meeting as presented. Trustee Peterson 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 – No report, Commissioner Smith was not in attendance.
2. Assessor – Assessor Tamez was not in attendance; however, she submitted a written report. The Board reviewed her report and there was no discussion regarding the report.
3. Clerk – The Village of Beecher is publishing their next newsletter in October. The township mailed the spring newsletter in June and Clerk Burgess asked the Board if there was a need to publish a newsletter in October, considering all township activities are still suspended because of Covid. The Board decided to wait until spring of 2022 to send the next newsletter.
4. Supervisor's Report – Supervisor Stanula said he has received a preliminary report from Sikich regarding the Township's annual audit. Sikich is requesting a letter from the bank that is guaranteeing township funds. This letter is requested annually.

Stanula sent a letter to the property owners at 28808 S Yates, who were advertising the property / house as a “party rental” property. The letter outlined that the property was zoned as A1 (agriculture), and any type of non-agriculture business being run on the property is a direct code violation. Stanula indicated that since the letter was sent, there have been no reports of any parties at the location over the last several weeks.

5. Trustees Report – No reports.
6. Transportation Report – There were no riders on the Township’s Dial-A-Ride service in August. Will Ride submitted a bill for the month of March (18 riders), April (10 riders) and May (12 riders). The Will Ride bill totaled **\$822.25**.

Pat Peters told the Board that the county is in the initial discussion stage of providing bus service to all of Will County, which would close some of the current gaps in coverage. Will Ride is also utilizing smaller vehicles to transport riders and their goal is to lower overall transportation costs to member townships.

7. General Assistance Report – There were no new applications or disbursements from the General Assistance fund in August.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Property Ordinance Discussion – Supervisor Stanula contacted Attorney Tom Knuth regarding the Township’s ability to pass any type of ordinance regarding property use in the township. Knuth confirmed that the township has no authority regarding such matters as all “zoning” and “land use” ordinances are determined and regulated by the Will County Board.

Trustee Heldt is still having discussions with Cypress Hill regarding the condition of the solar farm on East Corning Road. She recently spoke to the VP of Vegetation at Summit Ridge Energy about the condition of the property, and he has offered to meet with her when he comes to Illinois in a few weeks. She has also been talking to Will County Zoning, who indicated that the solar farm has not been given final approval because of code violations and for failure to submit a “vegetation plan” for the property. Trustee Heldt said she will continue to do whatever is necessary to ensure the companies responsible for upkeep of the solar farm are following the stipulations as noted in their Special Use Permits as well as county codes.

2. Consideration to Upgrade the Interior Lighting at the Washington Township Center – Supervisor Stanula had no new information to share with the Board regarding this item.
3. Consideration and Approval of Beecher Lion’s Club Sponsorship Request – The Board discussed how to designate a sponsorship and decided not to specify how the sponsorship is to be spent.

Motion:

Trustee Heldt made a motion to approve a \$500.00 sponsorship to the Beecher Lion’s Club. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion and the motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

4. Consideration and Approval of Beecher EMA Sponsorship Request - The Board discussed how to designate a sponsorship and will ask the EMA for a receipt / invoice to verify the sponsorship was spent on either equipment or training.

Motion:

Supervisor Stanula made a motion to approve a \$500 sponsorship to the Beecher EMA. Trustee Peterson 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 – Borrego Energy has resubmitted a Special Use Permit to install two 17-acre solar farms on Indiana Avenue. Their initial request did not have a case number assigned to it when the Board discussed and recommended that their request be denied at the July meeting. The Board did not change their position that Borrego’s request be denied until all current vegetation issues at the solar farm on East Corning Road and at all future solar farms are properly addressed and can be enforced.
2. Consideration to Open the Closed Executive Session Minutes Dated March 23, 2010 – See agenda item #6.
3. Consideration to Open the Closed Executive Session Minutes Dated January 7, 2013 – See agenda item #6.
4. Consideration to Open the Closed Executive Session Minutes Dated July 1, 2013 – See agenda item #6.
5. Consideration to Open the Closed Executive Session Minutes Dated February 3, 2014 – See agenda item #6.
6. Consideration to Open the Closed Executive Session Minutes Dated January 4, 2016 - The Board determined that all the closed minutes as listed should remain closed and only one motion be made that would include all the minutes under consideration.

