

# 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 November 26, 2024, PRESENT:

Kevin R. Greenfield, Supervisor  
Erin J. Valentine, Town Clerk  
Karen Kelly, Town Trustee  
April Kostenski, Town Trustee  
Melvin Fortner, Town Trustee  
Cheryl Horne, Town Trustee

M r. 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 Dept. Superintendent Brad Paslay, Cemetery Board President Cheryl Smith, Bryan Smith

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 A  
Karen Kelly P  
April Kostenski P  
Melvin Fortner P  
Kevin Greenfield P

SHOWED ALL PRESENT except for Trustee Reynolds.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Karen Kelly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Melvin Fortner to Approve Minutes of October 22, 24 Board Meeting as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED. Minutes Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

#### REPORTS:

#### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

- Acceptance of Resignation of Trustee – Trustee Mike Reynolds submitted his resignation letter to be effective immediately. Reynolds was appointed trustee in 2011 and has been elected and served since that time. Motion approved as made by April Kostenski, seconded by Melvin Fortner.
- Appointment of New Trustee – Cheryl K. Horne was appointed, on motion by April Kostenski, seconded by Melvin Fortner. Cheryl is a retired teacher from the Cerro Gordo school district and is a Democrat precinct committeeperson in Long Creek.
- Oath of Office of New Trustee – Clerk Valentine gave the oath to Cheryl.
- Approval of Ordinance #24-11-26-1 (Township Tax Levy 2024) – All approved on motion by Karen Kelly, seconded by April Kostenski.
- Approval of Ordinance #24-11-26-2 (Road District Tax Levy 2024) – All approved on motion by April Kostenski, seconded by Melvin Fortner.
- Approval of Resolution #24-11-26-3 Authorizing Abeyance of Real Estate Taxes – All approved on motion by April Kostenski, seconded by Karen Kelly.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER Report: Commissioner Joe Jackson – Joe said outside work has been completed for the year, and all is well!

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

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT: - See written report at end of minutes. Superintendent Brad Paslay said that the Lake City Fire Station was recently sold at auction. This location is one of the Water Department's routine sample sites for monthly sample collection so he hopes that they will be able to continue this practice.

TOWN CLERK REPORT: - Erin Valentine, Town Clerk see written report at end of minutes.

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

OTHER: Supervisor Greenfield expressed concerns over recent initiatives by the Long Creek Fire Department to start an ambulance service. The Department has purchased two ambulances and they are considering putting a referendum on the April 1 ballot to fund a Long Creek ambulance service, said Greenfield. Long Creek Fire Dept. has had problems with Abbott, the current ambulance service in Macon County, Greenfield said, and has had issues with slow response times. "Mt. Zion had a referendum on the ballot and it failed, while Forsyth has passed it," said Greenfield. He was not happy that he had to learn about this from WAND, and not from the Long Creek Fire Department. "I have met with Abbott and they are understaffed. They are offering sign-on bonuses for EMTs. Richland Community College does not currently have an EMT training program, but it is being discussed to try to help with this shortage." Greenfield said there is another meeting coming up soon about the ambulance service and he plans to attend. "I've looked at their budget, and I don't know how they bought the two ambulances," Greenfield said. "You have to have two ambulances to be licensed. They think billing will take care of it, but if a referendum for this were to pass, property taxes in Long Creek would go up as much as \$500 a year. If billing doesn't take care of it, I will be the first to lead the charge to get rid of it before our taxes go up." The County Clerk has to know by mid-January if the fire department intends to pursue this ballot referendum, he added. He said he will keep the board updated.

BILLS:

TOWN FUND: \$10,099.62

MOTION: April Kostenski, 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen Kelly to Approve.

Roll Call:

Cheryl Horne	Y
Karen Kelly	Y
April Kostenski	Y
Melvin Fortner	Y
Kevin Greenfield	Y

MOTION CARRIED.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: \$14,184.93

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

MOTION CARRIED.

CEMETERY FUND: \$6,151.57

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

MOTION CARRIED.

WATER O & M: \$126,339.33

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

PAYROLL CLEARING FUND: \$70,280.21

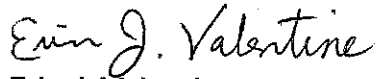
MOTION: Melvin Fortner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen Kelly to Approve by previous Roll call vote. MOTION  
CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS: None

MOTION: Melvin Fortner, 2<sup>nd</sup> April Kostenski to Pay Operating Bills for next Month.  
MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION: April Kostenski, 2<sup>nd</sup> Melvin Fortner to adjourn meeting.  
MOTION CARRIED. Meeting Adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted



Erin J. Valentine  
Township Clerk

# Long Creek Township Water Department Report

November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- We replaced several deteriorated aluminum valve boxes from the original system with new cast iron ones this month and exercised the valves afterwards.
- Several curb boxes in the Rolling Creek subdivision hadn't been located and photographed since the homes were built several years ago. We found all the missing ones, raised them to grade, and added them to our records.
- We are working with Karl Pezzelle (Control Systems Engineer) and Decatur Computers to install a new computer and operating software at the water plant. The existing computer is over 9 years old.
- Our Lead and Copper Sample Site Plan must be redone because the EPA has changed some of the criteria for Tiering the sites. I have until December 31<sup>st</sup> to submit the new Sample Site Plan.
- The Fire Station in Lake City was recently sold. This location is one of our routine sample sites. *once a month we collect*
- For the month of October, we pumped 13,886,900 finished gallons with an average daily usage of 447,965 gallons and a maximum of 552,700 gallons.

Submitted by,

*Bradley W. Paslay*

Water Superintendent

November 26, 2024 Cemetery report

If anyone knows someone who would like to mow and weed eat next year please tell them to come to office.

We are still having burials this month but not as many that we have had.

Everyone has the bill list. Any questions?

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

Next meeting is December 18, 2024.

*Cheryl A. Smith*

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Cemetery President

## Senior Citizens Report

Our balance in the senior account is \$2,402.04.

Due to lower attendance (17) at the November potluck, a future Long Creek water bill will have a line to remind residents of the monthly potluck, as has been done in the past.

We are excited about our Dec. 12 potluck that will be catered by Debbie's Diner, with a Christmas singalong with Jeanne Gustafson and Charlie Montgomery from Monticello Township.

*Karen Kelly, Promotions Director*

## Clerk's Report

The Dec. 3 Township Caucus notice was published in the *Decatur Tribune*. Preparations are being made for the Republican and Democratic Party Caucuses here at Long Creek Township Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 6 p.m.

A thank you was sent to Chad Sparks of Calvert and Metzler funeral homes for providing bingo at the November senior potluck. He agreed to return for the November 2025 potluck.

*Erin Valentine, Township Clerk*