

1. 2. 3. The May 10, 2022 Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kuper at the Community Center at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Clerk Johansen called the roll with Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho and Murphy present.

4. Reports:

Highway Commissioner – Sam Gallucci: Commissioner Gallucci's report stated snowplows and spreader boxes were taken off trucks and put in storage in preparation for spring road work projects. All trucks passed annual inspection and received certification. Gravel was applied to Garfield Road. Residential lawn damage caused by snowplowing was repaired throughout Campton Township and the Village of Campton Hills; damaged mailboxes and posts were repaired throughout the Township and Village; all grates and storm drains were cleaned of debris throughout the Township and Village; 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 we 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 stated property tax bills are in the mail. Half is due June 1st and the balance on September 1st. Most people received less than a \$100.00 increase.

Solid Waste District – Larry Gallagher, President: Absent.

Financial Report – Cheryl Stutesman, Finance Director: Finance Director Stutesman stated the audit started last month and has now entered the field work phase. The budgeted amounts for the 2022 – 2023 fiscal year have not yet been added to Abila, but will be added later this month. The budgeted amounts currently represented on the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures are from the 2021 – 2022 fiscal year. Town and Open Space budgeted wage increases were processed at the beginning of April. The Road District received funds from the Village of Campton Hills for road resurfacing. The \$407,000.00 was recorded as income in March 2022.

Corron Farm Preservation Society update – Laurel Garza, President: Absent.

Operations Manager – Tom Serewicz: Operations Manager Serewicz stated:

At Anderson Park the well was shocked and a water test taken, mowing and weed whacking was done, turf builder was applied, the limestone trail was repaired, and we met with the pipe line staff about park turf damage.

At Whitney Park mowing and weed whacking was done, turf seed was applied to shaded areas, and branches damaged by the storm were cleaned up.

At the Community Center mowing and weed whacking was done and branches damaged by the storm were cleaned up.

At Gray Willows mowing and weed whacking was done and the buildings were checked for heat.

At the Harley Woods: Torchy Property mowing and weed whacking was done and seed was applied to turf.

At Corron Farm mowing and weed whacking was done and storm damaged tree branches were cut down and hauled away, mowed most trails, which were wet.

At Town Hall mowing and weed whacking was done.

Brown Road Meadows was opened for the season, mowing and weed whacking was done, and the compost dumpster was delivered.

At Lily Lake mowing and weed whacking was done at Blue Park and the cemetery.

At the Headwaters Conservation Area, the well was shocked and a water test taken, a fence rail was repaired, mowing and weed whacking was done, and mowed most trails, which were wet.

At Poynor Park mowing and weed whacking was done, we tried to repair low spots which were too wet, and fence rails were repaired.

In General trucks were sanitized daily, office staff assisted, all water service was turned on for the season, we received turf supplies from F/S, all mowing equipment is running, we assisted the ball leagues with a clay and sand mixture to the Poynor ball fields, ordered safety supplies, cleaned and washed trucks. We are still trying to hire seasonal help.

Natural Resources Monthly Report – Josh Nelson, Restoration Ecologist: Restoration Ecologist Nelson stated:

Projects Completed/Ongoing:

1. We finished repairing the driveway at the office.
2. Promoting/taking reservations for Community Gardens. The gardens are tilled and gardening season has begun.
3. Assisted operations staff as needed.
4. Began spring herbiciding focused on woody re-sprout control.
5. Continued Planning 2022 All Wheel Show. The current focus is obtaining vendors and sponsors.
6. Completed spring prescribed burns.
7. Continued promotion of the Kane County spring 2022 Ephemerals INaturalist Citizen Science project.
8. Completed spring salamander surveys. We are focusing now on bird nest box monitoring and beginning summer Monarch monitoring.
9. We are heavily involved in the fuel spill at Routes 64/47. We are currently preparing for restoration efforts of the wetlands.
10. We took advantage of many foul weather days for equipment maintenance, training, office maintenance, etc.
11. We wrapped up some outstanding brush clearing tasks.

