

1. 2. 3. The June 10, 2025 Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kupa at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Clerk Johansen called the roll with Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger present.

4. Swear in Trustee: Clerk Johansen swore in Core Miller as Trustee of Campton Township.

5. New Business – Presentation and Discussion for Action:

a. Update from CTOSF: Joe Garbarski spoke for the Campton Township Open Space Foundation stating work in progress includes setting up an outline for a new website with Dave Cenko and Ali Edington; facilitating a meeting regarding the new website; completing a 10-year comprehensive plan; compiling a list of amenities for the Whitney Senior Center; and coordinating an Anderson Park plan with Tom Serewicz.

b. Presentation and Discussion by Anthony with Speer Financial: Anthony stated the Referendum passed so you can issue 17.2 million in bonds. The authority lasts five years. You will need to get some of this done by February of 2026. You will need to have 2.3 million in debt service. We will structure the bonds according to your instructions.

6. Reports:

Highway Commissioner – Sam Gallucci: Commissioner Gallucci's report stated:

The Highway District performed the following tasks in Campton Township and the Village of Campton Hills:

- Completed our spring brush pick-up
- Courtesy wood chip deliveries completed for multiple residents
- Deceased animals removed from Denker Road and Bolcum Road
- Garbage pick-up completed on Beith Road
- Gravel pick-up completed on the following roadways: Hastings, Mary, West Mary, East Mary Drives, Brookhaven Lane, Connors Road, and Elodie Drive

- Recovered shoulder gravel on Anderson, Beith, Campton Hills, Town Hall, Bolcum, and Swanberg Roads
- Potholes filled on Connors Road
- Removed downed trees on Beith, and Campton Hills Roads, and Deer Run Drive
- Rip-rap work completed on Johnsway Lane
- Road sweeping completed on Brookhaven, and Crescent Lanes, and Elodie and Hastings Drives
- The following was completed on all roadways throughout Campton Township and the Village of Campton Hills as needed:
 - Cold patching
 - Grate clean-outs
 - Visibility tree trimming
- The following culvert work was completed:
 - Dig-out on Country View Court
 - Rip Rap placed at end of White Fence Way and Long Shadow Lane
 - Stonework completed on Long Shadow Lane
 - Replacement installed on Brittany Court
- The Following ditch work was completed:
 - Clean-out and rip-rap on Circle Drive
 - Stonework completed on Willowbrook Drive
 - Mowing completed on Anderson, Beith, Campton Hills, Bridle Creek, Denker, Fair Oaks, Harley, Old Burlington, Pouley, Swanberg, Town Hall, Welter, Whitney and Wooley Roads
 - Re-ditched, seeded and placed straw on Castle Drive and Retreat Court
- The following sign work was completed:
 - “Curve Ahead” and “Dead End” signs installed on Town Hall Road
 - “Slow, Children Playing” sign installed on Carl Sandberg Road
 - “Deer Haven Trail” sign installed on Denker Road

The Highway District performed the following tasks according to Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Campton Hills in Plato Township:

- Completed Spring brush pick-up
- Cold Patched McDonald Road
- Completed gravel work on Connors Road

The Highway District performed the following task according to Intergovernmental Agreement with Lily Lake:

- Installed stop sign on Morning Crest at Autumn Road

The Highway District also performed the following tasks:

- Checked stop signs throughout Campton Township and the Village of Campton Hills on a weekly basis
- Checked for damaged or missing signs
- Assessed roadways for drainage and pothole issues
- Performed ongoing maintenance in-house on Township vehicles and equipment
- Clerk Johansen conducted a bid opening for the upcoming Salt Dome build on 5/20/25

Assessor – Alan D. Rottmann: Assessor Rottmann stated we are wrapping up our 2025 books to turn into the County. Sales have been slow. For the Ford Explorer, Jason at Open Space will pay \$150.00.

Solid Waste District – Bryan Kerwin, President: Solid Waste President Kerwin stated we have nine candidates for Solid Waste Trustee.

Financial Report – Rebakah Flakus, Finance Director: Finance Director Flakus stated:

Town Fund

Administration

Revenues:

- Revenues received for the Town Fund this month totaled \$40,103.97, including the first installment of the 2024 Property Tax Levy of \$37,163.88.

Expenditures:

- *Miscellaneous Expense, GL #1-ADMIN-5640*, on page 2, exceeds the budgeted amount. The Conservation Foundation Earth Day Fundraiser dinner expenditure for \$1500.00 wasn't included in the budget in error.

Road District Fund

Administration

Revenues:

- Revenues received for the Road District Fund this month totaled \$86,244.25, including the first installment of the 2024 Property Tax Levy of \$68,036.52.
- *Culvert Permits, GL #3-ADMIN-4130* on page 6 exceeds its annual budgeted amount. The Road District received payment on driveway access fees for culverts from the Village on 7 properties.

