

Minutes - Board of Town Trustees

STATE OF ILLINOIS,
Macon County, } ss.
Town of Long Creek,

THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the office of the Town Clerk at 2610 Salem School Road on July 25, 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, Debby Fortner

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, 2nd Karen Kelly to Approve Minutes of June 27, 2023 Board Meeting as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED. Minutes Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

- **Discuss Water Bill Fee's and Rates - Supervisor Greenfield asked Wayne and Debby from the Water Department to address this issue. They said we are currently averaging almost \$21,000 in fees we are paying for customers paying by credit and debit card. Water rates will be going up again in October. There was discussion of implementing any fee for this to be done at the same time as the rate increase. Everyone agreed it was a complicated and costly issue but we must address it. Debby and Wayne will research to get more information and bring back to the board so a decision can be made and approval at the September meeting.**

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER Report: Commissioner Joe Jackson - Joe reported that the storm at the end of June was tough and they worked and had most of the damage cleared off the roads by noon the next day. He reported they had received their new patch machine and it's working well. They also bought a mower, a front mower for the skid steer. There was also extensive discussion on the burn pile at the road district building and Joe mentioned the need for having a hydrant closer so fires can be put out if needed quicker. There was also discussion about the possibility of getting a Generator since power outages can hinder them in getting in or out of the building.

CEMETERY TRUSTEE REPORT: Please see written Report at end of Minutes. Cemetery meeting will be August 16, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT: - See written report at end of minutes. Superintendent Dotson elaborated on several items on his report that contained high costs. He also discussed the removal of lime sludge and the cost for doing that. Supervisor Greenfield reported that only one bid was received for the Reas Bridge water main move. Burdick was the only bidder. It is for moving 1800 ft of 12 inch pipe. The Bid submitted by Burdick was for \$237,500.00. Supervisor Greenfield noted that this could go up too if other things were added. Mike Reynolds made a motion to accept the Bid of Burdick in the amount of \$237,500.00. Melvin Fortner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Trustee April Kostenski voted ABSTAIN.

TOWN CLERK REPORT: - Bryan Smith, Town Clerk see written report at end of minutes. Bryan also read a Thank You card from the STARR program for the Board's continued support. Bryan also reported that he had heard from the State Historic Preservation Agency and the Old Town Hall could not be declared a historic site due to structural alterations that have been made to it over the years. There is also no money available for rehab of the building.

PROMOTIONS DIRECTOR: Cheryl Smith Senior Citizens/Promotions Report. See written reports at end of Minutes.

BILLS:

TOWN FUND: \$9,241.64

MOTION: Karen Kelly, 2nd 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: \$19,782.74
**MOTION: April Kostenski, 2nd Karen Kelly to approve by previous
Roll Call Vote.**
MOTION CARRIED.

ROAD & BRIDGE BUILDING & EQUIPMENT FUND: \$7,429.68
**MOTION: Mike Reynolds, 2nd Melvin Fortner to approve by
previous Roll Call Vote.**
MOTION CARRIED.

CEMETERY FUND: \$10,760.39
**MOTION: Mike Reynolds, 2nd April Kostenski to Approve by
previous Roll Call Vote.**
MOTION CARRIED.

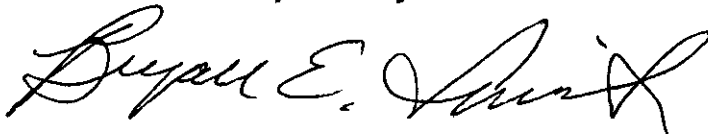
WATER O & M: \$131,677.59
**MOTION: Melvin Fortner, 2nd Karen Kelly to Approve by previous
Roll Call Vote.**
MOTION CARRIED.

PAYROLL CLEARING FUND: \$67,593.41
**MOTION: Mike Reynolds, 2nd Melvin Fortner to Approve by
previous Roll call vote. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION: Mike Reynolds, 2nd April Kostenski to Pay Operating
Bills for next Month. MOTION CARRIED.**

**ADJOURNMENT: MOTION: Mike Reynolds, 2nd Karen Kelly
to adjourn meeting. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting Adjourned at
5:47 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 – July 25, 2023 Board Meeting

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

Received communication from Historical Preservation at State that Old Town Hall was not a candidate for being designated a historic site and that there are no funds available to rehab the old building. Sent same via email to Board of Trustees.