Meetings/Trainings/Public Outreach:

1. Met with Anderson Humane regarding co-hosted programs.
2. Staff attending University of Illinois webinars on various ecological topics.
3. Carter Dell obtained Illinois Pesticide Applicator License.

Volunteer Service:

1. Multiple groups carried out invasive species removal workdays with more workdays scheduled.
2. Multiple Eagle Scout projects in progress, anticipating upcoming workdays.

Planning Commission Report - Jesse Varsho, Chairman: Plan Commission Chairman Varsho stated he had three things:

1. He attended the Public Hearing of the Village of Campton Hills regarding their proposed Zoning Ordinance. Two to three hundred people attended. He gave the Township's comments.
2. The Plan Commission is losing a Commissioner. We are two short now.
3. The Plan Commission had a meeting May 6th at the Campton Forest Preserve which allows horse uses. You can have horse trailers there. It was a wet spring. The sign said trails are open but there were no signs of horse use. We then went to Corron Farm to compare. Our trails were nicer than the Forest Preserve trails. He anticipates they may discuss horse trail basics on Corron Farm and present it to the Township Board.

Supervisor Report – John Kupa: Supervisor Kupa stated:

- On Wednesday morning, April 8, 2022, approximately 8,000 gallons of gasoline were released from the Shell gas station in Lily Lake (corner of Routes 64 and 47). The spill was reported early in the morning (around 03:00 am). The Elburn Fire Department responded immediately, and measures were taken to secure the area. Route 64 was closed from Route 47 to Hansen Road. The IEPA Emergency Response team, Kane County Emergency Response, Kane County Water Resources and the State Fire Marshall responded immediately. The gas station was undergoing construction and the surface was removed from the top of the gas tanks. Each tank had a capacity of 10,000 gallons. The tanks were to undergo pressure leak testing the next day. Approximately 2500 to 3000 gallons of gas remained in the tanks. During the night, a major rainstorm occurred. Water from the north of the station was directed into the excavation area. The water caused the tanks to float, which ruptured three of the tanks. The gasoline and impacted water flowed to drainage pipes under Route 64. These drainage pipes flow into the WLS wetlands and eventually into Ferson Creek. The station's insurance carrier mobilized an emergency response contractor to the site to contain any contamination that would flow into Ferson Creek. Gasoline and impacted water was collected and sent to a water treatment facility. Impacted soil and vegetation was excavated and sent to a licensed landfill. The emergency response action has ended. The site is now in the remediation phase. The State's Attorney General has sued the gas station owner/operator to insure that the site will be remediated/restored to a higher quality than what existed before. A wetlands restoration plan was developed by V3 and Josh Nelson. This was submitted to the State Attorney General and will be forwarded to WLS tomorrow. Several of us attended the site meetings which occurred several times, on a daily basis. I want to thank Josh Nelson for taking the lead on this project in representing the Township. Right after the spill, Josh went out and delineated the extent of the spill in the wetlands. This was used as a baseline for the removal of soil, plant material and water.
- I attended the annual meeting for the Corron Farm Preservation Society last week. We reviewed the financials for the year. In addition, we discussed activities the Society will be undertaking over the next year.
- Jesse Varsho, Josh Nelson, and I attended the Village of Campton Hills public meeting for the proposed Zoning Code. There were over 100 residents that attended the public meeting. Most were not in favor of the changes.
- I met with the Campton Township Open Space Foundation. We discussed the strategies and timing of either developing a referendum for the formation of a Park District or developing a referendum for operation and maintenance of our Open Space program. The Campton Township Open Space Foundation will be implementing a new policy with regards to the donation of funds. They will be donating funds for specific projects or equipment instead of donating a lump sum to the Township.
- I met several times with a Township resident, representing his family regarding the sale of land to the Township. This land is adjacent to one of our Open Space locations. We will be discussing this tonight in Executive Session.

