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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 July 11, 2023 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, 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. Dean Skaer seconded the motion. Motion PASSED.

Five (5) guests attended the meeting Doug Hynes, Steve Lippert, Kathy Tullock, Mark Tullock, and Mike Tullock.

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

- The township received the first tax distribution (of seven) on July 7. The Town received \$8,137.20 and the Road District received \$30,007.01.
- Mr. Karban received word that the Grange will be meeting the first Friday of each month.
- John Kaiser inquired about meals on wheels programs in our area that may be available to our jurisdiction. Mike stated that it would be worth looking into in respect to our general assistance funds. John will reach out to Stan Jarvis to get more information.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

- Hanks called Commissioner Birkner back about the culvert that has a hole in it off of White Oak Dr. They proposed putting in a 12" liner (171 feet) for the amount \$25,880.00 (which falls under the newly approved \$30,000 bid limit).
- Gilbert stated that the work on Blacksmith Shop Road is finished. The total bill was a little less than \$40,000 over 2 years and he plans to start on Knab next.
- Concrete work has begun on Live Oak. We are supplying the truck and materials.
- The winning bid was \$131,000 for Live Oak submitted by Rooters out of the Germantown area. The next closest bid was about \$136,000.

CLERK'S REPORT

- The Township's annual audit is in progress and should be finished up this week.

OTHER REPORTS

Unfinished Business:

- Township website will proceed as prairiedulongtp.il.gov and Doug Hynes agreed to be the technician.
- The second Decennial Committee meeting convened. Topics covered were as follows:
 - List of compliance and codes that we abide by.
 - Areas the township excels in include major storm clean up assistance, asphaltting, replacing culverts, oil and chipping, widening the roads, etc.
 - Budget/Levy Freezes – increased the levy slightly to accommodate new residents
 - New Programs being explored - currently Meals on Wheels.
 - Efficiencies – building improvements, lights, and energy efficiency program. Looking at blacktopping the parking lot.
 - Improvements that are being explored – new website, more transparency, monthly recycling, and annual hazardous waste drop-off.
 - The next meeting is scheduled to convene on September 12, 2023

Under new business:

Public Comment:

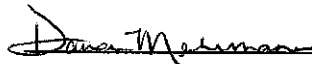
- Doug Hynes inquired if the township would assist during large storms with tree and limb removal. Currently, it is considered an in-kind service at the discretion of the Road Commissioner, typically done after large storms with significant damage (over a week's time) as long as it is brought to the curb. Tim Lubenkov suggested having some policy as to when we collect storm debris as well as looking into where to take the debris.
- Mike Tullock inquired about the timeline for repaving on Live Oak. Gilbert said his expectation was to be completed by the end of September. Concrete patchwork will be starting at the locations most needed (approx. \$60,000 worth).
- Mr. Tullock also extended Wildwood's appreciation for assistance with the storm clean up and the expediated service that was provided to the residents.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Dana Mehrmann, Township Clerk



Mike Karban, Supervisor



Dana Mehrmann, Township Clerk

John Kaiser, Trustee



Tim Lubenkov, Trustee

Kyle Row, Trustee



Dean Skaer, Trustee