

MINUTES—TOWN MEETING

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STATE OF ILLINOIS,
Macon County, } ss.
Town of Long Creek, }
At the Annual Town Meeting,
held in said Town and County in the State of Illinois at the Long Creek Community Bldg.
on April 9, 2024, the meeting was called to order by Erin Valentine,
Town Clerk. The following official business was transacted:

Township Clerk *Erin J. Valentine* led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Clerk Valentine welcomed all present to the 164th consecutive Long Creek Township Annual Town Meeting.

TOWNSHIP ELECTORS PRESENT:

Present: Erin J. Valentine, Kevin Greenfield, Karen Kelly, April Kostenski, Melvin Fortner, Joe Jackson, Brad Paslay, Cheryl Smith, Bryan Smith, Terry Reich, Bill Valentine

Total 11 Present

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF MODERATOR:

Town Clerk Valentine announced that Nominations were in order for MODERATOR. Karen Kelly nominated Bryan E. Smith for Moderator. **SECOND** by Melvin Fortner. Erin Valentine called for additional Nominations for Moderator three times. There were no other nominations. **MOTION:** Kevin Greenfield, **SECOND** Karen Kelly to close Nominations and Elect Bryan E. Smith Moderator. **MOTION CARRIED. Unanimously.**

Town Clerk *Erin J. Valentine* administered the Oath of Office to *Bryan E. Smith*.

Bryan E. Smith ASSUMED THE POST OF MODERATOR.

Moderator Bryan Smith explained the qualifications for Voting in the Annual Town Meeting. You must be a registered voter and resident of Long Creek Township to be eligible to Vote in the Annual Town Meeting. Clerk affirmed that all present were residents of Long Creek Township and Registered Voters.

REPORT OF OLD BUSINESS:

A. Approval of Minutes of 2023 Annual Town Meeting. **MOTION:** Cheryl Smith, Kevin Greenfield **SECOND** to approve the Minutes. Motion carried unanimously. **MINUTES APPROVED.**

B. Town Clerk Presentation of Financial Report of Supervisor:

Thereupon the Town Clerk, **Erin J. Valentine**, presented the reports and accounts of **Kevin R. Greenfield**,

Supervisor, of the Town of Long Creek. The reports of the Supervisor covering the following fund for the past Fiscal Year were read in words and figures as follows, to-wit:

TOWN FUND:

Balance on hand April 1, 2023	\$ 154,012.96
Receipts	\$ 194,721.12
Total	\$ 348,740.91
Less Disbursements	\$ 176,610.56
Balance on hand March 31, 2024	\$ 172,130.35

GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND:

Balance on hand April 1, 2023	\$ 98,531.47
Receipts	\$ 3,023.65
Total	\$ 101,555.12
Less Disbursements	\$ 2,015.00
Balance on hand March 31, 2024	\$ 98,540.12

CEMETERY FUND:

Balance on hand April 1, 2023	\$ 381,229.00
Receipts	\$ 120,483.32
Total	\$ 501,712.32
Less Disbursements	\$ 128,093.59
Balance on hand March 31, 2024	\$ 373,618.73

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND:

Balance on hand April 1, 2023	\$ 186,736.14
Receipts	\$ 264,090.50
Total	\$ 450,797.57
Less Disbursements	\$ 169,604.57
Balance on hand March 31, 2024	\$ 281,193.00

BUILDING & EQUIPMENT FUND:

Balance on hand April 1, 2023	\$ 180,512.48
Receipts	\$ 85,201.56
Total	\$ 265,714.04
Less Disbursements	\$ 36,429.68
Balance on hand March 31, 2024	\$ 229,284.36

ROAD & BRIDGE INSURANCE FUND:

Balance on hand April 1, 2023	\$ 30,998.16
Receipts	\$ 13,992.39
Total	\$ 44,990.55
Less Disbursements	\$ 12,425.66
Balance on hand March 31, 2024	\$ 32,564.89

BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION FUND:

Balance on hand April 1, 2023	\$ 108,931.94
Receipts	\$ 14,055.90
Total	\$ 122,987.84
Less Disbursements	\$ 0.00
Balance on hand March 31, 2024	\$ 122,987.84

PAYROLL CHECKING FUND:

Balance on hand April 1, 2023	\$ 12,992.79
Receipts	\$ 843,846.02
Total	\$ 856,838.81
Less Disbursements	\$ 833,519.27
Balance on hand March 31, 2024	\$ 23,319.54

WATER DEPARTMENT FUND:

Balance on hand May 1, 2022	\$ 2,981,514.56
Receipts	\$ 1,831,819.29
Total	\$ 4,813,333.85
Less Disbursements	\$ 2,012,798.24
Balance on hand April 30, 2023	\$ 2,800,535.61

Since everyone already has a copy of the Reports, a motion is in order to dispense with the reading of the Report. **MOTION: Cheryl Smith, SECOND April Kostenski** to dispense with the reading of the Supervisor's Financial Reports, and to Approve the Supervisor's Financial Report, as presented, and place it on file. **MOTION CARRIED.**
C. **Any Other Old Business.** Moderator called for other items of Old Business. There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. **Resolution 24-04-09** Authorizing Audit by C.P.A.: **Moderator Smith** Read the Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the electors of the Town of Long Creek in the County of Macon, State of Illinois, in its Annual Town Meeting assembled the 9th day of April 2024, that the Board of Trustees of the Town of Long Creek are hereby ordered to hire a Certified Public Accountant to audit the accounts of all Town Funds of which the Supervisor is Treasurer, in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois, (Illinois Compiled Statutes).

