

LITTLE ROCK TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m immediately following the Budget Hearing. at the Little Rock Township Cemetery Building by Supervisor Marcia Newkirk.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present at both the Budget Hearing and the regular meeting.

III. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken. Present were Supervisor Newkirk, Trustees Goehst, Dunsmoor, Mickelson 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, Joe Wisniewski, and Herb Walton. Mr. Wisniewski agreed to be on the Decennial Committee having been asked previously to be a member.

V. Approval of Agenda

Supervisor Newkirk made a motion to approve the Agenda as revised moving XVIII. A. to following the Approval of Agenda.. Motion was seconded by Trustee Goehst. All voted aye. Motion carried.

XVIII. A. New Business-Cemetery Policy regarding upright grave monuments

Mrs. Gould presented a request to allow an upright gravestone on her recently deceased husband, Norris Gould’s gravesite. Trustee Miller moved, seconded by Trustee Mickelson, that a variance to the Cemetery Rules be granted for the Norris and Arlene Gould gravestone to be an upright one. They will consult with Road Commissioner Wade to ensure the monument is compatible with other upright monuments already situated in the cemetery, A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 5 Ayes; 0 Nays. The board is not changing the cemetery rules but will consider variance requests as they arise.

VI. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting, May 17, 2023

Trustee Goehst made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the Regular Meeting on May 17, 2023; seconded by Supervisor Newkirk. All voted aye. Motion carried.

VII. Kendall County Sheriff’s Report-none

VIII. Correspondence-none.

IX. Clerk's Report-None

X. Trustee Comments-None

XI. Road Commissioner's Report

Mowing and trimming continues. Repair jobs include repair of endoff roadways, repair of culvert on Creek Road by Jay Woods, repair the gear box on Ferri Mower and other maintenance issues. Report attached.

XII. Cemetery Report

Ongoing repair of old headstones continues. Maintaining the mowing equipment. Ongoing mowing and trimming of the grounds. An individual reimbursed the cemetery for repair costs of work done to their family headstone by Mike Wade.

XIII. Assessor's Report - None

XIV. Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Newkirk reported that Little Rock Township still has one General Assistance (GA) continuing case as of this date. There was one inquiry about GA but the individual does not qualify to receive it.

XV. Financial Reports

- A. Unpaid Bills. Supervisor Newkirk made a motion to make payment of unpaid bills totaling \$8,967.18. Seconded by Trustee Miller. A roll call vote was taken with 5 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. Joe Wisniewski shall also serve on the committee. 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.

XVIII. New Business

- A. Cemetery Policy regarding upright grave monuments-moved up on the Agenda
- B. Status of Sandy Bluff Cemetery-Road Commissioner Wade is investigating current ownership of Sandy Bluff Cemetery to provide information to the board regarding the possibility that Little Rock Township could take possession of it.

XIX. Adjournment

Supervisor Newkirk made the motion to adjourn; Trustee Mickelson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.