

1. 2. 3. The October 8, 2019 Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kuper at 7:40 p.m. at the Community Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Clerk Johansen called the roll with Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Stutesman, Galloway and Murphy present. Trustee Miller was Absent.

4. New Business – Presentation and Discussion for Action:

a. Discuss and Act Upon Allowing Trustee Miller to Attend Meeting via Phone: E. Murphy moved the Board allow Trustee Miller to attend the meeting by telephone. S. Galloway seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Stutesman, Galloway, and Murphy voted aye. Trustee Miller was absent. The motion passed. Trustee Miller stated I am here.

5. Reports:

Highway Commisioner – Sam Gallucci: Commissioner Gallucci stated a storm is forecast for Friday. Brush pick up will resume next Tuesday. Monday is the Columbus Day holiday. Both weather services predict average to less then average temperature and snowfall this winter. The delay in starting the meeting was caused by a westbound semi on Route 64 that took out some power lines. Trustee Miller asked by telephone have some septic systems failed due to rain? Answer was several septic systems have failed due to rain. Commissioner Gallucci continued his report stating the Highway District picked up downed trees due to storm damage; removed excess soil to improve drainage on Northern Dancer and Harvest Lanes, and on Faireno Drive, and installed drainage tile on Northern Dancer and Harvest Lanes, and on Faireno Drive; we repaired asphalt on Saddlebrook Drive, Retreat Court, Dairyherd Lane, and Fox Mill Blvd. The Highway District contracted with the Village of Lily Lake to cut and chip up a downed tree on Hazelwood Trail. The District continued mowing throughout Campton Township and the Village of Campton Hills; we cleaned all grates and storm drains of debris throughout the Township and Village; roadways were assessed for drainage problems and potholes, and potholes were repaired with cold patch throughout the Township and Village; all stop signs in the Township and Village were checked on a weekly basis 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 35 assessment appeals were heard over three days.

Solid Waste District – Steven Cartwright, President: Solid Waste President Cartwright stated the Solid Waste District sent Requests for Proposals (RFP's) to five waste haulers for the new contract on October 3rd by e-mail. These are Advanced, Groot, LSR, Waste Management, and Flood Brothers. Republic is gone. We got 4 of the 5 back already. The proposals are due November 15th. Regarding escalation clauses, we asked for proposed increases over the five-year period of the new contract, and the reason for them. The list of hazardous waste accepted for pick up is: aerosol products; antifreeze; auto fluids; ballasts (non-PCB & PCB); batteries (auto, sump, power tool & household sizes); oil based blacktop sealer; cleaning products; cooking oil; fire extinguishers; fluorescent bulbs (tubes and CFL's); gasoline & oil/gas mixtures; headlight bulbs; hobby and photo chemicals; lawn chemicals; mercury containing devices (thermostats, etc.); motor oil (not farm machinery oil); oxygen tanks; latex paint; oil based paint, stains and varnishes; pesticides, poisons, herbicides, insecticides; pool chemicals; propane

tanks; resins, glues, adhesives; smoke detectors; and solvents. **The list of hazardous waste not accepted** includes acetylene cylinders; ammunition, explosives, or fireworks; biological or medical waste; business generated waste; foam cylinders (Part A/ Part B); MAPP gases; pharmaceuticals/ medications; radioactive material; and syringes/needles.

Financial Report – Louise McKay, Finance Director: Finance Director McKay’s report stated:

- Any line items that are over budget have an under-budget line item to offset.
- The last significant tax distributions from Kane County were deposited on September 4th and the deposits are reflected in the financial reports. Kane County had an additional tax distribution on October 2nd. The October distributions were: Road \$227,553, Town \$122,770 and Open Space Bond Debt \$790,665. This leaves approximately 2.5% of the budgeted tax revenues unpaid. The final tax payment is distributed at the end of October and should cover 99% of the budgeted revenue.
- PMA investment revenue in the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures is stated net of the amortization of premiums and discount. In September, cash proceeds of \$2,913 from investment coupons was deposited in the PMA Maintenance account, and \$3,522 was deposited in the 2005A account. An investment of \$112,000 with JP Morgan Chase DTC maturing 9-14-23 was called (investee retired the investment). These funds will need to be reinvested.
- Town Fund Administration, Assessor and Parks total budgeted expenditures for the current month of September, and for year to date are within budget.
- The Road District total budgeted expenditures for the current month of September and for year to date are within budget.
- Capital Improvements now reflects the total expenditures (appraisal, legal services, etc.), related to purchasing 40W011 Old Burlington Road. Miscellaneous Income is from the transfer of 40W686 Burlington Road to Open Space and secured promissory note proceeds. Both Miscellaneous Income and Land Acquisition were not included in the original budget.
- Open Space is slightly over budget for the month of September, and the year to date is over budget due to the Corron Farm Dairy Barn stabilization. Most of the Barn overage is offset by wages, but an additional \$9,000 in spending needs to be cut.

