

# 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 Aug. 27, 2024.

PRESENT: Kevin Greenfield Supervisor  
Erin Valentine Town Clerk  
Mike Reynolds Town Trustee  
Karen Kelly Town Trustee  
April Kostenski Town Trustee  
Melvin Fortner Town Trustee

Mr. Kevin R. Greenfield acting as chairperson and Erin J. Valentine as clerk. The following official business was transacted:

GUESTS PRESENT: Highway Commissioner Joe Jackson, Water Superintendent Brad Paslay, former Water Superintendent Wayne Dotson, residents Glen Schwass and Tara Daniels

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 Valentine 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 April Kostenski to Approve Minutes of July 23, 24 Board Meeting as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED. Minutes Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Former Water Superintendent Wayne Dotson expressed his appreciation for the retirement gift of a knife, and for the dinner held for him and for Debby Fortner. "This was a great place to work," Dotson said, "and I very much appreciate it."

Glen Schwass, 1430 E. Roberts Rd., spoke to the board regarding extending a water main to his house, and to the two houses that will be built for his son and daughter. After discussion, the board unanimously approved working with Schwass on costs to run a six-inch main down Roberts, approx. 650 feet to the edge of his property. There is currently no water main on Roberts.

Supervisor Kevin Greenfield said, "I feel like we are somewhat responsible so I suggest splitting the cost with you. We shouldn't have run a two-inch line and tied off of it three times." Estimate of costs is around \$25,000 with the township doing the work, and Greenfield asked that the township part will not exceed \$12,500. The board will vote on this at the September meeting. Water Superintendent Brad Paslay will start working on getting the EPA permits needed, a process that he said could take at least a month. Costs include engineering fees, a hydrant, four to five taps and six-inch pipe.

Schwass thanked the board and praised township office staff for working with him, and alerting him to a water leak that saved him a "boatload" of money, he said.

REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

- **Discuss and Approve Water Rate Increase** – The board voted unanimously on a 2 percent rate hike for water users, effective Oct. 1, 2024, for one year. Mike Reynolds made the motion, seconded by Melvin Fortner. Supervisor Greenfield said the township may need to start placing restrictions on residential irrigation during summer months. The costs of painting the water towers and cleaning a lagoon are also coming up. Trustee Reynolds also noted that with increasing home construction and commercial businesses, an expansion plan may need to be considered.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER Report: Commissioner Joe Jackson - Oil and chipping is done, Jackson said, with a little less than 12 miles covered, and the village oil and chipped about 12 miles too. His crew has been repaving the entrance to Candlebrook Subdivision, and he noted the roads in the addition need work too that he plans to start on Aug. 28.

CEMETERY TRUSTEE REPORT: Please see written Report at end of Minutes. Cemetery meeting will be Sept. 18, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT: - Superintendent Brad Paslay noted that a new housing development is being considered at the northwest corner of Camp Warren and Long Creek Roads, and he feels that the existing main can serve this addition. See written report at end of minutes.

TOWN CLERK REPORT: - Erin Valentine, Town Clerk, no report.

SENIOR CITIZENS REPORT: Karen Kelly, Senior Citizens Report. See written reports at end of Minutes.

OTHER: NONE

BILLS:

TOWN FUND: \$71,863.98

MOTION: Mike Reynolds, 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen Kelly to Approve.

Roll Call:

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

MOTION CARRIED.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: \$696,538.92

MOTION: April Kostenski, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Reynolds to approve by previous Roll Call Vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

CEMETERY FUND: \$12,668.81

MOTION: Melvin Fortner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen Kelly to Approve by previous Roll Call Vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

WATER O & M: \$166,018.59

MOTION: Mike Reynolds, 2<sup>nd</sup> April Kostenski to Approve by previous Roll Call Vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

PAYROLL CLEARING FUND: \$79,745.47

MOTION: Melvin Fortner, 2<sup>nd</sup> April Kostenski to Approve by previous Roll call vote.  
MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS: None

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 5:50 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted

*Erin J. Valentine*

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Township Clerk

# Long Creek Township Water Department Report

August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- We are now discharging lime sludge and backwash water to the East Lagoon. The boards in the Weir have been replaced and the sand filter was partially cleaned out and new pea gravel was added.
- Tallgrass pipeline is in the preliminary stages of designing a 20" natural gas pipeline that could potentially run through township property north of the water plant via easement. At this time, they are surveying and conducting archaeological excavations.
- There is a new housing development being considered at the Northwest corner of Camp Warren Road and Long Creek Rd.
- For the month of July, we pumped 16,287,000 finished gallons with an average daily usage of 525,387 gallons and a maximum of 664,100 gallons.

Submitted by,

*Bradley W. Paslay*

Water Superintendent

August 27, 2024 Cemetery report

Now we have 2 guys working at cemetery. Brad & Dad wants to do Florey's cemetery, Thank You.

There are 3 dead trees at Point Pleasant that we are having cut down, \$3,550.00.

We have had several burials this month.

Everyone has the bill list. Any questions?

Joanna does a great job. Laura is doing a great job also.

Next meeting is September 18, 2024.

*Cheryl A. Smith*

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Cemetery President

## SENIOR CITIZENS REPORT

Balance in the senior account is \$715.23.

Our next senior potluck is Oct. 10, with Jim Beckhart providing a program on the history of Salem School.

Please encourage your neighbors to bring a dish and attend our senior potlucks, the second Thursday of each month at 12.

Karen Kelly