



**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the  
Wesley Township Board  
21333 W. Ballou Road, Wilmington, IL 60481  
Tuesday, April 10, 2018**

- I. **Call to Order**  
Supervisor Quigley called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**  
Supervisor Quigley asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **Roll Call**  
Clerk Lyday called the roll. Board members present: Supervisor Quigley, Trustees Welchko, Strawson, and Smith. Absent: Trustee Kennedy. Also present were Road Commissioner Parsley, Clerk Lyday, and Assessor Garvey.
- IV. **New Business**
  - Bills Submission**  
Transaction Detail report presented. Bills presented with payroll included.  
Road Commissioner Parsley asked for the bank statements and actual checks. Ancel-Glink attorney Stuart Diamond noted that Commissioner Parsley was out of order at this time as he was not a member of the board. Mr. McCubbin asked to be recognized. Mr. Diamond interjected that the board has a right to accept questions from the audience during the meeting, and noted the time allowed at the end of the meeting for the audience. Mr. McCubbin was not recognized.  
Mr. Diamond stated there should be a dollar amount read regarding the dollar amount of the bills being approved read to the public so they are aware of it.  
A motion to approve the bills as presented in the amounts of \$11066.72 was made by Trustee Strawson and seconded by Trustee Welchko. Roll Call: Ayes – Quigley, Welchko, Strawson and Smith. Nays: none. Motion passed.
  - Financial Report**  
Budget versus Actual format presented. April not included, but review of report was given by Supervisor Quigley.
  - FOIA Officer**  
Supervisor Quigley spoke about the FOIA policy and appointing a FOIA officer. Trustee Strawson nominated and Supervisor Quigley seconded the motion to appoint Trustee Welchko as the FOIA Officer. Roll Call: Ayes - Quigley, Welchko, Strawson and Smith. Nays: none. Motion passed.
  - Ratification of elected officials salary/payroll**  
Ratification of Resolution 11-1-16 Elected Officials Salaries was presented for review. A motion was made to ratify the salaries previously established was made by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Welchko. Roll Call: Ayes - Quigley, Welchko, Strawson and Smith. Nays: none. Motion passed.
  - Attorney Report**  
Mr. Diamond offered his services to the new board members in order to have them work together more effectively. He also offered to advise and make suggestions for the Road District.
- V. **Old Business**
  - Park Mower Delivery**  
Intergovernmental agreement has not been found. Mower(s) had not been delivered to the park. One mower has been under repair and there are issues with parts replacement. It will go to the park once repaired.
- VI. **Supervisor Report**  
A number of park rentals have been received.
- VII. **Meeting Minutes Approval**  
It was noted that meeting minutes were not being read aloud. Attorney Diamond stated that there was no statute stating minutes had to be read. After discussion, a motion was made to accept the March 13, 2018

minutes of the regular board meeting as presented was made by Trustee Strawson, seconded by Trustee Welchko. Roll Call: Ayes - Quigley, Welchko, Strawson and Smith. Nays: none. Motion passed.

**VIII. FOIA Report – Clerk Report**

FOIA report presented by Clerk Lyday regarding FOIAs completed: Bank statements, board bill approvals, Assessor contract, minutes and agendas, attorney matters, FOIA officer appointments, FOIA and OMA training certificates. Clerk Lyday asked Trustees to submit any missing certificates of completion. The clerk stated that correspondence was not being received yet, although bills and regular monthly reports were being filed.

**IX. Road Commissioner Report**

Commissioner Parsley asked that the bank statements with copies of cancelled checks be available each month as agreed to at the prior meeting. He asked for actual spending in order to complete his new budget. Supervisor stated she would check for the information.

Commissioner Parsley questioned who received the property loan statement, and was it addressed to him. Supervisor Quigley stated the bill was addressed to the township, and therefore was opened and paid. Commissioner Parsley noted instances where charges were made to his accounts without his approval: TOIRMA insurance, Building Loan Payoff, and the Property Payment among others. Supervisor Quigley stated her belief that any township expense, including road district expense, when approved by the board, would be paid by her. Attorney Diamond was asked for input. He concurred Road Commissioner expenses must be approved by the board. If a letter comes in addressed to the Road Commissioner, it should be opened by the Road Commissioner. He noted the Road Commissioner inability to independently review or approve his billing; he has the right to include the expense in his records. The lawyer recommendation was that the supervisor not open road district mail. The Road Commissioner should see the bill first, then submit for approval by the board. Discussion about recurring instances past due bills.

Equipment on township property is being moved.

Trustee Strawson commented on Enbridge offer, and suggested review of current offer versus estimate.

**X. Assessor Report**

The office is working on 2018 assessments, working with trainee Mary Jones. Two classes are completed. Assessor asked for check correction. Assessor asked board for approval to purchase refreshments for the Senior event to be held in April. Board approved. Request and discussion regarding contract for trainee Mary Jones. Attorney Diamond was asked for an opinion. He suggested a lawyer draft a contract regarding term of contract in return for paid training/certification; he noted one couldn't be tied to contract for extended period of time, but to draft for a reasonable time. Cost was estimated to be \$4000; it was suggested that a 2-year timeframe be used.

