

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 Sept. 24, 2024, PRESENT:

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| _____ | 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 J. Valentine as clerk. The following official business was transacted:

GUESTS PRESENT: Highway Commissioner Joe Jackson, Water Superintendent Brad Paslay, Cemetery Board President Cheryl 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 August 27, 24 Board Meeting as submitted.
MOTION CARRIED. Minutes Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORTS: After discussion at the board's August meeting, it was approved to increase water rates for Long Creek Township by two percent. Motion by Mike Reynolds, 2nd by April Kostenski, all approved. Supervisor Greenfield and Water Superintendent Brad Paslay agreed that they would rather not raise rates, but with upcoming expenses of drilling a well, painting water towers and lagoon cleanout, it was deemed necessary. "I hate to raise the rates and honestly, two percent probably isn't enough," Greenfield said. "But it will get us through the next year." He said going forward, he would like to see the board look at a three-year plan of a small increase each year. Greenfield also said that he met recently with the Mt. Zion Fire Department and he feels that eventually, Long Creek and Mt. Zion may need to consolidate services, due to lack of volunteers.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

- **Adopt Certification of 3/5th Majority Vote**
- **Acceptance of Audit** – Motion by Karen Kelly, 2nd by Melvin Fortner to accept audit for town and water funds. Motion approved. Supervisor Greenfield commended Township Office Manager Joanna Lambert for her work on the audit. "The auditors said these were the best numbers they had seen in a long time. Joanna took her time and did it efficiently," he said.
- **Approval of Bond for Fire Trustee Chris Schroth** – Motion by Mike Reynolds, 2nd by Melvin Fortner to approve the bond. Motion approved.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER Report: Commissioner Joe Jackson – Joe said he has closed a lot of projects, including roadwork in Candlebrook addition and patching on Camp Warren Road. He will be working on ditches next. Joe will be closing the township burn pile in the next week or so, he said, with signs to be erected prohibiting use of the pile. Supervisor Greenfield said that at the October meeting, the board will set salaries for all township officials, and he feels Joe should get a salary increase. He explained that when former Highway Commissioner Dean Rhoades retired, the township board cut the salary drastically of

the highway commissioner. "Assuming Joe's going to run again, I think we should consider kicking the salary up to where it was before, or close to it. I think Joe's done a damn good job," said Greenfield. He said he will have some proposals at the next meeting.

CEMETERY TRUSTEE REPORT: Please see written Report at end of Minutes. Cemetery meeting will be Oct. 16, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT: - See written report at end of minutes. Superintendent Paslay said that he has a bid from Tyler Walker of Martin Engineering for the Roberts Street water main extension. Paslay said the EPA notified him on Aug. 30 of a leak in ADM's CO2 carbon capture well. He is following EPA guidance and so far, we haven't had any issues. Supervisor Greenfield said that he met with ADM officials and was told that at no time was our water source in jeopardy. He said that one of ADM's pipes with chrome fitting cracked, located below the Long Creek aquifer.

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: \$27,276.55

MOTION: Karen Kelly, 2nd Mike Reynolds to Approve.

Roll Call:

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

MOTION CARRIED.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: \$44,437.19

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

MOTION CARRIED.

CEMETERY FUND: \$11,953.82

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

MOTION CARRIED.

WATER O & M: \$111,156.24

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

MOTION CARRIED.

PAYROLL CLEARING FUND: \$55,630.15

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

OLD BUSINESS: Approve Water Rate Increase for Dalton City – April Kostenski made the motion, 2nd by Melvin Fortner, with all board members approving a nine-cent increase in Dalton City water rates effective Oct. 15.

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

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION: Mike Reynolds, 2nd 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

September 24th, 2024

- I have talked to an engineer (Tyler Walker-Martin Engineering) about designing the Roberts Street Water Main Extension. He has provided us with a proposal for services. We have located the existing tap on Kruse Road and confirmed that a single tap feeds the 3 homes in question on Roberts Street.
- The Township has received a quote from Brotke Well and Pump to drill and develop a well on the property Southwest of the Water Treatment Plant. (Less Piping, Electrical and Controls)
- The EPA notified me on August 30th of a leak in ADM's CO2 carbon capture well. I am following the EPA's guidance and so far, we haven't had any issues.
- For the month of August, we pumped 15,666,400 finished gallons with an average daily usage of 505,368 gallons and a maximum of 638,700 gallons.

Submitted by,

Bradley W. Paslay

Water Superintendent

September 24, 2024 Cemetery report

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

Dolton Brooks cut down the dead trees at Point Pleasant and at North Fork and then DeVore Stumping grinded the stumps.

We are having more burials this month too.

Everyone has the bill list. Any questions?

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

Next meeting is October 16, 2024.

Cheryl A. Smith

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Cemetery President

Senior Notes from Karen Kelly Sept. 24, 2024

The Oct. 10 potluck will feature a program by Jim Beckhart, former Salem School principal. Nov. 14 we will have bingo with Chad Sparks from Calvert and Metzler Funeral Home in Bloomington.

The Dec. 12 potluck will feature a Christmas singalong with Jeanne Gustafson and Charlie Montgomery, former Monticello Township highway commissioner. In January, members of the Macon County Honor Guard will tell us about their work in providing military funerals, and show how to properly fold a flag.

Senior Account has \$2,707.23 as of today.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Kelly, Senior Citizens Director

Township Clerk Report, Erin Valentine... Sept. 24, 2024

I am helping secure speakers and entertainment for the monthly senior potluck.

Those who wish to register to vote may now do so at the township clerk's office.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin J. Valentine

Township Clerk