

Wilton Township

Annual Town Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2022

Township Clerk, Jody Thatcher, called the meeting to order at 7:00PM, beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ray Nugent moved to nominate Jerry Kinsella as moderator. Gynith Borden seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried. Clerk Jody Thatcher swore in Jerry Kinsella as Moderator.

Clerk, Jody Thatcher read the minutes of the 2021 Annual Town Meeting. Steve Quigley moved to approve the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Minutes as presented. Ray Nugent seconded the motion. All in favor with Aye, motion carried. 2021 Annual Town Meeting Minutes Approved.

Moderator Jerry Kinsella asked for the Annual Treasurer's report. Township Supervisor Gynith Borden reported all accounts are available for review. All accounts are being audited and are in good standing.

The reports include the Town Account, Road and Bridge. Future Office Fund, General Assistance, Bridge Aid, Cemetery and Community Building. The reports were on display and available for examination for the duration of the meeting.

Supervisor Report:

Gynith Borden reported there is an excess of 22K of funds available in the Township account. Also, tax money will start coming in in May. There are several donations the Townships have made in the past including \$1,500 to Helping Hands of Peotone and \$500 to the Peotone Scholarship Foundation. She stated to have the Community Building Loan paid off at the end of the term to avoid a balloon payment, \$5,500 should be transferred as a principal payment yearly. Gynith stated there are two loans for the community building now with separate payments monthly of \$287.65 and \$517.61. Gynith reported the multi-township assessor responsibilities will no longer be handled by Will County. Mary Tomaz from Crete Township will be handling the responsibilities for \$10,000.00 per year. She has knowledge of the County program; she will be starting to visit properties.

Road Commissioner Report:

Ray reported there has been some road deterioration and crack issues. To hire someone would be too expensive. He has investigated grants and ways to put money towards repairs but the grants available require a current bridge tax to be in place before being able to apply and with the roads needing work, there is no extra money. He stated there is still a wooden bridge in the township that is not safe, school buses travel across our bridges and they are not safe. Ray was happy to report, there were enough votes to be able to place the bridge tax question on the ballot for the upcoming election. Ray stated he is aware no one wants their taxes to be raised, neither does he, but this is a necessity. He recalled a bridge collapsing in the past in the township and it was more work and money than if it would have just been maintained. Ray stated he will be putting up jersey barricades on the bridge by the old school and he knows people will not be happy about it, but it is for safety reasons. Some of our bridges are over 100 years old and those who live on hard roads are not affected by these bridges but need to realize it is a real safety concern to a large portion of the township.

Planning Commission:**Community Building Report:**

Carmen reported the floor is done. There are currently two loans to pay off for the community building. Future work that needs to be done is the fiberglass laminate on one of the windows needing to be replaced, which Steve Hoen replaced the windowsills in the past that were rotted out from being left open at no charge to the township so she would like to give him the work. The community building has a good cleaning person who they are happy with. There are rentals on the books, but they need picking up more.

Cemetery Report:

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Old Business:**New Business:**

Steve Quigley made a motion to donate \$1,500 from the Township Fund to Helping Hands in Peotone, Michael McKinney seconded the motion. All in favor with Aye, no Nay, motion carried.

Kelly Farmer made a motion to donate \$500 from the Township Fund to Peotone High School Senior Scholarship, Alan Christiansen seconded the motion. All in favor with Aye, no Nay, motion carried.

Gynith Borden made a motion to transfer \$5,500 of surplus funds from the Township Fund to the Community Building account directly paid to the loan, Steve Quigley seconded the motion. All in favor with Aye, no Nay, motion carried.

Gynith Borden made a motion to transfer \$10,000.00 of surplus funds from the Township Fund to the Community Building account, Steve Quigley seconded the motion. All in favor with Aye, no Nay, motion carried.

Ray Nugent made a motion to transfer \$2,250.00 of surplus funds from the Township Fund to the Cemetery account, Steve Quigley seconded the motion. All in favor with Aye, no Nay, motion carried.

Alan Christiansen made a motion to transfer \$2,250.00 of surplus funds from the Township Fund to the Community Building account, Ray Nugent seconded the motion. All in favor with Aye, no Nay, motion carried.

Public Forum:

Adjournment

Ray Nugent moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 PM, Gynith Borden seconded the motion, 2022 Annual Town Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jody M. Thatcher

Wilton Township Clerk