**XI. Park Report**

Covered in Supervisor Report

**XII. Trustee Report**

None.

**XIII. Request for Closed Session to review pending litigation and review of closed session minutes**

It was suggested to take public comment first. Agreed.

**XIV. Public Comment**

Mr. Spinale asked about funds available in Road Fund at present. Supervisor Quigley stated approximately \$70,000 in Road Fund and \$65,000 in County Aid/Joint Bridge. She confirmed that she saw the amounts online, but could not print the statements.

Travis Parsley questioned whether bank accounts should be only in supervisor name. Attorney Diamond explained the various ways, and why the supervisor is bonded. Discussion about bill payments and lack of controls regarding review by other than supervisor for checks being prepared.

Mary Jones asked what could be paid from the County Bridge Fund. Commissioner Parsley stated that the county would match a portion for approved projects. She noted it was not appropriate to include those funds as available for road repairs as suggested by previous question. Commissioner Parsley stated MFT funds were available for some expenses such as payroll, but also must be submitted to the County Engineer for reimbursement.

Leonard McCubbin questioned whether the Park had its own separate budget; it was confirmed. He questioned why the Road District was responsible for Park equipment. Commissioner Parsley stated the Park was not contributing any expenses toward mowers, i.e. insurance, repairs and maintenance. He questioned township board's desire to place mowers in shed at Park. Attorney Diamond stated the intergovernment agreement needs to be found; alternatively, the park could take ownership. It is a responsibility for the township; the question is where it is funded.

Mr. McCubbin asked for an update on insurance claims. Commissioner Parsley has submitted claims for the third time, but feels the issue should be settled soon.

Cindy Brzana asked whether the board would approve attorney bill for tonite. Response was that the bill had not been submitted yet. Ms. Brzana reviewed attorney visit in December and that nothing seems to have changed.

Commissioner Parsley requested approval for payment on the Homewood Disposal bill. Trustee Strawson made a motion to pay the Homewood Disposal amount due. Board members signed the bill for approval.

Question asked about timeframe for checks to be printed. It takes approximately 5-10 days for processing approved bills. It was asked to ensure bills are paid on time.

Sandy Marshall questioned whether anyone had knowledge of job responsibilities prior to running for office.

Carol Treadman concurred with discussion regarding constant dissension among the board and electors, and stated her belief that issues are caused and exacerbated by the Supervisor. Excuses are getting old, but keep recurring. No one is addressing the lack of change. She noted all the bills being paid by the supervisor that have never been approved, and expressed the frustration that the process continues. Regardless of the number of lawyer visits, the Supervisor will not do her job or what is recommended by the attorneys.

Mr. McCubbin stated the leader is cutting the knees off the board members.

Ms. Hale-Forsythe explained the anger caused by taxpayer funds expended in the supervisor's defense or lack of performance. She asked the supervisor to do her job and let others do theirs.

Mr. Diamond interjected. He stated these issues were discussed during the town meeting and should not be expressed at this time. He mentioned the 3 minute rule for comments.

Sherry Yakima asked the board if they had approved an CPA to do the annual audit at a cost of approximately \$1,000. She noted the township could have residents do an audit. The board agreed to follow past practice and have an outside firm do the audit. She explained the research she had done; Trustee Smith spoke up and stated he was done; he then left the meeting. She asked, not criticized, that after one year, for change and it is not being done. If people are not going to learn and perform the job, to step down. She asked the supervisor to please step down if she is not going to listen to the changes and work to move the township forward.

The attorney was asked, after hearing all the comments, if the problem was the Supervisor, he deferred comment. He stated the problems were unsolved operational problems, and could be addressed with the help of consultants.

After presentation and discussion of the April 11, 2017 Annual Town Meeting minutes, a motion to approve was made by Mary Jones and seconded by John Norton. Vote taken by show of hands: 4-Yes, 5-No. Motion failed.

V. Reports

Annual Financial Statement from Supervisor

Concerns were presented regarding financial statement as presented. After extensive discussion and representations from the Ancel-Glink attorney Stuart Diamond and advisor Bob Porter, a motion was made to approve the Annual Financial Statement as presented by Mr. Spinale, and seconded by Mr. Norton. Vote by show of hands was 2-Yes, 13-No. Motion failed.

Highway Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Parsley reported on potential surplus items to be considered. No actions were taken at this time.

VI. New Business

For Action: Transfer of Surplus General Assistance Funds.

Attorney Diamond, representing Supervisor Quigley, explained the process for declaring surplus funds.

Discussion ensued regarding amounts and methods of distributing to eligible town people. Advisor Bob Porter explained provisions and tax rate/levy impacts.

No action was taken.

VII. Old Business

None.

VIII. Public Comment – extensive elector discussion regarding finances, affairs and condition of Township roads.

IX. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_. All in favor.