

# Minutes - Board of Town Trustees

STATE OF ILLINOIS,  
Macon County,  
Town of Long Creek,

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THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the office of the Town Clerk at 2610 Salem School Road on August 22, 2023.

PRESENT:

Kevin R. Greenfield	Supervisor
Bryan E. Smith	Town Clerk
Michael R. Reynolds	Town Trustee
Karen F. Kelly	Town Trustee
April L. Kostenski	Town Trustee
Melvin Fortner	Town Trustee

Mr. Kevin R. Greenfield acting as chairperson and Mr. Bryan E. Smith as clerk. The following official business was transacted:

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Wayne Dotson, Cheryl Smith, Joe Jackson, Cody Mahannah and sons.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:00 P.M.** by Supervisor Greenfield. Mr. Greenfield led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Clerk Smith called the roll which showed the following:

Mike Reynolds P  
Karen Kelly P  
April Kostenski P  
Melvin Fortner P  
Kevin Greenfield P

**SHOWED ALL PRESENT.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** Mike Reynolds, 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen Kelly to approve Minutes of July 25, 2023 Board Meeting as submitted.

**MOTION CARRIED.** Minutes Approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Cheryl Smith mentioned that they still have not yet been reimbursed by the County the \$1,800.00 for Sparkle and Shine. Supervisor Greenfield said he would check into it.

**REPORTS:**

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

**Discuss Water Rates:** Supervisor Greenfield brought up the issue of rates. The rates will increase 3% on October 1st this year and this is the last set increase. The Board will review and look at possible future increases in the next year.

**Approval of Water Bill Fees:** The issue of fees we have been incurring for transactions for payments was discussed. Everyone agreed that we need to no longer be doing this. Last year alone we paid over \$20,000 in fees. Mike Reynolds made a motion that effective October 1, 2023 the township will no longer cover any transaction fees for ANY township transaction (this would include Cemetery). Karen Kelly seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER Report:** Commissioner **Joe Jackson** - Joe reported that they have finished oil and chip. They did 13 miles of road. Joe also mentioned that things at the burn pile have gotten out of control. He is going to have another sign made because more and more keeps getting brought for the burn pile. He's hoping that will curtail things somewhat. Joe also mentioned being contacted by resident Travis Roundcount about accepting his roadway into the township road district jurisdiction. Joe said he is not in favor and was reminded that any road would have to be brought up to county specs before this could even be considered.

**CEMETERY TRUSTEE REPORT:** Please see written Report at end of Minutes. Cemetery meeting will be September 20, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

**WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT:** - See written report at end of minutes. Wayne also

reported that Burdick has put in locate requests for the Reas Bridge Project.

**TOWN CLERK REPORT:** - **Bryan Smith**, Town Clerk see written report at end of minutes. Bryan mentioned that our website provider is no longer going to be doing this. A new company is going to be taking over and he talked to them today. There is a one-time start up fee of \$324.99 and then \$99 a month. The good thing is that we would have a new address that would be very simple and easy to use. Most likely longcreektownship.org Everyone agreed this would be fine to proceed with.

**PROMOTIONS DIRECTOR:** **Cheryl Smith** Senior Citizens Report. See written reports at end of Minutes. Cheryl stated she didn't have any speakers yet for the new year.

**OTHER:** NONE

**BILLS:**

**TOWN FUND: \$11,103.63**

**MOTION: Karen Kelly, 2<sup>nd</sup> April Kostenski to approve. Roll Call:**

**Mike Reynolds Y**

**Karen Kelly Y**

**April Kostenski Y**

**Melvin Fortner Y**

**Kevin Greenfield Y**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: \$10,598.31**

**MOTION:** Mike Reynolds , 2<sup>nd</sup> Melvin Fortner to approve by previous Roll Call Vote.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**CEMETERY FUND: \$10,941.16**

**MOTION:** April Kostenski , 2<sup>nd</sup> Melvin Fortner to approve by previous Roll Call Vote.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**WATER O & M: \$173,053.03**

**MOTION:** Mike Reynolds , 2<sup>nd</sup> Melvin Fortner to approve by previous Roll Call Vote.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

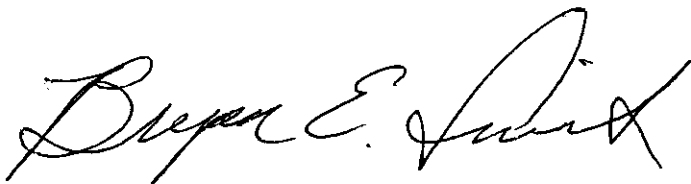
**PAYROLL CLEARING FUND: \$69,014.24**

**MOTION:** April Kostenski , 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Reynolds to approve by previous Roll call vote. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION:** Mike Reynolds , 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen Kelly to Pay Operating Bills for next Month. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**ADJOURNMENT: MOTION:** Mike Reynolds , 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen Kelly to adjourn meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.** Meeting Adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted



**Bryan E. Smith  
Township Clerk**

Bryan E. Smith, Town Clerk  
Long Creek Township  
2610 Salem School Rd  
Decatur, IL 62521

Town Clerk Report – August 22, 2023 Board Meeting

Completed Monthly Highway Commissioner's Report for July 2023 and after approval by Highway Commissioner Jackson, forwarded same to Macon County Engineer.

