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The regular monthly meeting of the highway commissioners of the State of Illinois, County of St. Clair, and Township of Prairie Du Long was held in the office of the town clerk at the Prairie Du Long Township Office Building on March 12, 2024 at 7:30 P.M.

Supervisor Mike Karban called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

Mike Karban, Township Supervisor, presided over the meeting. Trustees John Kaiser, Kyle Row, Dean Skaer, Tim Lubenkov, Road Commissioner Gilbert Birkner and Township Clerk Dana Mehrmann were present.

Supervisor Karban asked the Clerk to read the minutes from the previous meeting. Mr. Karban asked for questions or comments regarding the minutes. Tim Lubenkov motioned to accept the minutes as read. Kyle Row seconded the motion. Motion PASSED.

Four (4) guests attended the meeting.

The bills against the Township were presented by the Supervisor, reviewed by the trustees and paid.

The bills against the Road District prepared by the Road Commissioner were presented by the Supervisor, discussed and paid.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- Supervisor Karban reminded that the Economic Statement of Interest is due my May 1, 2024.
- Mike rec'd an estimate from Srogus Construction for windows replacement as well as 2 external doors, \$6,180. Tim asked we could inquire about push bar exits for emergency purposes. John Kaiser made a motion to approve to approve with the project as long as it does not exceed \$10,000 to replace the windows, two doors and one downspout. Motion PASSED.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

- Commissioner Birkner reported that the signs that were order for Knab Road have not come in yet.
- The road crews have been sweeping up road chips over the past month.
- The Commissioner did receive a request to attend the upcoming Smithton meeting to discuss a plan for White Oak Drive.
- Mr. Birkner entered into a purchase agreement with Bob Ridings Ford in Taylorville for a 2023 white F550 (19,000 pound). He originally estimated \$71,000 for the vehicle and the cost for the vehicle landed at \$63,923 which includes a snow plow mounted but no bed. The bed will be purchased through Equipment Service in Millstadt for a cost of \$42,750. It will have a hydraulic pump built onto the motor, warning lights, hitch and salt spreader. The build out will be about 16-20 weeks.
- Supervisor Karban reached out the local banks for loan rates for the purchase to avoid tying up majority of the Road funds. Citizens Community Bank had the best rate for a three year note at 4.5% that can be paid monthly, quarterly, or annually. After discussion, it was agreed to move forward with Citizens Community Bank for a three-year loan covering the total cost of \$106,673.00 to be paid annually at 4.5% for the 2023 F550 purchase from Bob Ridings Ford in Taylorville and the bed additions from Equipment Service in Millstadt.

CLERK'S REPORT

- None

OTHER REPORTS

Unfinished Business:

- None

Under new business:

- None

Public Comment:

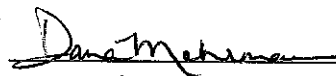
- Mike Tullock expressed his support for the upcoming improvements to the building and consideration of how to proceed with the bridge on Knab Rd to make it safer. He also inquired about TWM's rate and what it covers. Gilbert confirmed that they are onsite, ensuring roads are prepped correctly, test the material, etc.

There being no other business to be conducted a motion to adjourn was made by Tim Lubenkov. John Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,
Dana Mehrmann, Township Clerk



Mike Karban, Supervisor



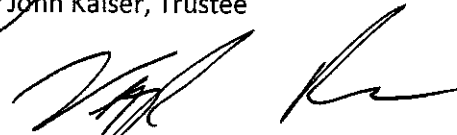
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