The audit shall be made annually for each fiscal year ending immediately prior to the Annual Town Meeting. The audit, report and recommendations shall be filed as required by the laws of the State of Illinois.

MOTION: Kevin Greenfield, SECOND Cheryl Smith to Adopt **Resolution #24-04-09**

MOTION CARRIED.

Officer's Reports: Moderator announced that all Electors present have copies of all the 2024 reports. He would entertain any questions or comments. There are none.

MOTION: Karen Kelly, 2nd Melvin Fortner to approve all Office holder and other Reports as submitted. **MOTION CARRIED.** (Note: Reports were all submitted and each individual had a copy of all.)

Supervisor's Report – Kevin R. Greenfield
Highway Commissioner – Joe Jackson
Senior Citizens – Karen Kelly
Cemetery – Cheryl A Smith, President Cemetery Board
Township Clerk Report – Erin J. Valentine

Supervisor's Annual Report

This year the township is losing some very key people.

Bryan Smith- I appointed Bryan to replace his dad when R.C. passed away. Bryan hit the ground running just like I knew he would and I'm sure his father was very proud of the job he's done. Bryan and R.C.'s job both was to keep me out of trouble and they did it well. Always telling me what I could and couldn't do by law. There was never any doubt they both had the township and the people's best interest at heart that live here. The Smith Family has been in Long Creek Township politics and lifelong Democrats since the beginning of time and they always did it with honor and integrity. I'm very honored to call them both my good friends.

Wayne Dotson- I appointed Wayne, Water Superintendent several years ago. I'm not sure he wanted it then, but I didn't give him a chance to say no. At that time, the water department was under a dark cloud. Our last Superintendent was arrested and ordered to give up his

license. Wayne stepped in and turned the department around. We followed all the EPA rules! Wayne has turned out to be the best Superintendent Long Creek has ever had. His knowledge is incredible and his ability to work with the crew in the field is fantastic. And every great now and then, I can even make him say a cuss word, but very rarely. Wayne will be sorely missed but he deserves his retirement and I wish him all the best life has to offer.

Debby Fortner- I can't say enough about this lady. She is one of the hardest working people I know. I ask from all our employees loyalty and honesty, and Debby gives you both like no one else. Remember, Debby had to work with Vickie all those years. Thank God for Mr. Lucky, our cat! Anything I ever asked of Debby, she never questioned me or second guessed me. She just smiled and got it done! Debby is a very rare employee. She's very smart, witty, and from time to time she would even throw a cuss word out once in a while. It seems like every time I turned around, I was putting something else on Debby to do and she never once told me no. One of the best things Long Creek Township did was when they hired Debby Fortner. The township will never be the same without her.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin R. Greenfield
Township Supervisor

Highway Commissioner's Annual Report

Zach and I are ready for another great year at the highway department. We have about 12 miles of oil and chip this season and will continue to push forward with the ditch work that is desperately needed in some areas! We have continued to improve our equipment and shop, as well as our property as a whole! We will see you on the roads!

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Jackson
Highway Commissioner

LONG CREEK TOWNSHIP WATER DEPARTMENT

- Our Zenner Meter Network continues to grow. We now have approximately 2350 out of 3200 meters in the network upgraded to the system.
- Brad and I have been working on the reviewing of records and recording finding of service line materials for the Service Line Inventory Database. We received an extension on the completion of the inventory from April 15th to September 1st.
- The re-location of the water main on Reas Bridge/Sangamon Road was completed in the Fall.
- Brad took over the position of Water Superintendent on January 4, 2024.
- The new Lime Slurry make-up system from Sodimate Advanced Environment Solutions was installed April 1st-3rd. It is now operational.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Dotson
(Retiring) Water Superintendent

SENIOR CITIZENS REPORT:

Presented by: Karen Kelly – Senior Citizens Director

Long Creek Township and the Village of Long Creek host a Senior Citizens potluck the second Thursday of each month at noon in the Township Building Community Center.

We have entertainment or speakers at each luncheon. All seniors are asked to bring a dish to share, including desserts, while the township provides fried chicken, beverages and place settings.

In the month of December, a holiday meal is catered, and provided by the township to its senior citizens.

Potlucks are held January-June, then resume October-December.

