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### **EDWARDSVILLE TOWNSHIP APPROVES FINANCIAL POLICIES, APPOINTS A NEW TRUSTEE AND ANNOUNCES LOGO CONTEST WITH EHS**

**Edwardsville, Illinois – March 26, 2014.** At their monthly meeting held on March 25, 2014, the Edwardsville Township Board of Trustees approved a set of new financial policies for the management of township funds. The Board also accepted the resignation of Township Trustee Erika Kennett and appointed former Township Trustee Randy Williamson to the Board to fill the vacancy. Supervisor Miles also announced a partnership with EHS to help create a township logo.

The new financial policies, which were adopted, include a financial reserve policy, a capital asset policy, an investment policy, and a credit card use and access policy. Edwardsville Township Supervisor Frank Miles said, “the Financial Services Committee I appointed last year worked diligently to prepare these policies that both comply with Illinois Statutes and provide best practice procedures for our Township. These newly approved policies continue a process I initiated when I took office last May to modernize township government,” said Supervisor Miles. “These policies are all also recommended by the Township Officials of Illinois.”

New Edwardsville Township Trustee, Randy Williamson, who served on the Financial Services Committee, along with Bob Parker, CFO of the Bank of Edwardsville, Adam Hughes of Reliance Bank, Elizabeth Heil of Scheffel Financial, and Tim Cadagin of Cadagin Prosser Investments, noted at the Township Board meeting that the policies were not a reaction to any financial misconduct or negative audit findings. “These policies and procedures are more of a road map, giving direction and clarity to the Board and staff of the Township and providing checks and balances to ensure we are good stewards of the Township resident’s tax dollars,” Williamson said. The Board unanimously approved the adoption of the policies.

In other business, the Township Board accepted the resignation of Trustee Erika Kennett, who recently moved to Collinsville, and appointed former Township Trustee Randy Williamson to fill the vacancy.

Township Supervisor Miles said, “Erika will be greatly missed on the Board. Her expertise in personnel and administrative matters contributed greatly to improving our office management and other systems. We wish her the very best in the future.”

Miles said, “Randy Williamson is a perfect fit for the open position after having previously served on the Board for seven years. He possesses a BSBA and an MBA from Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville and has a Commercial Lending Degree from the Illinois Banker’s Association. Randy’s work history includes 16 years in the banking industry, with 12 of those years serving as Vice President of a commercial lending unit where he helped business owners with their financing and cash management needs.”

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Miles also said, "Randy is also a private business owner working with his wife Karen in a business venture called Parent/Teacher Tools, where they provide educational products to area teachers, school districts, daycare facilities and parents. Randy also has a farming operation and has been involved in various civic organizations and has served as past President of the Edwardsville Jaycees, an organization that made many improvements and contributions to benefit the residents of Edwardsville and Glen Carbon. He is a lifelong resident of Edwardsville Township and lives in Edwardsville with his wife Karen and daughter Kaylynn."

Miles was contacted by one other individual interested in the position who had great credentials, but recommended Williamson because of his experience in finance and business administration, which will be beneficial to the Board. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved his appointment to fill out the term of Trustee Kennett.

In other action, the Board approved the agenda for the Annual Town Meeting, which will be held Tuesday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hays Mallory Community Building, located at 216 Crane Street, in Edwardsville. All registered voters of the Township are invited to attend.

Supervisor Miles also announced the Township's partnership with Edwardsville High School (EHS) for an Edwardsville Township Logo Design Contest. According to Miles, "EHS Students are invited to create a logo that best represents the function of Edwardsville Township and the geographic area served by the Township. I have asked a panel of local design professionals - Steve Hartman, Creative Director at Falk Harrison; Carolyn Green, President of C. Green & Associates; and Jan Carpenter, Principal and Art Director at Cork Tree Creative – to help us select the winning design."

The competition is open to students, clubs, and organizations at Edwardsville High School. The designer of the winning logo will receive a cash prize. "I want to thank Dr. Hightower, his team and the leadership team at EHS for helping make this a reality. The logo will help us develop an identity and a brand that will move the township forward," Miles said.

**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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