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EDWARDSVILLE TOWNSHIP APPOINTS DANNY PICARELLA AS HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

Edwardsville, IL — June 25, 2014.....At the Edwardsville Township Board of Trustees meeting held on June 24, 2014, Glen Carbon resident and former Edwardsville Township Trustee Danny Picarella was appointed to fill the vacancy in the office of Highway Commissioner. The former Highway Commissioner, Hal Henschen, retired after serving the Township Road and Bridge District for 39 years.

"Danny brings with him over 30 years of experience between working for the Village of Glen Carbon Street and Water departments, serving 12 of those years as a laborer for the Edwardsville Township Road and Bridge District," said Frank Miles, Edwardsville Township Supervisor. "We think he is very well qualified for the job."

Picarella will remain employed at the Village of Glen Carbon and will serve as a part-time Highway Commissioner. He will reduce his salary as Highway Commissioner and will not take IMRF or health insurance benefits, resulting in a significant tax savings to the Township taxpayers.

"With the retirement of Hal the opportunity presented itself to reevaluate and modernize the Road and Bridge District. The miles of roads the Road and Bridge district maintains has been reduced to about 15 miles because of annexations into the City and the Village. Most Highway Commissioners serve their Townships in a part-time capacity, so this decision brings our Township in line with Road and Bridge Districts as they are today," said Picarella. "But the Township is more than roads to me. My first job was working at the Township Park and then I spent 12 years as a laborer for the Road and Bridge District. I have served as a Trustee on the Board for 13 years, being elected by residents four times."

The Township Supervisor and Township Clerk positions were similarly reduced to part-time positions in 2013. The salaries of these two positions were reduced and neither elected officials participate in IMRF or receive health insurance benefits.

Edwardsville Township is comprised of the City of Edwardsville, Village of Glen Carbon and unincorporated areas just outside of these two municipalities. The Township Supervisor's office is located at 300 West Park in Edwardsville and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday and Friday and from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

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