Received Thank You note from State Senator Sally Turner for the township hosting her Coffee and Conversation event at the township.

Received notification from County Board of Review on an assessment appeal by Kroger Co., of over \$100,000.00 for assessment year 2022.

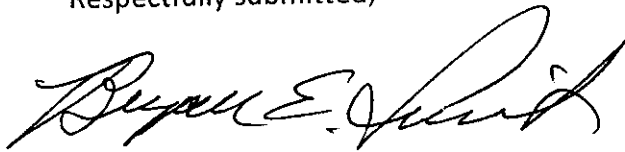
Received 2 notifications from County Board of Review on assessment appeals by Evergreen of over \$100,000 for assessment year 2022.

Visited new Long Creek business "The Willow Nest" on Route 36 and met owner Laurie Burnett and presented her with some history of the property and a picture from 1920, a wedding picture of Dennis and Mildred Bilyeu who ran a station and restaurant there in the 1930's.

Noted on Clerk's Facebook page the death of former Town Clerk Peggy Schulke. She served one term as Clerk from 1981-1985.

Performed normal clerk duties for the month.

Respectfully submitted,



Bryan E. Smith

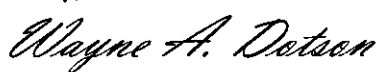
Town Clerk

## Long Creek Township Water Department Report

August 22, 2023

- The equipment for the slurry tank upgrade should be shipped within the next few weeks. Installation will be postponed until water usage is low in the early winter.
- The Rea's Bridge Road project is scheduled to begin after Labor Day. We have received the Construction Permit for the watermain relocation from the IEPA.
- Brotcke Well has finished acidizing Well #1 to restore pumping capacity. As soon as we get bacterial samples to pass, they will do the same treatment to Well #3.
- With the drought continuing I have had several inquiries about the possibility of watermain extensions.
- For the month of July, we pumped 17,256,700 gallons with an average daily usage of 556,668 gallons and a maximum of 701,000 gallons.

Submitted by,



Water Superintendent

August 22, 2023 Cemetery notes for Bryan Smith Township clerk:

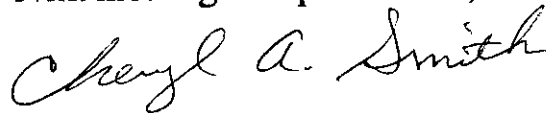
Everyone has the minutes and bill lists. Does anyone have any questions?

Debbie is great help for our cemeteries. Thank You Debbie.

The young men we had working for the cemeteries have went back to school now, so we have one new guy his name is John Wilson. Jon says he is doing a good job mowing and trimming.

Brad is doing a great job at Florey.

Next meeting is September 20, 2023.



Cheryl A. Smith  
President of cemetery board

Senior Report August 22, 2023 for Bryan Smith LC Twp Clerk:

Senior account has \$1,731.06.

Our next potluck is in October.

Any questions.



Cheryl A. Smith  
Promotion Director

LONG CREEK TOWNSHIP / ROAD DISTRICT JOINT  
DECENNIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

August 22, 2023

PRESENT: Kevin Greenfield, Supervisor, Mike Reynolds, Trustee; Karen Kelly, Trustee; April Kostenski, Trustee; Melvin Fortner, Trustee; Joe Jackson, Highway Commissioner; Bryan Smith, public appointee; and Cody Mahannah, Road District appointee

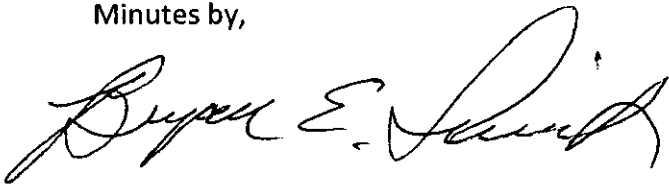
ABSENT: Mike Kraus, public appointee

The Long Creek Township / Road District Joint Decennial Committee met on August 22, 2023 at 5:33p.m. at the Long Creek Township Offices for it's second meeting. All committee members were present except public appointee Mike Kraus.

Supervisor Kevin Greenfield called the meeting to order. A brief overview of the duties of the committee were discussed. At least one more meeting must be held to approve the report. Bryan Smith had put together a "draft" report and given it to everyone. He asked everyone for any additional items to include. Everyone thought the draft looked good and nothing else was needed. Bryan will have a final draft ready for the next meeting and if the committee is happy with it then it can be approved. Next meeting will be September 26, 2023 immediately after the township board meeting.

There being no further business, Mike Reynolds made a motion to adjourn. Melvin Fortner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Minutes by,



Bryan E. Smith

Public Appointee Member