MOTION:

Trustee Heldt made a motion that the Closed Session minutes dated March 23, 2010, January 7, 2013, July 1, 2013, February 3, 2014, and January 4, 2016, remain closed to the public. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion and the motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

7. Consideration and Approval of 2021 Town Levy Ordinance – The Board discussed and decided that the 2021 Town Levy Ordinance will not be increased over last year. Clerk Burgess will prepare the 2021 levy using the same numbers as last year and present it at the October meeting.

8. Consideration and Approval of 2021 Road & Bridge Levy Ordinance – Clerk Burgess will speak to Commissioner Smith regarding the Road District levy. The Board suggested a 2% increase over last year.
9. Beecher Fire Department Request for Radio Transmission Request - The Beecher Fire Protection District has recently passed an ordinance requiring businesses with a fire alarm system to connect to their preferred provider by a predetermined date. The township does not have a fire alarm system. Stanula contacted Attorney Tom Knuth, who said no action was required by the township regarding the ordinance.

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 Heldt made a motion to approve payment of all applicable payroll, bills, debits, and appropriate transfers from the Town Account totaling **\$16,829.29**. 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 Peterson made a motion to authorize payment of all applicable payroll, bills, and appropriate transfers or debits from the Road & Bridge Account totaling **\$32,855.59**. Trustee Heldt seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion and the motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.


Upcoming Seminars and Meetings

- **October 4, 2021** - Washington Township Board Meeting – 7 pm

Adjournment:

Being no additional business to discuss, Trustee Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Heldt seconded the motion. Being no discussion and after being unanimously approved by voice vote, the Board Meeting adjourned at **7:58 pm**.

Respectfully submitted,


Joseph Burgess – Town Clerk

Approved by Board of Trustees: 10/4/2021

Office of the Assessor

Mary Margaret Tamez

Assessor

September 9, 2021

Township Meeting Notes:

- We currently do not have any appeals filed for Washington Township. I have been working with many homeowners that have had concern with their assessment increase. Some explanation as well as working with comparable properties has thus far put the concern at ease. The appeals can be 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.
- 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 – 7
 - Disabled Veteran Exemption - 1
 - Certificate of Error – 29
 - Home Improvement Exemption – 41
 - Senior Freeze – 8
 - Senior Homestead Exemption – 8
- As of today, there have been 16 assessment revisions filed. This is a reduction that was made to properties after speaking with the homeowner on the current assessment. In most cases, this eliminates appeals.



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
August 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 September 9, 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
8366	8/2	Cintas	8884	First Aid supplies - Inv # 5070718616	\$60.88
8367	8/2	FRATCO	8885	Drainage supplies - Inv # 45774-2	\$903.33
8368	8/2	VCN Prairie LLC	8886	Stone - Inv # 890117636 / 890113197 / 890089145 / 890112653	\$1,660.26
8369	8/16	Dahlberg Accounting Solutions	8887	Professional services - Inv # 55	\$390.00
8370	8/16	ComEd	8888	Utilities - Acct #1659047007 - Bill date - 7/30/21	\$227.40
8371	8/16	Surf Air Wireless	8889	Internet service - Inv # 516165	\$64.95
8372	8/16	Village of Beecher	8890	Equipment Fuel - 7/1/21 to 7/31/21 - Inv # 725	\$1,609.99
8373	8/16	DeJong Equipment	8891	Parts - Inv # CR 34430	\$191.21
8374	8/16	Emil's Tires	8892	Tire - Inv # 265940	\$227.75
8375	8/16	Tifco Industries	8893	Shop Supplies - Inv # 71678841 / 716797744	\$720.88
8376	8/16	AT&T	8894	Phone - Acct # 7089466459-619-2 Inv # 7089466459-08	\$156.51
8377	8/16	VCN Prairie LLC	8895	Stone - Inv # 890132820 / 890123731 / 890136673 / 890121670 / 890126578	\$2,004.32
8378	8/16	T&M Tire Service	8896	Tires - Inv # 167677 / 167015	\$1,775.50
8379	8/24	E.D. Entyre & Co.	8897		\$328.80
8380	8/24	Gallagher Materials Corp.	8898	Asphalt cold patch - Inv #	\$992.00
8381	8/24	AT&T Mobility	8899	Wireless charges - Inv #287293840112X08092021	\$133.51
8382	8/24	NICOR	8900	Utilities - Gas - Acct #58285823769 - Bill date 8/13/21	\$45.86
8383	8/24	VCN Prairie LLC	8901	Stone - Inv #	\$372.61
8384	8/24	Cintas	8902	Medical supplies	\$46.04
8385	8/25	Village of Beecher	EFT	RB Health insurance - Inv # 2021-08	\$3,361.76
8386	8/25	August Payroll - QuickBooks	Misc	Payroll, IMRF & other government payroll liabilities	\$17,582.03
Total disbursements					\$32,855.59

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the members of said Board of Trustees, hereunto
set our hands on September 9, 2021.

