

LITTLE ROCK TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Little Rock Township Building by Supervisor Marcia Newkirk.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

III. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken. Present were Supervisor Newkirk, Trustees Goehst, Dunsmoor and Miller. Also present were Road Commissioner, Dick Wade and Clerk Jo Ann Gryder. A quorum was noted to exist among the trustees.

IV. Welcome Guests and Public Comments

Guests present were Arlene Gould, Mike Gould, Renetta Mickelson, Nancy Griffing, Joe Wisniewski, and Nicole Diaz. Mrs. Gould asked the trustees to consider changing the cemetery rules to allow upright monuments in the newer sections of the cemetery. Discussion ensued and the topic will be added to the June agenda. Ms. Diaz informed the trustees that there are noise violations and other possible violations at a property on Little Rock Road which is within the township. It was noted that the township does not have jurisdiction over those type of violations.

V. Approval of Agenda

Trustee Goehst made a motion to approve the Agenda as printed; seconded by Supervisor Newkirk. All voted aye. Motion carried.

VI. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting, April 11, 2023

Supervisor Newkirk made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the Regular Meeting on April 11, 2023; seconded by Trustee Miller. All voted aye. Motion carried.

VII. Kendall County Sheriff's Report-none

VIII. Correspondence-none.

IX. Clerk's Report- The clerk shared an article from the Kendall County Record announcing the Little Rock Township Proclamation recognizing May as Motorcycle Awareness Month. She also circulated a copy of the Public Notice published announcing the June 21, 2023, Budget Hearing.

X. Trustee Comments-None

XI. Road Commissioner’s Report

Mowing and trimming continues. A culvert was installed on Griswold Springs Road. Several old signs have been replaced. Miller Road and Abe Street have been repaved. Report attached.

XII. Cemetery Report

Ongoing repair of old headstones continues. Maintaining the mowing equipment. Ongoing mowing, fertilizing and trimming of the grounds, The Road Commissioner questioned if the township should allow upright headstones. Report attached.

XIII. Assessor’s Report - None

XIV. Supervisor’s Report

Supervisor Newkirk accepted Trustee Rebecca Nelson’s resignation which was given at the Annual Town Meeting on April 11, 2023. The Supervisor reported that Little Rock Township still has one General Assistance (GA) continuing case as of this date. There was one request for a GA application which was sent out. The Supervisor also received a notice from the State of Illinois that there will be adjustments to the Replacement Tax formula. She also noted upcoming TOI events and encouraged elected officials to attend.

Supervisor Newkirk distributed copies of the proposed budget to the trustees to review prior to the June Budget Hearing and Meeting.

XV. Financial Reports

- A. Unpaid Bills. Supervisor Newkirk made a motion to make payment of unpaid bills totaling \$52,175.06. Second ed by Trustee Goehst. A roll call vote was taken with 4 Aye; 0 No. Motion Carried.
- B. Check Registers. Supervisor Newkirk prepared financial documents including a Monthly Ending Balances Sheet, Town and Road Profit & Loss vs Actual Reports, and a Transactions by Account Report. A copy of these reports was distributed and is attached.

XVI. Attorney’s Report

None.

XVII. Unfinished Business

A. Decennial Committee-The Committee shall consist of the Board of Trustees, the Supervisor and Little Rock Township citizens, Nicole Diaz and Nancy Griffing. Per the State of Illinois mandate, they are to meet 3 times within 18 months to review township efficiency and make a written report upon completion of their review.

B. Appointment of Trustee to Open Position

Three candidates for the open trustee position attended the meeting and introduced themselves to the Board. They are: Nicole Diaz, Nancy Griffing and Rennetta Mickelson. They each gave a short biography and why they want to serve on the board.

XVIII. New Business-none

XIX. Executive Session per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3)

Meetings to consider the appointment of a person to fill a public office or vacancy in a public office where the body has the appointing authority.

Supervisor Newkirk; seconded by Trustee Goehst, moved to go into Executive Session. Roll call vote: Newkirk, Goehst, Dunsmoor, Miller each vote Aye; no Nays. Motion carried.

Executive Session was held.

Supervisor Newkirk; seconded by Trustee Miller, moved to come out of Executive Session and return to the open meeting. Roll call vote: Newkirk, Goehst, Dunsmoor, Miller each vote Aye; no Nays. Motion carried.

Return to open meeting.

XX. Reconvened Unfinished Business- Appointment of Trustee to Open Position

Supervisor Newkirk; seconded by Trustee Goehst, moved to appoint Rennetta Mickelson to the open Little Rock Trustee position. Roll call vote: Newkirk, Goehst, Dunsmoor, Miller each vote Aye; no Nays. Motion carried. Trustee Mickelson will be sworn in as Trustee at the June 21st meeting.

XXI. Adjournment

Trustee Miller made the motion to adjourn; Trustee Goehst seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.