

1. 2. 3. The January 12, 2017 Board meeting was reconvened on January 16, 2017 and was called to order by Supervisor Kupa at 7:37 p.m. at the Community Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Clerk Johansen called the roll with Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Murphy and Miller present. Trustees Stutesman and Vandiver were absent. J. Kupa moved Citizens Comments be moved ahead of Reports. J. Miller seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Murphy and Miller voted aye. Trustees Stutesman and Vandiver were absent. The motion passed.

6. Citizens' Comments: Eagle Scout candidate Max Anderson presented a brief report on his proposed Eagle Scout project. He stated he will remove two acres of invasive brush at Corron Farm, staff will cut down trees, and informational signs will be bought. J. Kupa stated more detail will be provided at our next regular meeting.

4. Reports:

Highway Commissioner – Sam Gallucci: Highway Commissioner Gallucci was absent due to work on Township roads that were wet and icing. His report stated the road crew prepared brine for tanks and trucks to treat roadways with Geo-Melt and salt. Roadways were snowplowed and salted on 12/10, 12/11, 12/16, 12/18 and 12/23 throughout Campton Township, the Village of Campton Hills, and Campton Hills in Plato Township due to drifting snow. Snow in subdivisions and on main roads was winged back for safety concerns in Campton Township, the Village of Campton Hills, and Campton Hills in Plato Township. All grates and storm drains were cleared of snow throughout Campton township and the Village of Campton Hills; damaged mailboxes and posts were repaired throughout the Township and Village; all intersections in the Township and Village were swept; roadways were assessed for drainage problems and potholes; potholes were repaired with cold patch throughout the Township and Village; all stop signs in the Township and Village were checked and damaged or missing ones replaced; and the District checked for the issuance of culvert permits throughout the Township and Village. Ongoing maintenance on Township vehicles and equipment was performed in house by Highway District staff.

Assessor – Alan D. Rottmann: Assessor Rottmann was absent due cleaning up water in his basement.

Solid Waste District – President Jack Berry: Absent.

Financial Report – Louise McKay: Finance Director McKay's report stated:

- PMA investment revenue is stated in the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures. Coupon interest of \$10,291.58 was deposited in the PMA Maintenance Money Market and \$460.25 was deposited in the PMA 2007A Money Market in December.
- The GO (General Obligation) bond interest and principal payments due December 15th were wired. Bank of New York Mellon was wired \$919,520.01 for series 2008B, 2010B, Refunding 2011 and Refunding 2014. Zions Bank was wired \$1,933,850 for the 2015 Refunding Bond. These wires are reported on the Investment Report in the Open Space Tax Receipts account. The bond debt payments are reported on the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures under open space debt service.
- Town Fund, Capital Improvements, Open Space, and Road and Bridge Funds have offset revenue or expenditure line items for the line item expenditures that are over budget. I will create a spread sheet by fund to identify the specific accounts.

- The conversion of Abila to the cloud was completed the end of December. The cloud provides the Township timely updates by Abila that are necessary to prepare W-2's, etc. Due to using the free Sequel server software on Town Hall's server, Abila's updates were difficult to load on the Township server and the cloud eliminates that problem. I am still working on a slight technical difficulty in downloading reports from Abila to Excel and that is why the Investment Report for December looks a little different.
- I need to start working on the reconciliation of payroll files, and preparation of W-2's, 1099's, and 4th quarter payroll tax returns. I will be meeting with staff and Elected Officials for input on the budget for next fiscal year.

Corron Farm Preservation Society Update – No Report.

Operations Manager – Tom Serewicz: Operations Manager Serewicz stated:

- **At Anderson Park** snow was plowed and parking lot barriers installed to close the site.
- **At Burlington Park** snow was plowed, the attic insulated, the shelves in the attic redone, and windows framed and insulated.
- **At the Community Center** snow was plowed, the driveways shoveled and salted, and salt was added to the water softener.
- **At Corron Farm** snow was plowed, the flag pole repaired, and work continues on the dairy barn.
- **At Gray Willows** snow was plowed. The power lines went down so power was gone at the main house. ComEd came out and restored power.
- **At the Headwaters Conservation Area** snow was plowed and shoveled, salt was spread, and Hudelson was called to repair a broken tile.
- **At the Harley Woods: Torchy Property** snow was plowed.
- **At Poynor Park** snow was plowed at the entrance, and picnic tables resurfaced. The Kane County Sheriff arrested seven people during after-hours usage in the park.
- **At Townhall** snow was plowed, the sidewalk shoveled and salted, and the furnace repaired.
- **In general** a safety meeting was held, and Trielium Dell was back to work on the dairy barn the week of January 9th.