Open Space Fund

Administration

Revenues:

- Revenues received for the Open Space Fund this month totaled \$119,070.65, including the first installment of the 2024 Property Tax Levy of \$102,719.80

Expenditures:

- *Maintenance Equipment, GL #8-MAINT- 5590*, on page 13 includes the purchase of a new Z-Trac mower. The expenditure will be moved to its budgeted account GL #8-MAINT-5470 for next month's Financial Report.

Additional Updates

The Auditors will be doing preliminary field work June 27th, and on-site final field work the week of August 25th. There will be some calls or questions for each Township Board member.

Corron Farm Preservation Society update – Rhonda Corron, President: Absent.

Operations Manager – Tom Serewicz: Operations Manager Serewicz stated:

- **Anderson Park:** mowing and weed whacking was done, fence lines, trails, and the parking lot, tournament prep, replace broken parking bumps, turn water on, and perform water test.
- **Whitney Park:** mow and weed whack.
- **Community Center:** mow and weed whack, herbicide fence line.
- **Gray Willows:** mow and weed whack, display American flag, assist Person Creek school event, mow trails, assist camps, in for demo permit with Campton Hills.
- **Harley Woods:** mow and weed whack, mow trails, install parking bumps.
- **Corron Farm:** mow and weed whack, mow trails, wash big tool shed floor, apply turf builder and broadleaf control, prune trees, install parking bumps, re-grade parking lot.
- **Town Hall:** mow and weed whack, repair A/C.
- **Brown Road Gardens:** mow and weed whack, mow empty plots, rototill empty plots.
- **Lily Lake:** mow and weed whack Blue Park and Cemetery, hang bulletin board for Village staff.
- **Headwaters Conservation Area:** mow and weed whack, mow trails, prune trail trees, herbicide fence lines.

- **Poyner Park:** mow and weed whack, mow trails, herbicide fence lines and parking lot, assist leagues in dragging fields.
- **Goldenstein:** mow and weed whack.
- **In general:** attend managers meeting, meet with Open Space Foundation, secure quotes on Anderson Park asphalt and Colt Field, assist with Explorer claim, office staff, outreach staff, and Natural Resources staff.
- **Special Thanks to the Township Staff:** Thank you for the beautiful planter of flowers. Your kindness and thoughtfulness mean so much to us during this difficult time.

Open Space Ecologist – Carter Dell: Open Space Ecologist Dell stated:

Natural Resources

- Extensive spring wild chervil chemical and manual treatments
 - Full -coverage in F-1A and some in adjacent units
 - Use of Enduraplas sprayer in the Bobcat UTV and backpack sprayers
 - Also treated dame's rocket and garlic mustard in site
 - Also removed "satellites" located throughout the rest of the prairie, preventing large populations from establishing in the future
- Bucked some down trees, clearing trails
- American Kestrel banding with Sadie from Forest Preserve District of Kane County
 - Several successful nests, good bioindicator of useable habitat
- Hung bat houses

Networking | Training | Professional Development

- Nick Toman seasonal starting 6.16. 25
 - Previous experience volunteering on our prescribed burns
- Nick, Sarah, and Carter hosted native plant sale put-on by the greater Kane County Wild Ones at Gray Willows Farm
 - Over 500 attendants
- Nick, Sarah, Carter and Brooke are all assisting the Outreach department with running Critter Camp this year
 - Off to a great start with plant hikes, bird hikes, and creek dipping
- Sarah and Carter submitted grant proposals to CTOSF for natural areas work throughout our sites

Miscellaneous

- Filled water tanks at Community Gardens
- Mowed all trails at Harley Woods
- Continued cleaning of exterior around Open Space Office

- Cleaned out courtyard behind office
- Set in paver stones to create border for future native planting
- Ran hoses and sprinklers to water seeds
- Picked up new equipment
 - 83 x 20 utility trailer
 - Billygoat Brushcutter
 - Ordered QTAC 855

Planning Commission Report – Jesse Varsho, Chairman: Absent.

Supervisor Report – John Kupa: Supervisor Kupa stated:

- I am working with Pam Snyder and Tom Serewicz on repairing or replacing the Township's Explorer that was damaged a month ago. The main issue is either to repair or replace the vehicle. If we decide to repair, TORMA will only allow a \$19K limit on the repair (based on 70% of the vehicle's value of \$27K). Any additional costs incurred over the \$19K limit will be the responsibility of the Township. If we total the vehicle, TORMA will pay the Township \$27K. I have been speaking to Matt Yockey to see if the repair will be limited to \$19K, or will it go higher? We are examining our options currently. Matt will be looking at potential purchase options in the marketplace.
- Cheryl Smith, formerly the Township's Manager of Outreach and Education, resigned a week ago. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors.
- The Township is working with the LaFox group in preserving over 400 acres of Open Space south of Route 38 and east of Brundidge Road. This includes the farm area and view shed along Route 38 and the Mill Creek corridor. The group includes Campton Township, the Village of Campton Hills, Kane County Forest Preserve, The Conservation Fund, Garfield Farm Museum, the LaFox community and the Campton Township Open Space Foundation.
- We are still working on issues with the IDNR LAWCON Grant. The legislative session in Springfield slowed our efforts. Joe Garbarski and I will be meeting with our State Senator Don DeWitte next Tuesday to discuss accelerating this grant award. We would like to close on the Goldenstein East property as soon as possible.
- I would like to thank Tom Serewicz and his staff, Carter Dell and his staff, the Township administration staff, and all of our volunteers, for supporting Caitlyn Ruffino in making the first week of Critter Camp a great success. Caitlyn did a great job in getting everything together in a very short time frame. The Township staff came together as a team and made the campers experience with us, in one short word – AWESOME ! Caitlyn had 26 campers the first week. The second

