

MINUTES

433 E Washington Street, Round Lake Park, IL 60030 December 15, 2023 – 7:00pm

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Supervisor Michele Bauman.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Supervisor Bauman - Present

Trustee Kearby - Present Trustee Sloan - Present

Trustee Loffredo - Absent Trustee Repa - Present

Quorum Established

Also present was Clerk Larson

Public Comment

Tracy Repa noted her appreciation for how the Special Town Hall Meeting was conducted on Tuesday

Doug Kearney noted he was glad the circus is over and we can hopefully move forward. He noted a number of concerns related to FOIA, the tax levy process and expressed that he is in favor of dissolving townships entirely.

Reports

Supervisor Bauman presented an oral report about happenings at the township.

New Business

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes as Presented

A MOTION to amend the agenda to correct the date of the minutes.

Motion: Kearby Second: Repa

Supervisor Bauman - AYE

Trustee Kearby - AYE Trustee Sloan - AYE
Trustee Loffredo - Absent Trustee Repa - AYE



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Motion carries.

A MOTION to approve the November 12, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented.

Motion: Kearby Second: Repa

Supervisor Bauman - AYE

Trustee Kearby - AYE Trustee Sloan - Abstain
Trustee Loffredo - Absent Trustee Repa - AYE

Motion carries.

POINT OF INFORMATION

Trustee Loffredo arrived at 7:06pm.

B. Approval of Monthly Bills as Presented

A MOTION to approve the bills as presented.

Motion: Loffredo Second: Kearby

Supervisor Bauman - AYE

Trustee Kearby - AYE Trustee Sloan - Abstain
Trustee Loffredo - AYE Trustee Repa - AYE

Motion carries.

C. Presentation of the Manitou Creek Proclamation

Trustee Kearby introduced the item. She thanked Clerk Larson for bringing this item to the board and thanked the members of the Manitou Creek Committee for their efforts.

Supervisor Bauman read the Proclamation and presented copies to all members present.

Various committee members showed their appreciation for the proclamation.



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D. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2023 Tax Levy

Supervisor Bauman introduced the item.

Trustee Kearby noted the increase.

Trustee Repa supported the increase to GA based on the small dollar amount and need.

A MOTION to adopt the Tax Levy as presented.

Motion: Kearby Second: Repa

Clerk Larson asked if we needed an ordinance for this. Supervisor Bauman noted that we needed to pass this tonight and the attorney said it was ok.

Supervisor Bauman - AYE

Trustee Kearby - AYE Trustee Sloan - Abstain
Trustee Loffredo - AYE Trustee Repa - AYE

Motion carries.

Clerk Larson noted for the record that she would draft an ordinance along with the bookkeeper for filing.

E. Discussion and possible action to adopt the 2024 holiday schedule.

No significant changes from last year.

Motion: Loffredo Second: Kearby

Supervisor Bauman - AYE

Trustee Kearby - AYE Trustee Sloan - AYE
Trustee Loffredo - AYE Trustee Repa - AYE

Motion carries.

F. Discussion and possible action related to locks on the township doors.

Supervisor Bauman noted that the locks had been repaired and no replacement was necessary at this time.

No action was taken.



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G. Discussion and possible action to amend the sick leave policy to comply with the Paid Leave for All Workers Act

Supervisor Bauman introduced the item and noted that the update was required.

Trustee Kearby appreciated Anmarie's work on the item and moved to adopt the changes as presented.

Motion: Kearby Second: Repa

Trustee Repa noted that he would like to come back to this and develop a unified policy for the Town, Assessor and Highway Department.

Clerk Larson asked for clarification on the motion – was the motion to adopt the policy presented by the Assessor's office or the one for the Township. Trustee Kearby noted that the Assessor's version was being used for that department.

Supervisor Bauman - AYE

Trustee Kearby - AYE Trustee Sloan - AYE
Trustee Loffredo - AYE Trustee Repa - AYE

Motion carries.

H. Discussion and possible action on forklift repairs or replacements.

Supervisor Bauman introduced the item expressing the number of problems that have plagued the township as related to locks and doors. Assessor Brust and Trustee Kearby also expressed acknowledgement of the issues.

A MOTION authorizing the Supervisor to spend an amount not to exceed the budgeted allocation for repair or replacement of the existing forklift.

Motion: Kearby Second: Loffredo

Supervisor Bauman - AYE

Trustee Kearby - AYE Trustee Sloan - AYE
Trustee Loffredo - AYE Trustee Repa - AYE

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Executive Session

No executive session was held.

Public Comment

Barb Jersey asked when the budget process would start up. Clerk Larson noted that the budget should be completed by the end of February but the Township has until the end of May to complete the process. Supervisor Bauman noted she would like a presentation in March.

A member of the public asked if Avon would provide leaf collection now that the County has a leaf-burning ordinance. Supervisor Bauman noted that the contract with the scavenger company is up next year and this will be part of the discussion.

General discussion about the leaf burning, collection and composting ensued.

Adjournment

A MOTION to adjourn.

Motion: Bauman Second: Kearby

All in favor say aye. Opposed?

Motion carries by acclimation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.