Natural Resources Monthly Report – Josh Nelson, Ecological Restoration Technician: Ecological Restoration Technician Nelson stated:

- **Projects Completed/Ongoing:**
 1. Cameras are being used at Corron Farm to study wildlife.
 2. We removed willows around the Elderberry Pond at the Headwaters.
 3. We harvested seed and we will disperse it at Poynor Park when conditions are right.
 4. We have gotten a good response on our communication drive. Many people have expressed an interest in volunteering with the Township.
 5. Tree/brush removal was done on the southwest portion of Harley Woods.
 6. Time was spent assisting Operations staff as needed.
 7. A focus has been placed on documenting threatened/endangered species at Corron Farm. A Northern Harrier was observed on December 19, 2016.
 8. Brush and tree clearing was done at the Corron farm woods.
 9. On inclement weather days time was spent updating management plans and documenting projects done during the growing season.
 10. Twenty-three flats of plugs were seeded for planting next spring.
 11. We developed plans for rehabbing gardens within parks.
- **Trainings/Meetings:**
 1. Met with Tim Balassie of the Bird Conservation Network who has agreed to do observations of birds at our parks to establish baseline data. He will also work with volunteer birders to assist with data collection.
 2. Met with Poynor Park neighbors regarding bee keeping. They will be having hives on their property that will not affect us. They have expressed interest in working with us to do species monitoring at Poynor Park as part of their homeschooling efforts.
 3. Met with Fox Valley Monarch Corridor Grant to discuss logistics of financial reimbursement. I had a chance at this meeting to network with other partners of this project.
 4. Met with scouts to discuss potential Eagle Scout projects.

5. Attended a webinar on effects of burning on various weeds.
- **Upcoming:**
 1. Continue winter brush clearing.
 2. Disperse seed at Poynor Park.
 3. Eagle project at Corron Farm.
 4. Multiple training opportunities and conferences.
 5. Development of Intern Program with Wheaton College.
 6. Planning to do an ongoing research study of Ferson Creek through Gray Willows.

Educational Opportunities at Campton Properties – Trustee Vandiver: Absent.

Gray Willows Planning Committee – Trustee Miller: Trustee Miller stated nothing is going on now.

Website Improvements Report – Trustee Stutesman: Mark Rake reported for the committee stating the e-mail migration is done completing phase one. We are using 15 out of 18 available mailboxes. We can expand this if necessary. We will set up a shared calendar, contacts, and files. We are getting ready for phase two which is a revamp of our website.

Supervisor Report – John Kupa: Supervisor Kupa stated:

- The Interagency Review Team (IRT) on Mitigation Banking, approved the permit for the Headwaters Phase II wetlands Bank. The IRT consists of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. As a result of this approval, 30.4% of the total credits proposed for the bank, which equates to 11.49 acres of wetland mitigation credits are released for immediate sale. V3 indicated that the Union Pacific Railroad is interested in purchasing 2.0 wetlands mitigation credits from the Phase II expansion.
- I had discussions with V3 Companies to discuss the progress of the Gray Willows wetlands bank. The USEPA still does not want to give full credit to the uplands wetlands buffer credits. The issue centers on the amount of wetlands buffer credits we will receive. The Corps of Engineers wants to allow us 100% of the available buffer wetlands credits. The USEPA and the US Fish and Wildlife Service only want to allow 30% of the buffer wetlands credits. V3 will be meeting with USEPA on Wednesday, January 18th to continue negotiation.

V3 is taking a new strategy for the negotiations. They have the support of Chicago Wilderness and their Oak Eco System Initiative. Oak trees have been shown to provide significant carbon uptake and storage, improve water quality and promote water recharge. This will improve the health and vitality of our wetlands.

- Louise McKay is now working on a half time basis. Louise will still execute the accounting functions, but she gave up the administrative/management functions of the office. Pam Snyder has submitted her resignation earlier this month. Her transportation business is growing rapidly and she cannot devote the time with the Township as she once did. Pam still would like to support the Township in a consultant roll in matters of HR and insurance. She is a great resource and I would like to continue to employ her but on a more limited basis.

As a result of that change, we made two staff additions to the Town administration staff. Ruth Rottmann has been hired on a part time basis to fill in the roll of Township office administrator. Ruth will manage the administrative functions of the office and manage the insurance and human resource issues.

Barbara Wojnicki has been brought over to support activities of the Township Clerk, serve as the Deputy Clerk, and support the administrative functions of the open space program.

- I have contacted all of our lease holders who have been farming Township properties over the last four years. We have to provide new leases for the next four years. I anticipate no changes.

5. Approval of Minutes:

a. Board Meeting December 13, 2016: E. Murphy moved the Board approve the minutes of the Board meeting of December 13, 2016. J. Miller seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupa and

Trustees Murphy and Miller voted aye. Trustees Stutesman and Vandiver were absent. The motion passed.

J. Miller moved the Board revisit Citizen's Comments. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Murphy and Miller voted aye. Trustees Stutesman and Vandiver were absent. The motion passed.

