

MINUTES – TOWN MEETING

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
McHenry County, } ss.
Town of Nunda, }

At the Annual Town Meeting, held in said Town and County in the State of Illinois at Nunda Township on April 16, 2013, the meeting was called to order by Bridgett Provenzano, Town Clerk. The following official business was transacted:

The Annual Town Meeting of Nunda Township was called to order by Township Clerk Bridgett Provenzano at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Clerk Provenzano.

Motion by Dennis Jagla and second by Mark Daniel to waive the reading of the financial report. Copies of the report are available on the bulletin board at the back of the Hall.

All voted "Aye"; there were no "Nay" votes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Palmer and second by Jim Schlader to set the Moderator's salary at \$50 for the meeting.

All voted "Aye"; there were no "Nay" votes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jim Schlader, second by Mike Shorten to nominate Dave Gervais for Moderator. There were no other nominations. Motion by Ed Dvorak and second by Lee Jennings, to close the nominations.

All voted "Aye"; there were no "Nay" votes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Shorten and second by Jim Schlader to cast a unanimous ballot for Dave Gervais for Moderator of the meeting.

Most voted "Aye"; there was one "Nay" vote. Motion carried.

Dave Gervais was elected Moderator for the 2013 Town Meeting. The Clerk then administered the oath to Mr. Gervais.

The Moderator announced that only qualified legal residents (voters) would be recognized by the chair, and only such subjects can be considered that the Electors are empowered to regulate, direct or authorize by law.

The Moderator introduced the Township Officials who were present at the meeting, including Jim Schlader, Supervisor; Donald Kopsell, Highway Commissioner; Dennis Jagla, Assessor; Bridgett Provenzano, Town Clerk; and Trustees Lee Jennings, Tom Palmer, Mike Shorten and Joni Smith. He also introduced incoming elected officials Mike Lesperance, Ed Dvorak, Ed Gil, and Angela Koscavage.

Moderator Gervais asked Supervisor Schlader to make his remarks at this time.

Supervisor Schlader started off by presenting a certificate of appreciation to Don Kopsell and John Heisler for their years of service to the township. Heisler was not in attendance so Schlader accepted on his behalf. He went on to explain that when he was appointed as Supervisor Pro-tem, he put together a plan which included securing the Town buildings, looking over the financials, staffing, Trustee involvement, and building a better relationship between departments. He went on to explain what he had done to achieve these goals and said he had focused on General assistance, infrastructure, pointing out that he had the hall painted with the help of the Highway crew. He went on to mention the payroll system, and said he had contracted with ADP to save money and increase reliability. He then reviewed the financial report. He included the Town fund and Road funds.

Supervisor Schlader recognized the members of the Planning Commission and Cemetery Board not in attendance. He went on to introduce Pat Morris and Sue Condon of the Cemetery Board and asked Pat to give her report.

Pat Morris reported the following: “ The residents of Nunda Township own four cemeteries; Prairie Grove on Rte 176, McMillan on Rte 31, Holcombville on Crystal Springs Road and Ridgefield on South Ridgefield Road. The cemeteries are carefully maintained and are places of respect and dignity for those interred. The price of each plot is currently \$200 and that includes perpetual care. The price might increase slightly in the future, but it will still be far lower than other area cemeteries. We would like to thank Mr. Justen in McHenry. Although there is an area set aside for indigent burials, he has always purchased the plots for those unable to pay for funerals he has undertaken. In the last year there has been six burials and 5 plots purchased. There are more than 600 plots still available for purchase. The average tax levied for the cemetery fund is approximately less than \$1 per annum for each property owner. The town Supervisor’s office has flower cones that meet cemetery requirements. They are \$4 each, but bring a bottle of water as there is no water supply at any of the cemeteries. Finally sincere thanks to Leda and Jim. They entered uncharted territory and worked diligently as has the Cemetery Board, to establish new procedures and correct inherited omissions. Thank you Leda and Jim.”

Supervisor Schlader went on to announce that we will have a few openings on the planning commission as Ders Anderson is retiring, as is Lori McConville and John Anderson.

Moderator Gervais asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on April 11, 2012 and to accept as submitted.

Motion by Don Kopsell, seconded by Ed Dvorak.

All voted “Aye”; there were no “Nay” votes. Motion carried.

Motion by Don Kopsell and second by Jim Schlader to set the fiscal year for the Township from April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014.

All voted “Aye”; there were no “Nay” votes. Motion carried

Motion by Ed Dvorak and second by Mark Daniel to set the fiscal year for the Cemetery Fund from April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014.

All voted “Aye”; there were no “Nay” votes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dennis Jagla and seconded by Jim Schlader to hold the 2014 Annual Meeting on Tuesday April 8th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

All voted “Aye”; there were no “Nay” votes. Motion carried.

The following resolutions and items of business were presented by Moderator Gervais for approval:

Motion by Tom Palmer and second by Ed Dvorak to approve a RESOLUTION requesting the Highway Commissioner be granted authority to purchase and sell SAND/SALT to other units of government in Nunda Township.

All voted “Aye”; there were no “Nay” votes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lee Jennings and second by Jim Schlader, to approve granting the Nunda Township Board of Trustees authority to hire a Certified Public Accountant for fiscal year 2013-2014 to audit the Nunda Township Books.

All voted “Aye”; there were no “Nay” votes. Motion carried.

Moderator Gervais then asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the sale and disposal of surplus Road District equipment during the 2013-2014 fiscal years. Don Kopsell explained there was no need for this resolution as the State Law regarding this issue has changed. Ed Dvorak made a motion that they post the sales throughout the year, Ken Huntzinger seconded the motion.

All voted “Aye”; there were no “Nay” votes. Motion carried.

Moderator Gervais then reminded the crowd that all financial reports for all Township funds have been posted on the bulletin board at the entrance to the hall and are also available online. He then asked if there was any other business to be brought before this meeting.

Ed Dvorak recommended that the Supervisor's office consider changing their hours of operation staying open past 3:30 to enable the public access to the office. He said he had received calls from residents not able to get there by 3:30. Tony Pintozzi added this might be a good idea for the Assessor's office also.

Kathy Kirchoff suggested maybe doing two or three days a week with the extended hours.

Lori Dimoto expressed a concern about the township portion of Smith Road under construction. She was concerned with the increase in traffic that safety issues may result and wondered what could be done. Highway Commissioner Kopsell explained to her he could contact the County Highway Department to address her concerns.

Tony Pintozzi requested we leave some issues for the new board to decide.

Rob Parrish suggested we move public comment at the monthly meetings higher up on the Agenda instead of at the end of the meeting.

Mike Lesperance thanked Don Kopsell for welcoming him into the office and creating a smooth transition for him to take over in May. He found it both humbling and appreciated.

There being no other business to be brought before this meeting, a motion was made by Ed Dvorak, second by Mark Daniel to adjourn the meeting.

All voted "Aye"; there were no "Nay" votes. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridgett Provenzano, Town Clerk

Dave Gervais, Moderator