Received copy of bid for water main relocation for Reas Bridge project from only submitted bidder which was Burdick.

Posted updates on Clerks Facebook page for Highway Commissioner Jackson concerning downed trees from storm and pickup by Road District. Also posted notice for Commissioner Jackson about not accepting more tree limbs at burn pile until they are caught up with burning.

Received communication from State Senator Sally Turner's office regarding options possibly available concerning the old Town Hall.

Received communication from State Senator Sally Turner's office regarding setting up a "Coffee and Conversation" event at Long Creek Township with Senator Sally Turner to allow the community to get better acquainted with Senator Turner and her with us. The event will be on Thursday, July 20, 2023 from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Sent notices and fliers to elected township officials and staff and senior citizen attendees about the Coffee and Conversation with Senator Turner encouraging all to attend and meet Senator Turner.

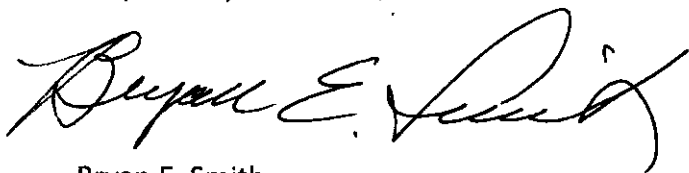
Posted flier on Clerk's Facebook page about the Coffee and Conversation event with Senator Sally Turner.

Met with auditors from Pulley & Martynowski during their annual audit to answer routine questions.

Attended July Cemetery Board of Trustees meeting.

Set-up and attended Coffee and Conversation with State Senator Sally Turner on July 20th. We had a nice turnout of Officials and Community residents.

Respectfully submitted,



Bryan E. Smith

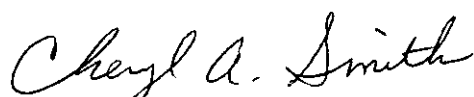
Town Clerk July 25, 2023 Cemetery notes for Bryan Smith Township clerk:

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

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

The guys are doing a great job at the cemeteries, Brad is doing a great job at Florey.

Next meeting is August 16, 2023.



Cheryl A. Smith
President of cemetery board

Long Creek Township

Water Department Report

July 25, 2023

- The Old Decatur Interconnect was uncovered during work on the crosswalks at Mount Zion Road and Maryland Street. It appears that the piping is still intact and under pressure. The meter has been removed and blind flanges have been installed on both sides and blocked. It had been a mystery as to whether it had been removed after the New Interconnect was placed in service. It could be an issue in the future.
- Brad and I met with Mike Buzicky, our engineer and Tim Kelly, President of Brotcke Well & Pump to discuss the best potential area to drill another test hole for a new well. The previous test hole that was drilled northeast of the plant showed a very low yielding well potential. We all agreed that looking at areas closer to the lake and south of our Well #3 would have the most potential.
- We received one sealed bid for the relocation of the Reas Bridge Rd water main. Burdick Plumbing & Heating submitted a bid of \$237,500.
- I received a quote of \$435,625 from J. Oros Environmental, Carlinville IL, to remove and dispose of the lime sludge from the east lagoon. They had estimated that it contained 8500 wet tons @\$51.25/wet ton. I have contacted JRH Excavating to scoop lime from the west lagoon to the east lagoon again to buy more time to find an acceptable method of disposal.
- For the month of June, we pumped 19,076,100 gallons with an average daily usage of 635,870 gallons and a maximum of 816,100 gallons.

Submitted by,

Wayne A. Detsen

Water Superintendent

Senior Report July 25, 2023 for Bryan Smith LC Twp Clerk:

Senior account has \$1,731.06.

July 20, 2023 Sally Turner our Senator came to the Township and spoke and asked if anyone had any questions. A few people had questions for her. We had coffee and donuts. She was a good speaker.

Our next potluck is in October.

Any questions.

Cheryl A. Smith

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Promotion Director