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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 September 12, 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, Tim Lubenkov, Kyle Row, Dean Skaer, 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. John Kaiser motioned to accept the minutes as read. Tim Lubenkov seconded the motion. Motion PASSED.

Five (5) guests attended the meeting Rachel and Eric Bias, Mark and Kathy Tullock, and Steve Lippert.

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 its third distributions on August 11, the Town received \$7,745.04 and the Road District received \$28,560.73. The fourth distributions were received on August 25. The Town received \$7,586.91 and the Road District received \$27,977.67.
- Moore completed the blacktop work at the original bid price of \$17,695.00 and the parking lot looks great.
- After the previous month's meeting Mr. Karban found that the men's toilet was leaking, as was as the check valve and the pressure switch. D & S Drilling was called out to service the repairs. When replacing the pressure switch and the gauge, they found a considerable amount of iron build up. The total cost of the repairs was \$507.54.
- After the most recent storms, Toirma noted to Mr. Karban that the township has an opportunity to join the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aide Network. Members are made up of neighboring villages and/or townships that have agreed to be available to assist other member(s) with aide if needed. If the township would like to join, Toirma will pay the first year's membership of \$100.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

- Live oak should be completed this week from the stop sign to the most recently laid blacktop.
- Six and a half miles (6 ½) of road was oiled in the second week of September using three tankers at three tenths (3/10). Commissioner Birkner anticipates covering the same amount next week which will be about the halfway mark for this year's road oiling endeavors.
- The tractor is currently being serviced at Nobbe's for the PTO.
- The new mower has been working out well and Gilbert has found that it doesn't throw the cuttings as wide.
- The culverts for Wildwood were ordered and arrived immediately. We were not given an exact install date but Gilbert expects it to be in the near future.

CLERK'S REPORT

- The approved audit was notarized and returned to Dale Guebert to file with the State. A copy has been sent to Mr. Hynes for the website and a copy has been filed with the County.

OTHER REPORTS

Unfinished Business:

- No more information was received in reference to the Meals on Wheels program.
- The township website is still in the pending approval process.
- Decennial Committee
 - The Supervisor distributed the completed report from the previous two meetings for the member's review.
 - Committees members accepted the few slight changes to the report discussed and Mr. Karban will note the changes and have the completed report ready to file with the County.
 - The Board extended its gratitude to the committee members for their time and service spent over the past few months.

Under new business

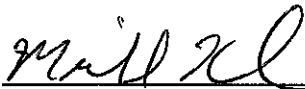
- John Kaiser reported that there is a meeting being held in regards to the Village of New Athens looking to conclude their EMS service due to the burden of cost which could affect the services currently available to Township residents. More information to follow.

Public Comment:

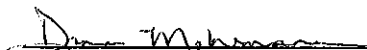
- Mr. Kaiser received a call from a Wildwood resident in regards to the residents parking on curb. They were looking for clarification if the road were deemed public access roads or public roads.
- Guest, Mr. Bias, stated that the HOA bylaws currently states that residents cannot park on the street. Gilbert explained that once the roads are finished upon development they are considered public road and that as long the cars are not parked on both sides and impeding traffic, there is not much that can be done.
- Mrs. Bias asked once the current blacktopping efforts are completed, will any attention be put towards the more dated concrete that needs patching and repair. Gilbert confirmed that once blacktopping is completed, we will begin bidding out concrete work needed in places such as the back end of Live Oak.

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

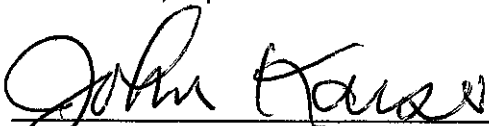
Respectfully submitted,
Dana Mehrmann, Township Clerk



Mike Karban, Supervisor



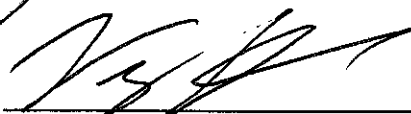
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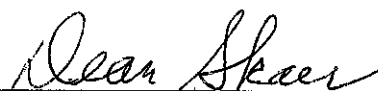
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