week, which started on Monday, is also going exceptionally well. Caitlynn has 21 campers this week. The last two weeks of Critter Camp are fully booked. Again, I want to thank our Open Space team for pulling together and doing a great job.

- Just a reminder, The Conservation Foundation will have their annual membership luncheon at Corron Farm on July 19th. The membership and the Board of Directors will be there. The TCF wants to showcase what two and a half decades of teamwork can accomplish in preserving Open Space.

7. Approval of Minutes:

a. Board Meeting May 13, 2025: E. Murphy moved the Board approve the minutes of the Board Meeting of May 13, 2025. C. Miller seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Varsho, Miller, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

b. Board Meeting April 3, 2025: E. Murphy moved the Board table this agenda item. C. Miller seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Varsho, Miller, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

c. Public Hearing on April 3, 2025 for Ordinance Town Fund #25-2T: E. Murphy moved the Board approve the Public Hearing on the April 3, 2025 Town Fund Ordinance #25-2T. C. Miller seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Varsho, Miller, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

d. Public Hearing on April 3, 2025 for Ordinance Road Fund #25-2R: E. Murphy moved the Board approve the Public Hearing on the April 3, 2025 Road Fund Ordinance #25-2R. C. Miller seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Varsho, Miller, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

8. Citizens Comments (comments to be kept to a maximum of 3 minutes): Kim Hage stated thanks for the plant sale at Gray Willows.

9. Old Business – Presentation and Discussion for Action: None.

10. New Business continued – Presentation and Discussion for Action:

a. Review and Act Upon Selling the Assessor's Old Explorer: E. Murphy moved the Board approve the sale of the Assessor's old Explorer vehicle to the highest bidder. C. Miller seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Varsho, Miller and Murphy voted aye. Trustee Metzger was absent. The motion passed.

b. Review and Act Upon Quote and Installation of Ballfield Fencing at Poyner Park: E. Murphy moved the Board approve the fence proposal from Complete Fence for a price not to exceed \$50,000.00. C. Miller seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kubar

and Trustees Varsho, Miller, and Murphy voted aye. Trustee Metzger was absent. The motion passed.

c. Discussion on Plan for new Phones for Office and Open Space: C. Miller moved the Board table this agenda item. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Varsho, Miller, and Murphy voted aye. Trustee Metzger was absent. The motion passed.

11. Claims and Demands Authorized for Payment:

a. Town Fund \$14,654.73: E. Murphy moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Town Fund in the amount of \$14,654.73. C. Miller seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Varsho, Miller, and Murphy voted aye. Trustee Metzger was absent. The motion passed.

b. Road and Bridge Fund \$34,184.67: E. Murphy moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Road and Bridge Fund in the amount of \$34,184.67. C. Miller seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Varsho, Miller, and Murphy voted aye. Trustee Metzger was absent. The motion passed.

c. Capital Improvement Fund \$0

d. Open Space Fund \$38,881.49: C. Miller moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Open Space Fund in the amount of \$38,881.49. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Varsho, Miller, and Murphy voted aye. Trustee Metzger was absent. The motion passed.

12. Executive Session – Review Executive Session Minutes of April 3, 2025 and May 13, 2025; Land Acquisition; Personnel issues; Legal issues: E. Murphy moved the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing Executive Session minutes of April 3, 2025 and May 13, 2025; land acquisition, personnel issues, and legal issues. C. Miller seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Varsho, Miller, and Murphy voted aye. Trustee Metzger was absent. The motion passed and Executive Session began.

13. New Business Continued:

aa. Review and Act Upon Whether to Approve Executive Session Minutes of April 3, 2025 and May 13, 2025: E. Murphy moved the Board approve the Executive Session minutes of May 13, 2025. (April 3, 2025 was tabled) C. Miller seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Varsho, Miller, and Murphy voted aye. Trustee Metzger was absent. The motion passed.

14. Adjournment: E. Murphy moved the meeting be adjourned. C. Miller seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Miller, and Murphy voted aye. Trustee Metzger was absent. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Johansen

Clerk