

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 Oct 22, 2024,
PRESENT:

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

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Highway Commissioner Joe Jackson, Water Superintendent Brad Paslay, Cemetery Board President Cheryl Smith, Cheryl Horne, 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 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 September 24, 2024 Board Meeting as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED. Minutes Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Former Long Creek Township Clerk Bryan Smith complimented the township's website and said he likes to keep up with what is going on. He noted that at last month's township meeting, there was discussion of a possible merger of the Long Creek and Mt. Zion fire departments, and he said he would personally be against this. "I think Long Creek Township would lose its identity, and I think that's important," Smith said. He also warned of the current situation with ADM and a carbon dioxide underground leak, and said the township needs to stay abreast of information because of the Long Creek Township water system. "It is serious and if this affects our water system, they're going to come after all of you."

REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

- **Approval of Salary Resolution #24-10-22** – Highway Commissioner Joe Jackson will see his annual salary bumped to \$76,000, on motion by Trustee Mike Reynolds, seconded by Trustee April Kostenski, all approved. Jackson currently makes \$52,000. Supervisor Kevin Greenfield initially proposed paying Jackson \$64,000 for 2025-26; \$68,000 in 2026-27; \$72,000 in 2027-28 and \$76,000 in 2028-29. He asked for opinions of the board, and Kostenski said that since it is Jackson's fulltime job, and he isn't being paid as much as his predecessor, she feels his salary should be

increased. Reynolds had previously said that he could be bumped to \$68,000 for 2025-26. Jackson said he appreciates his salary and job. "I'm not greedy and I love my job. I feel like I've done a good job," he said. Greenfield added that he believes Jackson has done a good job. Jackson has responsibility for 64 miles of road, with 12 of those miles being in the village. The supervisor, road district treasurer, clerk, trustees and assessor salaries remain the same: Supervisor, \$9,000/year; Road District Treasurer receives \$1,000 annually; Clerk, \$7,800/year; Trustees, \$85/meeting attended; Assessor, \$6500/year. Salaries are for the four-year terms, beginning May 19, 2025. Motion by Mike Reynolds, seconded by April Kostenski, all approved.

- Determination of 2024 Township Tax Levy (To Be Adopted in November)
- Determination of 2024 Road District Tax Levy (To Be Adopted in November) Levy amount remains the same as 2023.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER Report: Commissioner Joe Jackson said sealcoating is done, and things slowed down a little the past month.

CEMETERY TRUSTEE REPORT: Please see written Report at end of Minutes. Cemetery meeting will be November 20, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT: - Superintendent Paslay said that regarding the ADM leak that is 5,000 feet under the Long Creek Township water source, he has been told to keep aerators running. He said the City of Decatur has hired an environmental law firm. Supervisor Greenfield has met with ADM officials, and the EPA has said to keep an eye on the situation. "I want to know what the worst-case scenario is but I've yet to be told," Greenfield said. "We have 3,500 water customers in three counties, and that's more important to me right now than anything." See written report at end of minutes.

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: NONE

BILLS:

TOWN FUND: \$46,289.84

MOTION: Mike Reynolds, 2nd Melvin Fortner to Approve.

Roll Call:

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

MOTION CARRIED.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: \$15,103.09

MOTION: Karen Kelly 2nd April Kostenski to approve by previous Roll Call Vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

CEMETERY FUND: \$10,117.82

MOTION: Mike Reynolds, 2nd Karen Kelly to Approve by previous Roll Call Vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

WATER O & M: \$119,206.95

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

BOND & INTEREST SINKING: \$825.00

MOTION: Mike Reynolds, 2nd April Kostenski to Approve by previous Roll Call Vote.
MOTION CARRIED.

PAYROLL CLEARING FUND: \$55,856.27

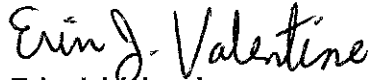
MOTION: Karen Kelly, 2nd Mike Reynolds to Approve by previous Roll call vote. MOTION
CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS: None

MOTION: Mike Reynolds, 2nd Melvin Fortner to Pay Operating Bills for next Month.
MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION: Melvin Fortner, 2nd Karen Kelly to adjourn meeting.
MOTION CARRIED. Meeting Adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted



Erin J. Valentine
Township Clerk

Long Creek Township

Water Department Report

October 21st, 2024

- We have installed several new water services this past month. I have also received notification of additional future projects requiring new services.
- Kevin and I continue to pursue acquiring the new well land near the water plant.
- For the month of September, we pumped 14,726,902 finished gallons with an average daily usage of 490,897 gallons and a maximum of 630,400 gallons.

Submitted by,

Bradley W. Paslay

Water Superintendent

October 22, 2024 Cemetery report

John Wilson won't be working much longer due to mowing slowing down. John has told me next year we will need someone younger because of his ankle he can't go very fast. If anyone knows someone who would like to mow and weed eat please tell them to come to office.

We are still having more burials this month also.

Everyone has the bill list. Any questions?

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

Next meeting is November 20, 2024.

Cheryl A. Smith

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Cemetery President

Senior Citizens Report from Karen Kelly October 22, 2024

Senior Account has \$2,555.29.

The October lunch featured former Salem School Principal Jim Beckhart, who gave us history of the school. They were 28 in attendance.

The November lunch will have Chad Sparks from Calvert & Metzler Funeral Home leading us in Bingo!

In December, Debbie's Diner will cater our lunch so we don't have to cook! We will have a Christmas singalong with Jeanne Gustafson and Charlie Montgomery from Monticello Township.

Karen Kelly, Promotions Director

Town Clerk's Report October 22, 2024

I helped with the October Senior Potluck and have secured programs through April 2025.

I met with Highway Commissioner Joe Jackson today to discuss the annual road district levy, that remains the same as last year's.

Preparations are being made for the Dec. 3 township caucuses at 6 pm. The township election is April 1, 2025.

Erin Valentine, Clerk