

1. 2. 3. The rescheduled Board Meeting of February 9, 2016 was called to order on February 10, 2016 by Supervisor Kuper at 7:34 p.m. at the Community Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Clerk Johansen called the roll with Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Vandiver, Murphy, and Miller present. Trustee Stutesman was absent.

4. Reports:

Highway Commissioner – Sam Gallucci: Commissioner Gallucci's report stated the District mixed salt with geo-melt to make brine for future use in tanks and trucks for treatment of roadways with brine; the road crew snowplowed and salted roadways on 01/10, 01/11, 01/12, and 01/20 throughout Campton Township, the Village of Campton Hills, and Campton Hills in Plato Township due to drifting snow. The Road District contracted with the Village of Lily Lake and the Village of Virgil for cold patching of pot holes. The District cut and chipped snow storm damage (trees and brush) throughout Campton Township and the Village of Campton Hills; repaired damaged mailboxes and posts throughout the Township and Village; repaired lawns damaged by snowplowing throughout the Township and Village; swept all intersections in the Township and Village; assessed roadways for drainage problems and pot holes; repaired pot holes with cold patch throughout the Township and Village; checked for culvert permits throughout the Township and Village; and checked all stop signs on a weekly basis in the Township and Village and replaced damaged or missing ones. The District conducted an evaluation of roadways for GSB88 slurry and overlay road projects to be performed in 2016, and applied shoulder gravel on the west side of Beith Road. Ongoing maintenance on Township vehicles and equipment was performed in-house by Highway District staff. J. Miller stated residents have come up to him and said Campton Township roads are excellently maintained. You can tell when you get to Campton Township.

Assessor – Alan D. Rottmann: Assessor Rottmann stated we are getting to the end of the 2015 sales and are wrapping up the 2015 quadrennial reassessment. We are seeing an uptick in home building in the 600K to 1 million range. The County believes we will get a multiplier of 1.0 from the State of Illinois.

Solid Waste District – President Jack Berry: No report.

Financial Report – Louise McKay: Finance Director McKay stated:

- The remaining available funds in the 2005A PMA money market account was invested by PMA in a \$127,000 Goldman Sachs Bank Certificate of Deposit maturing on 1-7-19.
- On the first business day in January, the remaining Ag. License fees were received and deposited. The deposit is reflected in the January financial statements.
- Issuance of the W-2's was time consuming due to reconciliation differences that needed to be addressed prior to issuing the W-2's. This process included the annual installation of an Abila update to create W-2 forms and updated tax rate schedules for 2016 that went smoothly this year due to the assistance of Mark Rake. W-2's and 1099's were completed and mailed.
- Responses were submitted to the Kane County State's Attorney for two tax objections the Township received: the Bond and Interest Open Space Levy and the Road District's Building and Equipment Levy. The State's Attorney's office confirmed that the responses included all the information that was necessary for their office to represent the Township and Road District.
- In January work continued on the 2015-2016 draft budgets. The January 31st workbook of Budget Comparisons for the various funds was e-mailed today and a hard copy has been printed.

- On the preliminary draft (2) Budget Comparison, the year to date actual expenditures plus forecasted expenses are within the Original Budget for 2015-2016 for the fiscal year. Therefore, any over budget line item has an offsetting under budget line item.
- The first six month report on the Corron Farm Save the Barn Riverboat Grant was submitted on time to Kane County.
- J. Kupa stated let's have a Special Board Meeting the first week of March to discuss the budget.

Corron Farm Preservation Society Update – President Tom Corron: President Corron stated:

- The Corron Farm Preservation Society **Annual Meeting** will take place on Tuesday April 21, 2016 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Lodge 41W379 Route 64 Wasco for awards and election of officers. Township officials are invited.
- The Society's **Picnic on the Farm** event will take place at Corron Farm Saturday, June 18, 2016 from noon to 5:00 p.m. The theme is the 50's and the 60's, and there will be vendors, entertainment, raffles, silent and live auctions, and it will be catered by the Lodge Bar & Grill but no alcohol will be served.
- **Prairie Walk for the Cure of Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency** will take place at Corron Farm Saturday, August 27, 2016 from noon to 5pm. This is a fundraising event for the Alpha-1 Foundation which is a 501c3 nonprofit organization committed to finding a cure for Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency and to improving the lives of people affected by Alpha-1 worldwide. This is an inherited condition that may result in serious lung disease in adults and/or liver disease at any age. There will be raffles and a silent auction. Expected attendance is 150 people.
- The Corron Farm Preservation Society has engaged a volunteer to author and publish a **book on Campton Township based on the works and publications of Lucinda Muirhead Corron**. His name is Adam Gibbon and he has authored The Founders and Early History of Geneva, Kane County, Illinois: Volume I – Beginnings to 1837 which can be found both on Amazon and Barnes and Noble.

Village of Campton Hills – President Harry Blecker: Absent.