Road Commissioner



Township Clerk



Supervisor



Trustee



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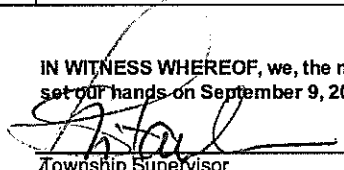
**Approved Claims - Board of Township Trustees
Town Account**

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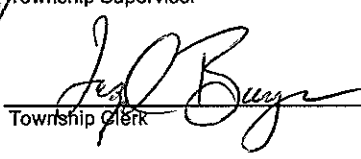
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Washington Township, having duly met at the Township office on September 9, 2021, for the
purpose of auditing Town accounts, do hereby certify that the following claims or demands
against said township were presented, and examined, were allowed at said meeting, to wit:

Claim #	Date	To Whom Allowed	CK	Nature of Claim	Amount
5775	8/2	Webfoot Designs	8563	Website hosting - Inv # 121889	\$120.00
5776	8/2	Comcast	8564	Internet and Cable # 10295 - Bill date - 7/24/21	\$256.75
5777	8/2	Spectrotel	8565	Phone service - Acct# 343999 - Inv # 10372417	\$205.47
5778	8/13	Cirone Computer Consulting	8566	Assessor's PAMSPRO Annual license - Inv # 6270	\$1,750.00
5779	8/13	Mary Tamez	8567	Reimbursement for measuring tape	\$17.19
5780	8/16	Dahlberg Accounting Solutions	8570	Professional services - Inv # 54	\$487.50
5781	8/16	ComEd	8571	Electric bill - Acct# 4341116018 - Bill date 7/30/21	\$318.69
5782	8/16	Sikich	8572	FY 2021 Annual Audit - Inv # 524158	\$5,000.00
5783	8/16	BMS Lawn Care	8573	Lawn care services - Inv # 7605	\$131.00
5784	8/16	S&K Security	8574	Service call - Inv # 132173	\$135.00
5785	8/16	Walt's	8575	Supplies - # 001015621006 / 003072361204	\$102.09
5786	8/16	Will Ride	8576	Transportation Expense - March, April, May	\$822.25
5787	8/24	Tammy Hitzelburger	8577	Reimbursement for postage	\$19.15
5788	8/24	NICOR	8578	Utilities gas - #55877029193 - Bill date - 8/12/21	\$43.17
5789	8/16	Intuit Software	EFT	ACH payroll charges	\$25.92
5790	8/28	August Payroll - QuickBooks	Debit	ALL payroll, IMRF & other government payroll liabilities	\$7,395.11
TOTAL ALL DISBURSEMENTS					\$16,829.29

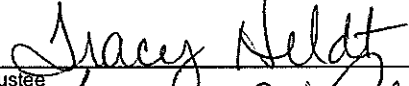
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set our hands on September 9, 2021.




Township Supervisor



Township Clerk



Trustee



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Washington Township Board Meeting
7:00 PM
September 9, 2021

Guest Sign-in Sheet

PLEASE PRINT NAME	ADDRESS	Please CHECK here if you have Public Commentary
Pat Peters	745 W Corning Rd	

Washington Township Board Meeting
September 9, 2021 - 7:00 pm
Meeting Agenda

Call to Order / Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes Dated August 2, 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. Property Ordinance Discussion
2. Consideration and Approval to Upgrade Washington Township Center Interior Lighting
3. Consideration and Approval of Beecher Lion's Club Sponsorship Request
4. Consideration and Approval of Beecher EMA Sponsorship Request

New Business

1. Consideration and Approval of Pending Zoning Applications
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Payment of Bills

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

Upcoming Seminars and Meetings

- **October 4, 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.