

## Edwardsville Township Meeting Minutes

7 p.m. Wednesday, November 18, 2020

### Virtual Meeting

Approved – December 16, 2020

The meeting of the Edwardsville Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Schulte at 7:00 p.m. at the Edwardsville Township Office, 300 West Park Street Edwardsville, Illinois. The meeting was held virtually due to the pandemic, with Supervisor Schulte and Administrator Behrhorst managing the meeting from the office. Present were Supervisor Schulte, Trustees Chapman, Duame, Hall and Schmidt, Highway Commissioner Picarella, Deputy Tax Assessor Jennifer Hegel and Clerk Schwind.

Highway Commissioner Picarella led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA: **Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, including the minutes from the October 28, 2020 meeting; the authorization of expenditures from October 17 – November 6, 2020, and a list of bills for approval** made by Trustee Duame, seconded by Trustee Schmidt. Motion Passed. Voting “Yes”—Trustees Chapman, Schmidt, Duame and Supervisor Schulte. Voting “No” – Trustee Hall

CORRESPONDENCE: The Madison County Circuit Clerk Fine’s Report for October 2020 was distributed. There were no fines collected for Edwardsville Township

Notice was distributed to the board of a Madison County Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing held Tuesday, November 24, 2020. There were no Edwardsville Township properties reviewed during the hearing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

ACTION ITEMS: **Motion to Pass Resolution No. 2020-R20 Estimating Taxes to Be Levied (Town)** was made by Trustee Duame, seconded by Supervisor Schulte. Motion was amended by Trustee Hall, seconded by Trustee Chapman, to reduce the estimated taxes to be levied to base it on a 3-percent increase from the current year’s Equalized Assessed Value (EAV.) Motion failed. Voting “Yes” – Trustee Hall. Voting “No” – Trustees Chapman, Schmidt, Duame and Supervisor Schulte. Original motion passed. Voting “Yes” – Trustees Chapman, Schmidt, Duame and Supervisor Schulte. Voting “No” – Trustee Hall.

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**Motion to Pass Resolution No. 2020-R04 Estimating Taxes to Be Levied (Road)** was made by Trustee Duame, seconded by Trustee Schmidt. Motion passed. Voting “Yes” – Trustees Chapman, Schmidt, Hall, Duame and Supervisor Schulte.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

**SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:** Supervisor Schulte reported there has been no news on the status of the Rebuild Illinois Shovel Ready grant application the Township administrator submitted in early June. Originally, entities that applied for Shovel Ready grants were told award would be issued the last week in October or the first week in November. Administrator Behrhorst contacted the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the awarding agency, the first week in November and was told the grant applications still are under review.

Supervisor Schulte advised the board the state’s mandatory Sexual Harassment Prevention Training must be completed and certifications are due to the state by December 31, 2020. He added elected officials are to provide their certificate of completion to the administrator as soon as possible to ensure compliance. He directed any questions to Administrator Behrhorst.

Due to the latest direction provided by Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker in response to the pandemic, Supervisor Schulte reported the Town Hall was closed to the public Monday, December 16 until further notice. The Supervisor’s and Assessor’s staff remain fully staffed with established precautions still in place to ensure pre-workday screening and proper social distancing. Staff members are assisting constituents by phone, email and mail. The Township has reverted to practices that were put in place when the first stay-at-home order was issued.

On Monday, November 23, 2020, Edwardsville Township will deliver 20 Thanksgiving baskets to area schools for families in need. Supervisor Schulte noted this is something the Township has done every year for several years. Families are chosen by nurses within Edwardsville Community Unit School District 7. Each basket includes a mix of nonperishable food items to prepare a traditional holiday meal for 4-6 people, and a \$20 gift card for the purchase of turkey or ham.

Supervisor Schulte reported the Supervisor’s staff will be decorating a tree for placement in front of the Town Hall in response to a contest being held by the Crocker Neighborhood Gardens Association.

Supervisor Schulte also provided the quarterly investment update to the board.

**HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS:** Highway Commissioner Picarella reported Thouvenot, Wade and Moerchen, Inc. (TWM) of Edwardsville has begun work on Frisby Road in the Township. The Highway Commissioner also reported the 2021 levy request which will determine the tax rate for collection on 2020 property tax bills, will remain flat.

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TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR COMMENTS: Deputy Assessor Hegel had no report to the board this month.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the board, motion was made by Trustee Duame, Seconded by Hall, adjourned at 7:30 PM.

The next meeting of the Edwardsville Township board will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at the Glen Carbon Village Hall, 151 N. Main St., Glen Carbon, Illinois.

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TOWN CLERK