Operations Manager – Tom Serewicz: Operations Manager Serewicz's report stated:

- **At Anderson Park** snow was plowed.
- **At Burlington Park** snow was plowed and ice melted, the garage door was serviced and a battery and an opener added, and shelves were added in the garage.
- **At the Community Center** snow was plowed and ice melted, the water softener serviced, and a Fire Department inspection followed up.
- **At Corron Farm** snow was plowed and ice melted, trees were cut, hauled and burned, the bee keeper contacted to remove honey bees from the crib, and Triellem Dell started plans on restoring the dairy barn.
- **At Gray Willows** snow was plowed, the new roof on the caretaker's house begun, electric was restored to the house and horse barn, painting of rooms was begun, and furnace repair completed.
- **At the Headwaters Conservation Area** snow was plowed, and a tree near the dog park was cut, hauled, and burned.
- **At the Harley Woods: Torchy Property** snow was plowed and trees cut and burned.
- **At Town Hall** snow was plowed and ice melted.
- **Poynor Park** was closed.
- **Mongerson Park** has no report.
- **In General:** roofing at the care takers house should be done by February 15th; Triellem Dell will return to Corron Farm the week of February 2nd to take more measurements at the dairy barn; we obtained a quote from Hoving Port-o-let for next year.

Natural Resource Manager- Ben Haberthur: Natural Resource Manager Haberthur stated the last month has consisted of winter brush clearing, invasive tree thinning, snow removal and management planning as described below:

- **Projects Completed or Ongoing:**
 - Invasive brush/tree removal of dead ash and box elder trees at Headwaters and Corron Farm woods.
 - Natural Resource Management Plan creation including maps.

- Approximately 19 hours data entry and brush clearing time was donated by Jennifer Milakovic and Allison Kupa (\$438.33 worth of time). Josh Nelson donated 6 hours on the Gray Willow's caretaker house.
- Launched "Campton Township Open Space" page on Facebook. Like us at: <https://www.facebook.com/CamptonTownshipOpenSpace/>
- **Face to Face Meetings and Workshops:**
 - The Conservation Foundation's involvement with Campton Township Open Space was reviewed with Dan Lobbes.
 - Land management history and high quality natural area concerns was reviewed with Jack Shouba and Kim Haag.
 - Establishing a bird monitoring protocol was discussed with Tim Balassie of the Bird Conservation Network.
 - Establishing the context of extensive Open Space GIS files was discussed with Rob Linke of Kane County Water Resources.
 - Historic maps and history of Corron Farm was discussed with Laurel Garza of the Corron Farm Preservation Society.
 - Josh Nelson is attending the one day Illinois Prescribed Burns Fire Council Symposium in Champaign, IL.
- **Upcoming:**
 - Completion of full drafts of Natural Resource Management plans for Anderson Park, Corron Farm, Gray Willows, Harley Woods, Headwaters Conservation Area, and Poynor Park.
 - Continuation of Corron Farm woods and Headwaters brush clearing projects.
 - Feb 11 – Kane County Advisory Council Meeting.
 - Feb 11 – Beekeeper Town Hall, St. Charles.
 - Feb 13 – Calling Frog Survey Training, Josh and Ben plus a volunteer.
 - Feb 20 – Garfield Farm's 31st annual Natural Areas Management Seminar – Ben speaking.

Educational Opportunities at Campton Properties – Trustee Vandiver: Trustee Vandiver stated she, Ben, and Josh met to discuss programs with D303 including adopt a park programs, class picnics, and using parks as outdoor classrooms. They want to put together a letter and package to send to principals and teachers for pond, creek, and woodland study with an Earth Day tie-in.

Gray Willows Planning Committee – Trustee Miller: Trustee Miller stated nothing new this month. He worked on the ZBA (Zoning Board of Appeals) hearings on the Maxxam proposal for a drug, alcohol rehab center in Campton Township.

Supervisor Report – John Kupa: Supervisor Kupa stated:

- We received the Draft Grant of Conservation Right and Easement from CBS and Disney Corporation. The agreement grants and conveys a conservation easement in perpetuity to Campton Township. The property includes 17 acres of wetlands. There is no cost to the Township. We will be discussing details of the agreement in Executive Session tonight.
- I met with representatives of a family trust to discuss the potential of purchasing 40 acres of property adjacent to one of Campton Township's Open Space properties. We will discuss this opportunity and associated details during tonight's Executive Session.
- I met with the Manager of Open Space Maintenance and Operations, and the Manager of Natural Resource Management to discuss priorities and budgets for projects at Gray Willows. I believe we are all in agreement with these priorities. We will discuss these in our budget meetings next month.
- At my direction, the Manager of Natural Resource Management held discussions with V3 Companies to see if we could better stage the development of the wetlands mitigation bank, while maximizing revenue from agricultural leases on the Gray Willows Farm. Ben and V3 are working on a strategy to achieve that goal.
- The Township Officials of Illinois (TOI) are holding the 2016 Education District Program on Friday, March 18th 2016 at the Hilton Lisle/Naperville. The keynote speaker of the program is former Congressman Glenn Poshard. The complete agenda is included in the most recent publication of the Township Perspective. Registration is \$50.00. This is a township reimbursable expense.