6. Citizens' Comments: Trustee Miller stated he represented Campton Township's opposition to the proposed alcohol and drug rehab. facility at the Public Hearing on this matter before the ZBA (Zoning Board of Appeals). It was rejected the first time around but the petitioners (Maxxam Partners) threatened a 68 million dollar lawsuit so Kane County rejected its earlier rejection and started the process over again from the beginning. The old members of the ZBA were let go and new ZBA members appointed. Wendy Melgin is the ZBA member from Campton Township. We gave our objections framed as responses to conditions agreed to by the applicant because we were limited to that testimony by the ZBA. Clerk Johansen stated he testified three times in this go around. The County zoning Ordinance does not permit dispensing controlled substances in F District or ag-zoned parcels, which this is. During the Hearings the Counties attorney stated 5 of the 9 conditions agreed to by the petitioner were not legally enforceable, meaning the protections offered were not real. During the first hearings the petitioner, Mr. Marco was "the man behind the curtain." He never appeared or testified but was only represented by lawyers. This time the ZBA issued an order to compel which he could have rejected, but he chose to appear and testify. When he did, he answered "no comment" or I stand on the record, in response to questions of substance about his qualifications or what he intended to do with the proposed facility. He made a very bad impression.

7. Old Business – Presentation and Discussion for Action:

a. Review and Act Upon Fox Valley Wildlife Use of HCA Area of Motz: J. Kupa stated they are redoing the site plan. J. Miller moved the Board table this agenda item. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Murphy and Miller voted aye. Trustees Stutesman and Vandiver were absent. The motion passed.

b. Review and Act Upon V3 Ecological Program Management & Maintenance Proposal: J. Miller moved the Board table this agenda item. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Murphy and Miller voted aye. Trustees Stutesman and Vandiver were absent. The motion passed.

c. Review and Act Upon Proposed Ponds of Stony Creek Subdivision: J. Miller moved the Board table this agenda item. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Murphy and Miller voted aye. Trustees Stutesman and Vandiver were absent. The motion passed.

d. Review and Act Upon Kane County Ground Water Monitoring: J. Kupa stated there is a new less costly technology for ground water monitoring which we will look at. J. Miller moved the Board table this agenda item. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Murphy and Miller voted aye. Trustees Stutesman and Vandiver were absent. The motion passed.

8. New Business – Presentation and Discussion for Action:

a. Discuss and Act Upon Concerns of Ball Leagues Using Campton Township Fields: J. Kupa stated we asked the baseball people here to discuss any issues or concerns they might have. Cindy Krause represented Wasco Fast Pitch. Bill Morrow President of Wasco Diamonds girls fast pitch softball, stated they put \$15,000 into Anderson Park baseball fields and they could use more fields. He suggested using two soccer fields for baseball. J. Miller moved the Board table this agenda item. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Murphy and Miller voted aye. Trustees Stutesman and Vandiver were absent. The motion passed.

b. Review and Act Upon Planning Commission Appointment: J. Kupa stated we had a resignation from the Planning Commission but nobody has been offered as a replacement yet. J. Miller moved the Board table this agenda item. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Murphy and Miller voted aye. Trustees Stutesman and Vandiver were absent. The motion passed.

c. Review and Act Upon AG License Agreements: J. Miller moved the Board table this agenda item. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Murphy and Miller voted aye. Trustees Stutesman and Vandiver were absent. The motion passed.

d. Review and Act Upon Appointment Freedom of Information (FOIA) Officer: J. Miller moved the Board appoint Ruth Rottmann FOIA Officer. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Murphy and Miller voted aye. Trustees Stutesman and Vandiver were absent. The motion passed.

10. Executive Session – Personnel; Land Acquisition; Review Executive Session Minutes of December 13, 2016; Review Whether to Open Executive Session Minutes of 1999; Review Whether to Destroy Approved Executive Session Audio Tape Minutes Older than 18 Months: Clerk Johansen announced there was no audio tape available to record Executive Session. J. Miller moved the Board table Executive Session. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Murphy and Miller voted aye. Trustees Stutesman and Vandiver were absent. The motion passed.

11. New Business Continued:

aa. Review and Act Upon Approve Executive Session Minutes of December 13, 2016; Open Executive Session Minutes of 1999; Destroy Approved Executive Session Audio Tape Minutes Older than 18 Months: J. Miller moved the Board table this agenda item. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Murphy and Miller voted aye. Trustees Stutesman and Vandiver were absent. The motion passed.

bb. Review and Act Upon Personnel: J. Miller moved the Board table this agenda item. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Murphy and Miller voted aye. Trustees Stutesman and Vandiver were absent. The motion passed.

12. Adjournment: J. Miller moved the Board meeting be adjourned. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Murphy and Miller voted aye. Trustees Stutesman and Vandiver were absent. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Johansen

Clerk