Corron Farm Preservation Society Update – Laurel Garza, President: Corron Farm Preservation Society President Garza stated the windows for the Dairy Barn have been ordered at a cost of \$3,500. On November 10th the Preservation Society will have its chilly cook off and meat raffle at the Lodge. Trustee Stutesman asked where the name Campton came for our Township. President Garza stated Lucinda Corron wrote a history of this Township called **“Campton Township History.”** An excerpt from Vern Abrahamson’s copy states:

John Beatty, who had come from Crawford County, Pennsylvania to Chicago in 1834, came first to Geneva and then to what is now Campton Township in March of 1835. He staked out his first claim in section 36, but later located in Sections 26 and 35 and built the first log cabin in Campton near what is now Highway 38 and LaFox Road Several other pioneers located here in 1835: **John Whitney** came to section 14; **Robert Corron** staked his claim in Section 2; Lukle Pike, in Sections 21 and 22 (later taken over by the Chaffees); James Hackett, Sections 20 and 21; **Culverson, Section 35 (Later the property of Timothy Garfield)**; Charles Babcock, Section 20 (the John Stewart farm); and James Outhouse, Section 18 A little later Canada Corners (now Lily Lake) was settled, with many of its early residents coming here from Canada.

When the first settlers arrived there were no political divisions, but in 1837 the first elections were held. At that time Kane County was divided into four precincts. - - Fox River, Sandusky, Lake and Fairfield. Residents from Campton, Plato, and parts of Burlington and Virgil voted in the Fairfield precinct, and 22 votes were cast in 1837. However in those days any citizen of the county could vote in whatever precinct he happened to be at election time. Elias Crary, Joel Harvey and James Corron served as judges on the board, while Stephen Archer and Henry K. Bartlett were clerks. **The residents of this area continued to vote in the Fairfield precinct until 1848 when the state of Illinois was divided into townships. In 1849 it was discovered there was another Fairfield in the state, and the name was changed to Milo. However a year later when Joseph P. Bartlett became the first supervisor, the township received its present name of Campton, probably named for Bartlett’s home town in New Hampshire.** In the years that followed town meetings were held in the house of Eber Chaffee and afterwards in various school houses.

In 1874, the inhabitants, with their characteristic enterprise, having determined to adopt a permanent location for the future, erected a beautiful town house now in use. It stands upon Section 22, is a frame building, and with its clean white walls contrasted with its dark green blinds, presents a peculiarly neat appearance, and may be taken as a model country town house. But few of the townships in the county, west of the river, possess buildings erected for similar purpose.

The early residents of the township were determined their children should have a good education, and the first school was held in the log cabin of James Ward in 1837-38, with Miss Lee of Plato as the teacher. A year later a log school house was built near the Wasco cemetery. In 1841 Eber Chaffee, Charles Fletcher, Thomas Dodge, Ansel Lake and Hylas Currier, with Nelson Walker as clerk, served as the Board of Trustees for the six school districts in the township. **In 1852 the children in the Whitney district marched from the old log school house down the road to the newly built frame school building, later called the White School, located on the corner of the Burlington and Wasco Roads.** Another school was the Stone School on Silver Glen Road just east of Corron Road where the Van Tassels now live.

Other information about Campton Township can be found in "[An Illustrated History of Campton Township, Kane County, Illinois in two parts: Part I and Part II](#)" by Adam D. Gibbons. Mr. Gibbons also wrote a book on Wasco called "[Wasco Illinois: A History](#)."

