

Edwardsville Township Meeting Minutes

7 p.m., Wednesday, February 24, 2021

Virtual and In-Person Meeting

Approved March 24, 2021

The meeting of the Edwardsville Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Schulte at 7:15 p.m. at the Glen Carbon Village Hall, Glen Carbon, 151 N. Main St., Illinois. Present were Supervisor Schulte, Highway Commissioner Picarella, Trustee Duame, Clerk Schwind. Trustees Chapman, Schmidt, Hall, Tax Assessor Judy Klopmeier, and Deputy Tax Assessor Jennifer Hegel were present remotely.

Trustee Schmidt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS: Sara Berkbigler, Executive Director, Main Street Community Center, offered a report on her agency's use of a donation provided by Edwardsville Township during the last fiscal year. The majority of those funds were directed toward Main Street's response to COVID-19. Ms. Berkbigler asked the board for a \$20,000 donation from the current fiscal year's budget to help the nonprofit continue responding to increased community need.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA: **Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, including the minutes from the January 27, 2021; the authorization of expenditures from January 16– February 2021, and a list of bills for approval** made by Trustee Duame, seconded by Trustee Hall. Motion Passed. Voting "Yes"—Trustees Chapman, Hall, Schmidt, Duame and Supervisor Schulte.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Madison County Circuit Clerk Fine's Report for January 2021 was distributed. No fines were collected for Edwardsville Township.

Notice was distributed to the board of a Madison County Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing to be held Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Regarding the Facilities Planning Committee, no meeting was held, but Committee Chairman Chapman asked Administrator Behrhorst for an update on the status of two pending state grant applications for the Town Hall building renovation and expansion project. Administrator Behrhorst reported there was no status update provided by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Chairman Chapman indicated a meeting of the committee will be scheduled within the next two weeks.

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ACTION ITEMS: Motion to Approve FY 2021–22 Budget and Appropriations for Edwardsville Township for Posting Purposes Only made by Trustee Chapman, seconded by Trustee Schmidt. Motion passed. Voting “Yes” – Trustees Chapman, Hall, Schmidt, Duame, and Supervisor Schulte.

Motion to Approve FY 2021–22 Budget and Appropriations for Edwardsville Township Road and Bridge for Posting Purposes Only made by Trustee Duame, seconded by Trustee Hall. Motion passed. Voting “Yes” – Trustees Chapman, Hall, Schmidt, Duame, and Supervisor Schulte.

Motion to Pass Resolution No. 2021-R04 Service Contract with Main Street Community Center made by Trustee Hall, seconded by Trustee Schmidt. Motion passed. Voting “Yes” – Trustees Chapman, Hall, Schmidt, and Supervisor Schulte. Trustee Duame abstained.

Motion to Pass Resolution No. 2021-R05 Committing Funds for Accrued Time made by Trustee Chapman seconded by Trustee Hall. Motion passed. Voting “Yes” – Trustees Chapman, Hall, Schmidt, Duame, and Supervisor Schulte.

Resolution No. 2021-R06 Purchase Cooperative Agreement made by Trustee Duame seconded by Trustee Schmidt. Motion passed. Voting “Yes” – Trustees Chapman, Hall, Schmidt, Duame, and Supervisor Schulte.

Resolution No. 2021-R06 Service Agreement with McConnell & Associates made by Trustee Schmidt seconded by Trustee Duame. Motion passed. Voting “Yes” – Trustees Chapman, Hall, Schmidt, Duame, and Supervisor Schulte.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS: Supervisor Schulte reported no additional information has been received concerning the Township’s two outstanding grant applications; nor have we been given a timeline from the state as to when the grants might be awarded.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Supervisor Schulte noted Madison County has received a \$7.8 million federal rental assistance grant. He noted the grant will pay delinquent rents to landlords to assist tenants in avoiding eviction. Households earning less than 80 percent of Madison County’s median annual income will be eligible for assistance. The Township Supervisor’s office staff will begin processing applications the week of March 1, 2021.

Supervisor Schulte reported due to the pandemic, Main Street Community Center was unable to use \$5,000 of the funds it was given last year for sponsorship of the Dine and Discover program. This program was suspended in 2020. Instead, the Center will use that money for nutrition programs and volunteer coordination for pandemic response.

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HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: Highway Commissioner Picarella reported crews have been busy with snow removal during the month of February and have dealt with some equipment breakdowns as a result of weather conditions.

TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR COMMENTS: There was no report from the Assessor for the month.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The semi-annual review of closed-session minutes was postponed due to the pandemic. The review will be held when an in-person meeting can take place.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the board, motion was made by Trustee Chapman, seconded by Trustee Schmidt, adjourned at 8:06 PM.

The next meeting of the Edwardsville Township board will take place at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at the Glen Carbon Village Hall, 151 N. Main St., Glen Carbon, Illinois.

ATTEST
TOWN CLERK

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Sandi Hill", is written over the printed name of the Town Clerk.