

REED TOWNSHIP

440 N DIVISION STREET, BRAIDWOOD, IL 60408

August 28, 2024, Meeting Minutes

The Reed Township Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Sherrill Knorr at 4:33 pm.

The Pledge was said by all.

Those present at roll call were Trustee Scott Favero, Trustee Pam Tessler, Trustee Adam Beaty, Trustee Ken Corbin and Supervisor Sherrill Knorr. Also present were Commissioner John Dixon, Township Clerk Tom Nahas, Deputy Clerk Debra Lavicka and the Township Attorney.

Minutes Approval:

A motion to approve the July minutes was made by Trustee Favero; seconded by Trustee Tessler. It was noted by Trustee Beaty that there was an error on last month, where he was absent, and it was logged that he had seconded a motion for the Treasurers report and that should have been Trustee Favero. He made a motion to amend the previous minutes to reflect this correction. No further discussion; roll call vote: all in favor, motion carried. Now, regarding the original motion to accept the minutes for July; roll call vote: all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report was presented.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report (Account balances for June) was made by Trustee Tessler; seconded by Trustee Corbin. No further discussion; vote: all in favor, motion carried.

Town & General Bills:

A motion to approve the bills for Town and General was made by Trustee Tessler and seconded by Trustee Favero. No further discussion, roll call vote: all in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Report:

- Went to a meeting on how they are changing things at Lorenzo Rd. and 129 and it looks to me a mess! The first phase is done and 24-36 months out before completion.

Highway:

- Cmsr Dixon stated that they have been mowing and almost all taken care of.
- The mower broke down (PTO seal went out) and Sistek picked it up and had it back by 2:00 pm.
- The other mower broke a hose on the boom mower, got that fixed and should be good now.

The highway bills were presented.

Trustee Tessler brought up questions regarding the Ace Hardware bills. Items were found on the bills that were not consistent with items that would be needed for Township functions that were charged to the account by an employee. Commissioner Dixon stated that he would take care of it as he was unaware of it till just now. Trustee Tessler stated that she knows we have to pay the bills but questioned exactly how we need to proceed. Supv Knorr stated that we will hold off on paying that bill until we can get the employee that made these purchases to write a check to pay for these items.

A lengthy discussion ensued, and the road commissioner will get it all taken care of.

A motion was made by Supervisor Knorr to approve the Highway Commissioners report and pay the bills subject to the subtraction of the personal items purchased by the employee and collecting the funds from the party responsible for these purchases and seconded by Trustee Tessler.

Further discussion ensued and the question of terminating the employee was raised by Trustees Beaty and Tessler regarding these ongoing improper charges being made; since the Board has no control over the Highway Department, Cmsr Dixon assured them that the problem will be handled. Trustee Beaty then expressed his concern over this situation and understands that terminating this employee is not desirable, but he stated that he “can’t approve having an employee like that still working for the Township, I’m heavily against that!”. Cmsr Dixon reiterated that he would take care of the problem “tomorrow”. *Followed by more discussion* regarding the approval of other bills for the department. Trustee Beaty also stated that he wanted this in the record, that he believes it should be a policy that all fuel purchased for Township vehicles should be purchased in our city. Cmsr Dixon again assured the Board that he was going to take care of everything.

Finally, there was no further discussion, and a roll call vote was taken to approve paying the highway dept bills; the motion was carried with all in favor.

Assessor report: Been with us a month now and the first order of business was identifying properties that were not on the tax rolls. Went over records from county and found over 785 properties that were listed as vacant property. Then took that list and cross checked it with the aerial photos and found that the majority of them had some type of structure on them. We have new properties being built that are getting put on the rolls now. Worked with several residents that didn't have their senior exemption or freezes and several homestead exemptions set up. Also, working on getting the files organized and back in order.

Clerk report: None

Trustee report: None

Executive session: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Public Comment: None

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Corbin and seconded by Trustee Beaty. A vote was taken; the motion was carried with all in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 5:08 pm.

The next Meeting will be held on ***Wednesday**, October 30, 2024, at 4:30pm.

 *9/24/2024

Thomas Nahas,
Reed Township Clerk