Operations Manager – Tom Serewicz: Operations Manager Serewicz stated:

- **At Anderson Park** mowing and weed whacking was done, tree branches were cut
- **At Whitney Park** mowing and weed whacking was done, the school house foundation work begun as follows: the permit was posted, stake out scheduled for October 7th, foundation dig scheduled for October 11th, soil test scheduled for October 14th, and the foundation to start on October 14th, weather permitting.
- **At the Community Center** mowing and weed whacking was done, salt added to the water softener, and turf builder was applied to grass.
- **At Corron Farm** mowing and weed whacking was done, trails were mowed, the water line and hydrant were repaired, and Prairie Fest was set up and torn down.
- **At Gray Willows** mowing and weed whacking was done, trails were mowed at the camp ground, and we assisted staff in removing a fallen oak tree.
- **At the Headwaters Conservation Area** mowing and weed whacking was done, trails were mowed, and playground equipment inspected.
- **At the Harley Woods, Torchy Property** mowing and weed whacking was done.
- **At Brown Road Meadows** mowing and weed whacking was done, a compost box emptied, and empty plots mowed.
- **At Poynor Park** mowing and weed whacking was done, trails were mowed, and the dog run fence repaired.
- **At Town Hall** mowing and weed whacking was done.
- **In General**, a safety meeting was held, a Gray Willows Eagle Scout project was assisted, Toyota work day was assisted, staff was assisted, dairy barn windows were ordered, and the dog fountain to start at Corron Farm on October 3rd.

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

- **Projects Completed/Ongoing:**
 1. Assisted Operations staff as needed.
 2. Concluding work at Corron Farm in collaboration with the Preservation Society on the Clean Energy Community Foundation grant.
 3. V3 continues work on the Gray Willows and Headwaters wetland restoration.
 4. Late season weed control including cattails, reed canary grass, and phragmites.
 5. Led Homeschool hike at Harley Woods.
 6. Planting plugs at Corron Farm, Harley Woods, and Gray Willows.
 7. Trail maintenance at Gray Willows.
 8. Assisted with Prairie Fest.
 9. Assisted with Watch D.O.G.S. event at Ferson Elementary.
 10. Planted trees at Corron Farm.
 11. Began harvesting pumpkins from community gardens for fundraiser.
- **Trainings/Meetings:**

1. Met with potential Eagle Scout candidates regarding projects.
2. Attended Kane County Forest Preserve seed harvest.
3. Met with Mat Zerby of Wasco Nursery to discuss health of Oaks at Corron Farm and Gray Willows.
4. Attended planning commission meeting.
5. Attended Ferson Creek PTO meeting to promote adopt-a-park.
6. Attended Fermi Lab ELM meeting.

• **Volunteer Service:**

	Hours	IRS Value	Staff Value
Total Volunteer Hours to Date	619	\$14942.66	\$6190
Volunteer Steward Hours to Date	140	\$3379.60	\$1400

1. Hosted National Public Lands Day with Kane County Forest Preserves at Corron Farm with Toyota. ~ 75 in attendance, projects included seed harvest, plug planting, fence pulling, and brush clearing.
 2. Led homeschool seed harvest at Headwaters. ~ 30 in attendance.
 3. Kyle Schermerhorn constructed seed racks and hosted native seed harvest as part of his Eagle Scout project.
 4. Mason Peterson hosted workdays to construct the footbridge to the campground at Gray Willows. He is nearing completion.
 5. Hosting public seed harvests every Thursday from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. In addition, hosting multiple group workdays to harvest seed.
- **Upcoming:**
1. Conclusion of early fall weed control.
 2. Continued native seed collection.
 3. Assisting with Whitney Schoolhouse project.
 4. Further development of volunteer programs.
 5. Establishment of new Gray Willows trails.
 6. Finalizing the ICECF Grant at Corron Farm.
 7. Preparations for prescribed burn season.
 8. Preparations for winter brush clearing.

J. Kupa asked Restoration Ecologist Nelson to work with someone with Kane County to do a tree survey at the Whitney farmstead to identify sugar and silver Maple trees that can be used for a maple syrup harvest.

Website Improvements Report – Trustee Stutesman: T. Stutesman stated there is an article in TOI (Township Officials of Illinois) Perspective magazine about township websites that has useful information for us to use. TOI charges \$175.00 a year for help that includes software we can use for the Campton Township website. He wants a meeting with them for help on this. It's user friendly. In other matters, we are in compliance with FOIA requirements for public use of our site. He also suggests we tape our Annual Town Meeting for our website.

Planning Commission Report – Jesse Varsho: Absent. J Kupa stated the Commission wants to establish a policy regarding horses using Township open space. The Headwaters is the only Township open space site where it is OK for horses to use the land at present.