5. Approval of Minutes:

a. Board Meeting January 12, 2016: J. Miller moved the Board approve the minutes of the meeting of January 12, 2016. V. Vandiver seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Vandiver, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. Trustee Stutesman was absent. The motion passed.

6. Citizens' Comments: Clerk Johansen stated he had two things. First is Township Topics Day that takes place in Springfield on Wednesday April 6th, 2016. This is put on by Township Officials of Illinois (TOI). We start with an introductory session where the day's agenda is laid out by TOI and this is followed by a morning brunch where the speaker is a statewide elected official. Then we make the rounds of the legislature where we talk with our elected Representatives and Senators about the concerns we have as Township officials. Finally, there is an evening reception at the Springfield library where we are served refreshments and we have friendly conversation with our elected State officials. Registration for the day is \$75.00 and the deadline to register is March 31, 2016. Trustee Miller stated he would check his schedule to see if he can come. Clerk Johansen said he would do the same. Secondly, TOI's annual Township Officials education day is in Rockford on May 13th this year. More about this later.

7. Old Business – Presentation and Discussion for Action:

a. Review and Act Upon Scout Troop 46 Request for Township to Title Trailer: J. Kuper read the Township attorney's letter regarding whether the Township should take title to the trailer of Scout Troop 46 stating "the Township has the authority to act as the charter organization (of Troop 46) but that it should not accept title to the trailer.....I'm additionally concerned that if the title were transferred to the Township that TOIRMA (Township Officials of Illinois Risk Management Association) would not provide insurance coverage for it, notwithstanding the fact that the Boy Scouts of America may or may not provide coverage. I recommend that the Township not take title to the trailer." E. Murphy moved the Board accept Township attorney Britz's opinion regarding whether the Township should take title to the trailer of Boy Scout Troop 46, and deny the request to take title to the trailer. The motion was seconded by V. Vandiver. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Vandiver, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. Trustee Stutesman was absent. The motion passed.

b. Review and Act Upon U.S. Geological Survey Proposals: Natural Resources Manager Haberthur stated he discussed the four alternative activity proposals of USGS with Rob Linke of the Kane County Water Resources Division. Regarding the monitoring wells Rob said the 2 wells are part of a network of wells but the others never materialized so 2 data points are not worth researching. The County was under the impression the 2 wells were shut down. He recommended the Township not pursue the USGS proposal. J. Kuper stated the USGS should shoulder data collection. E. Murphy stated we still have lots of vacant land that could be developed on well and septic so we should know recharge rates. She thinks we should pursue one of the four proposals. L. McKay stated it's not built into the budget. J. Kuper stated we could try Activity 4. This is the wetlands. We could apply for grants. E. Murphy moved the Board table agenda item 7. b. J. Miller seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Vandiver, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. Trustee Stutesman was absent. The motion passed.

8. New Business – Presentation and Discussion for Action:

a. Review and Discuss FY 2016-2017 Draft Budget: J. Kuper stated we need a Special Board Meeting to consider the financial Year 2016-2017 budget. Let's plan on Thursday March 3, 2016 at 7:30 at the Community Center. J. Miller moved the Board table agenda item 8. a. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Vandiver, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. Trustee Stutesman was absent. The motion passed.

b. Review and Act Upon Purchase of Ford F250 Truck: J. Miller moved the Board approve the purchase of a 2016 Ford F250 SUPER Cab 4X4 Pickup w.6.75ft SHORT Bed for \$27,390.00. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Vandiver, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. Trustee Stutesman was absent. The motion passed.

9. Claims and Demands Authorized for Payment:

a. Town Fund - \$4,818.65: V. Vandiver moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Town Fund in the amount of \$4,818.65. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Vandiver, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. Trustee Stutesman was absent. The motion passed.

b. Capital Improvement Fund - \$-0-

c. Open Space Fund - \$49,332.53 + \$5,900.00 = \$55,232.53: E. Murphy moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Open Space Fund in the amount of \$55,232.53. V. Vandiver seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Vandiver, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. Trustee Stutesman was absent. The motion passed.

d. Road & Bridge Fund - \$64,022.51: E. Murphy moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Road and Bridge Fund in the amount of \$64,022.51. V. Vandiver seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Vandiver, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. Trustee Stutesman was absent. The motion passed.

10. Executive Session: J. Miller moved the Board go into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition and include Finance Director McKay and Natural Resource Manager Haberthur in the session. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Vandiver, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. Trustee Stutesman was absent. The motion passed and Executive Session began at 8:38 p.m.

11. Adjournment: Supervisor Kuper resumed the Regular session at 9:04 p.m. E. Murphy moved the Board adjourn the meeting. J. Miller seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Vandiver, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. Trustee Stutesman was absent. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Johansen

Clerk