As of April, the Senior Citizens bank account has a balance of \$1,087.36.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Kelly – Senior Citizens Director

CEMETERY REPORT

Presented by Cheryl Smith - President:

Long Creek Cemetery Board 2023-2024 Annual Activity Report

Burial and Plots Sold

	# of O/C	Total Sales	Transfers/ Misc.	# of Lot Purchases	Total Sales	# of Flaggings	Total Sales
Pt Pleasant	37	\$18,500	\$0	40	\$18,175	20	\$1,000
North Fork	36	\$16,236	\$350	8	\$3,725	24	\$1,200
L. Barnett	4	\$ 2,000	\$0	4	\$ 1,850	3	\$ 150
Florey	0		\$0	5	\$2,300		\$
Ridge	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$ 0	1	\$ 50
Grand Totals	77	\$36,736	\$350	57	\$26,050	48	\$2,400

Fiscal Year

2006 69	2015 79	2024 77
2007 76	2016 63	
2008 59	2017 69	
2009 61	2018 69	
2010 98	2019 66	
2011 68	2020 75	
2012 68	2021 65	
2013 68	2022 93	
2014 69	2023 70	

Highlights of the Past Year 2023-2024

We had a total of 77 burials last fiscal year and 57 lots were sold.

Jon Viernum was hired as Cemetery Custodian last year when Brad Paslay started training for the Water Superintendent position. We also have John Wilson as part time help for

Jon V. in the summer. Jon Viernum also works for the water dept. when he has the spare time and through most of the winter months. He has done an excellent job. Debby will be retiring this year and Laura Whitten will start training on April 8th. We still have Brad for questions and help at the Township. We will miss Debby and have appreciated the job she has done for us and wish her the best in retirement.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Smith
 President
 Long Creek Cemetery Board of Trustees

Annual Community Building Report – Township Clerk Erin Valentine
April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024.

Income:

Rental Income	\$ 5,750.00
Polling Place Rental	<u>\$ 40.00</u>
Total Income	<u>\$ 5,790.00</u>

Expenses:

Utilities (Power)	\$ 1,098.76
Garbage Pickup	\$ 233.21
Cleaning	\$ 4,800.00
Maintenance	\$ 1,871.89
Maintenance/Supplies	<u>\$ 591.93</u>

Total Expenses	\$ 8,595.79
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2022/2023
Days Reserved:

April	4
May	2
June	0
July	3
August	7
September	4
October	6
November	6
December	4
January	3
February	3
March	<u>3</u>

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2023/2024
Days Reserved:

April	7
May	4
June	1
July	5
August	3
September	4
October	5
November	5
December	5
January	2
February	4
March	<u>2</u>

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Not including: Seniors (once a month), Boy Scouts (every Thursday night), Cub Scouts (every other Monday), Annual Town Meeting, Democratic Caucus, Elections, Township Officials of Macon County.

I appreciate so much the help I have received from Supervisor Greenfield, the Board, and from Joanna Lambert and Debby Fortner in the office. Since I am new to this job, I have needed a lot of answers and everyone has been very patient with me.

Since appointed to the job December 26, 2023, I have tried to make sure that deadlines have been met and duties completed according to statute.

I am assisting with the Senior Citizens monthly luncheon, and I plan to start attending the monthly Cemetery Board Meeting. VFW Post 99 Ladies Auxiliary will assist me in placing flags on veterans' graves at Point Pleasant Cemetery on Memorial Day weekend.

Monthly highway commissioner's reports have been approved by Commissioner Joe Jackson, and forwarded to the Macon County Engineer.

Under Clerk Smith in 2023, township, road district and water department budgets were filed with the Macon County Clerk.

Our township hosted the Township Officials of Macon County meeting in April 2023, and a Coffee and Conversation event with new State Senator Sally Turner in July 2023. Also in 2023, the township learned there are no funds available for rehab of the Old Town Hall and that it cannot be declared a historic site.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin J. Valentine
Town Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Township resident Terry Reich asked about the township sign board in front of office, and requested that "We Support Israel" be placed on the sign. Moderator Smith said that the board will discuss his request.

SET TIME FOR THE 2025 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING:

MOTION: Karen Kelly, SECOND April Kostenski, to set the 2025 Annual Town Meeting for Tuesday April 8, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. in the Long Creek Township Community Building.

MOTION CARRIED.

A. Any Other New Business: None

Adjournment: Moderator Bryan Smith asked for any other business. There being none.

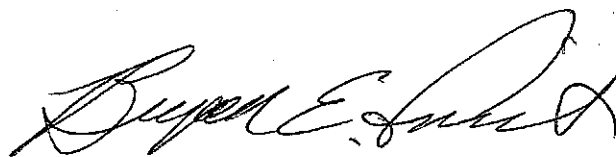
MOTION: Cheryl Smith, SECOND April Kostenski, to adjourn 164th Annual Town Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED. Meeting Adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Erin J. Valentine

ERIN J. VALENTINE
TOWN CLERK



BRYAN E. SMITH
MODERATOR