Supervisor Report – John Kupa: Supervisor Kupa stated:

- For the first time in 12 years we had to cancel our annual Prairie Fest due to inclement weather. The team was pulled together at 9:30 am and the collective decision was to call the event. Our decision was twofold; our number one concern was to protect the public in case of lightening and heavy rains. We simply do not have the facilities to shelter large groups of people should lightening or heavy rains occur. Our second concern was with the vendors and exhibitors that participate in Prairie Fest. Given the weather, we felt that there would be a low participation rate by the public. We will plan for next year. We have purchased 4 – 10 X 20 tents, which we will utilize for next year. I want to thank our staff, exhibitors and vendors for the preparation and work they put into this event.
- We are trying to schedule the excavation and foundation construction for the Whitney School house towards the second half of October. This may be delayed, however, as the foundation plans are complex and we may be looking for an alternative foundation design. We are evaluating the design of the Town Hall foundation and see if that would be appropriate for the Whitney School House.

- I spoke with Edward Meliunas, owner of the Windmill Ginger Brew Distillery. He would like to evaluate the potential of planting a 30-acre apple orchard and constructing an apple cider distillery in our Township. He would like it to be similar to the Aqua Vina Vineyard west of the Township. I will be meeting with him next week.

6. Approval of Minutes:

a. Board Meeting September 10, 2019: E. Murphy stated a spelling correction needs to be made on page four, item two under Supervisor's Report by changing the spelling of "exaction" to "excavation". She moved to approve the minutes with that correction. T. Stutesman seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Stutesman, Galloway, Murphy, and Miller (by phone) voted aye. The motion passed.

b. Public Hearing September 10, 2019: T. Stutesman moved the Board approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of September 10, 2019. S. Galloway seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Stutesman, Galloway, Murphy, and Miller (by phone) voted aye. The motion passed.

7. Citizens' Comments: Highway Commissioner Gallucci stated there have been many complaints about traffic at the intersection of Burlington and Bolcum Roads. The County will make a round-about at that site next June.

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

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

b. Review and Act Upon Troop 13 Using Community Center as Meeting Location: Restoration Ecologist Nelson presented a proposed lease between Campton Township and Boy Scout Troop 13 for use of the basement at the Community Center for their meetings. He suggested the Township lawyer needed to put this together noting some wires in the basement ceiling needed to be fixed. Operations Manager Serewicz stated the Township needed to make an injection pit for bathroom facilities in the basement and it would take about \$15K to \$19K to do this. J. Miller moved (by phone) to table this agenda item. S. Galloway seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Stutesman, Galloway, Murphy, and Miller (by phone) voted aye. The motion passed.

10. Claims and Demands Authorized for Payment:

a. Town Fund \$3,003.33: T. Stutesman moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Town Fund in the amount of \$3,003.33. S. Galloway seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Stutesman, Galloway, Murphy, and Miller (by phone) voted aye. The motion passed.

b. Road & Bridge Fund \$137,126.16: J. Miller (by phone) moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Road & Bridge Fund in the amount of \$137,126.16. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Stutesman, Galloway, Murphy, and Miller (by phone) voted aye. The motion passed.

c. Capital Improvement Fund \$2,040.00: E. Murphy moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$2,040.00. T. Stutesman seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Stutesman, Galloway, Murphy, and Miller (by phone) voted aye. The motion passed.

d. Open Space Fund \$14,266.85: S. Galloway moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Open Space Fund in the amount of \$14,266.85. J. Miller seconded the motion (by phone). In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Stutesman, Galloway, Murphy, and Miller (by phone) voted aye. The motion passed.

Clerk Johansen stated the next item on the agenda is Executive Session to review the Executive Session minutes of September 10, 2019. This is a one sentence statement that in the Clerk's opinion does not justify closed session where the public is required to leave the room. J. Miller moved the Board consider these Executive Session minutes in standard session. E. Murphy stated she does not want to adopt a precedent that might affect other Executive Session minutes down the road. J. Kuper stated let's refer these Executive Session minutes to the Township attorney for a decision on the question. J. Miller withdrew his motion (by phone).

11. Executive Session – Review Executive Session Minutes of September 10, 2019: J. Miller moved (by phone) the Board table the Executive Session minutes of September 10, 2019. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Stutesman, Galloway, Murphy, and Miller (by phone) voted aye. The motion passed.

12. New Business Continued:

aa. Review and Act Upon Approve Executive Session minutes of September 10, 2019: J. Miller moved (by phone) the Board table this agenda item. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Stutesman, Galloway, Murphy, and Miller (by phone) voted aye. The motion passed.

13. Adjournment: T. Stutesman moved the Board adjourn the meeting. S. Galloway seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Stutesman, Galloway, Murphy, and Miller (by phone) voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Johansen

Clerk