- Josh Nelson and I met with Michelle Kelly, the Township’s grant writer, to discuss the schedule of the LAWCON grants award and distribution. In addition, we discussed the identification of additional grants/funding. We also discussed a strategy for the Goldenstein property if the LAWCON grant is delayed. If the LAWCON grant is delayed, the Township can request an extension of the Illinois Clean Energy grant. This would allow extra time for the LAWCON grant.

5. Approval of Minutes:

a. Board Meeting April 7, 2022: E. Murphy moved the Board approve the minutes of the meeting of April 7, 2022 with a spelling correction on the page three Planning Commission report, second sentence, changing “rails” to “trails”. J. Varsho seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Varsho and Murphy voted aye. The motion passed.

b. Public Hearing Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Town Fund #22-1T: E. Murphy moved the Board approve the minutes of the Public Hearing on the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Town Fund #22-1T. J. Varsho seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Varsho and Murphy voted aye. The motion passed.

c. Public Hearing Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Road Fund #22-1R: J. Varsho moved the Board approve the minutes of the Public Hearing on the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Road Fund #22-1R. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Varsho and Murphy voted aye. The motion passed.

6. Citizens’ Comments: A. Rottmann stated he appreciates the beautiful new floor that was installed in the public meeting room of the Community Center.

7. Old Business – Presentation and Discussion for Action:

a. Review and Act Upon Whitney School House Proposal: J. Kubar stated he talked to Ric to show him the issues we have. E. Murphy moved the Board table this item. J. Varsho seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Varsho and Murphy voted aye. The motion passed.

b. Review and Act Upon Brochure, Mailer and Township Survey: J. Varsho moved the Board remove this item from the Agenda. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Varsho and Murphy voted aye. The motion passed.

c. Discuss and Act Upon Trustee Candidate Mark Metzger: J. Kubar said Mark is “Mr. Maple syrup”, a fixture in our community. He has an engineering background, was Chief Engineer on the Enterprise, and Captain of several ships. He moved here in 2013 after 28 years in the Navy. He was with a pharmaceutical company and is doing consulting now. He lives in Oak Glen. J. Varsho moved the Board appoint Mark Metzger Trustee to fill the vacant position. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Varsho and Murphy voted aye. The motion passed.

8. New Business – Presentation and Discussion for Action:

a. Swear in New Town Board Trustee: Clerk Johansen swore in Mark Metzger as Campton Township Trustee. Trustee Metzger took his seat on the Campton Township Board.

b. Review and Act Upon New Intergovernmental Agreement Between Elgin Township and Campton Township for Reimbursement to Elgin Township for GA services: J. Varsho moved the Board approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Between Elgin Township and Campton Township For Reimbursement To Elgin Township For General Assistance Services. M. Metzger seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

9. Claims and Demands Authorized for Payment:

a. Town Fund \$24,633.69: E. Murphy moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Town Fund in the amount of \$24,633.69. J. Varsho seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

b. Road & Bridge Fund \$74,637.27: J. Varsho moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Road and Bridge Fund in the amount of \$74,637.27. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

c. Capital Improvement Fund \$0

d. Open Space Fund \$47,562.70: J. Varsho moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Open Space Fund in the amount of \$47,562.70. M. Metzger seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

10. Executive Session – Review Executive Session Minutes of April 7, 2022; Land Acquisition; Personnel Issues; Legal Issues: J. Varsho moved the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing the Executive Session minutes of April 7, 2022, land acquisition, personnel issues, legal issues, and include Restoration Ecologist Josh Nelson in Executive Session. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed and Executive Session began at 8:30 p.m.

11. New Business Continued: Supervisor Kuper reconvened the regular session at 9:10 p.m.

aa. Review and Act Upon Whether to Approve Executive Session Minutes of April 7, 2022: J. Varsho moved the Board approve the Executive Session minutes of April 7, 2022. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The Motion passed.

12. Adjournment: J. Varsho moved the Board adjourn the meeting. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Johansen

Clerk