

1. 2. 3. The September 13, 2016 Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kuper at 7:35 p.m. at the Community Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Clerk Johansen called the roll with Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Stutesman and Vandiver present. Trustees Murphy and Miller were absent.

4. Reports:

Highway Commissioner – Sam Gallucci: Commissioner Gallucci stated the fall brush pick up schedule will begin the week of October 3rd north of Route 64, the week of October 11th south of Route 64, and the week of October 17th in the Plato Township portion of Campton Hills. Dura Patching was completed in the Foxfield and Windings subdivisions, and on Ridge Line Road. This takes two weeks to cure before the gravel can be swept up. The Campton Township Road District was contracted out to install six Speed Limit signs and six Weight Limit signs for the Village of Virgil. Ditch work and landscaping with soil and seed was done on Foxfield, Bridle Creek, and Palomino Drives, and on Cambridge and Arboretum Courts, and on Empire Road. Gravel was applied at Gray Willows for the open space program. Damaged or missing signs were replaced on a weekly basis. The Highway District picked up storm damage throughout Campton Township and the Village of Campton Hills; completed tree trimming throughout the Township and Village; cleared all grates and storm drains of debris throughout the Township and Village; completed mowing throughout the Township and Village; checked all stop signs in the Township and Village on a weekly basis and replaced damaged or missing ones; swept all intersections in the Township and Village; checked for the issuance of culvert permits throughout the Township and Village; assessed roadways for drainage problems and pot holes; and repaired pot holes with cold patch throughout the Township and Village. Campton Township crewmen completed a training course on Blood borne Pathogens on 8/24/16; and ongoing maintenance of Township vehicles and equipment was performed in-house by Highway District staff.

Assessor – Alan D. Rottmann: Assessor Rottmann stated a total of 40 assessment appeals were filed. This is the lowest number in 10 years. The hearings start September 28th.

Solid Waste District – President Jack Berry: Absent.

Financial Report – Louise McKay: Finance Director McKay stated:

- PMA investment revenue in the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures is net of the amortization of premiums and discount. The actual cash proceeds from coupon interest are: \$15,683.05 in the Maintenance Money Market, \$2,000.00 in the 2002A Series Money Market, and \$543.51 in the 2010A Series Money Market.
- There were several calls regarding the Ride in Kane program this month but none of the residents completed the registration paper work to enroll in the program.
- Town Fund and Capital Improvements expenditures in total are within budget for the month of August and for the year to date. Year to date the Town Fund departments are: Administration \$1,450 under budget (with legal services \$998 over), Assessor \$2,436 under budget, Parks \$9,143 under budget, General Assistance \$115 under budget. Capital Improvements is under budget since no expenditures have been made to date while research continues for a long lasting affordable option for the Anderson Park court repairs. All over budget items have offsetting under budget line items. Supervisor Kuper stated he was at a Republican function recently and was told by a Senator that it's a bad idea to run a surplus because the State will

take it away. Kupa said that's the wrong idea because not spending money is good for the taxpayers.

- Open Space Administration is under budget \$1,151. The Debt service Budget variance is due to a timing difference and it will be within budget for the year. Open Space Maintenance is within budget in total and the Capital Outlay line items should have other line items with surpluses to offset.
- Road and Bridge year to date Administration is currently under budget in total. The year to date Maintenance is currently over budget in total. The timing of the payment to the VCH (Village of Campton Hills) for the Old LaFox resurfacing from the STP (Surface Transportation Program) grant creates approximately \$90,000 of the \$108,366 of expenditures over budget. It is anticipated the budget in total will be close to balanced. This is because the drainage related line items over budget (culverts, Contractual Services – tile, tree) can be offset by cost share funding from the VCH (revenue line item: Intergovernmental Drainage – VCH).
- I am working on completing the Annual Treasurer Report for fiscal year 2015-2016; It will be finished by the September due date.
- Per request of the August Board meeting, I contacted the Elburn Fire Department regarding AED (automated external defibrillator) equipment and EPI pens. The Fire Marshall stated they are able to combine the AED training with the CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) training. An AED costs approximately \$2,000 and with price shopping lower dollar amounts are available. A medical prescription is required for an EPI pen and it was discouraged by the Fire Department due to various liability issues such as having non-medical trained employees using one, etc.

Corron Farm Preservation Society Update – Absent.

Operations Manager – Tom Serewicz: Operations Manager Serewicz stated:

- **At Anderson Park** mowing and weed whacking was done; the north tree line and parking lot trees were pruned; the parking lot was herbicided; tennis court benches replaced; and a safety fence was installed by the test holes at the tennis court.
- **At Burlington Park** mowing and weed whacking was done; and a fire inspection completed.
- **At the Community Center** mowing and weed whacking was done.
- **At Corron Farm** mowing and weed whacking was done; the parking lot herbicided; trails were mowed; shoring and material was unloaded for Trillium Dell; and set up completed for the Alpha-1 event.
- **At the Headwaters Conservation Area** mowing and weed whacking was done; a trail mowed; a grass trail redone for V-3 to get at ½ acre more wetland; V-3 began breaking tile there for the wetland expansion; and horses taking the grass trail were taking a short cut through the wetland area. J. Kupa said to put a green security fence there.
- **At the Harley Woods: Torchy Property** mowing and weed whacking was done.
- **At Poynor Park** mowing and weed whacking was done; trails were mowed; and the parking lot/road re-stripped.
- **At Townhall** mowing and weed whacking was done; and the interior cleaned.
- **At Gray Willows** mowing and weed whacking was done; trails were mowed; trees were pruned and debris hauled away; stone was added to the trail by the cement bridge; the swimming pool was filled in; and 4 signs placed.
- **In general:** the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) burn permit for the 2016-2017 burn season was secured; community service people are working; Trillium Dell will have staff at Corron Farm the week of 9/12/16; the Lily Lake sled hill at Blue Park was mowed.

Natural Resources Monthly Report – Josh Nelson, Ecological Restoration Technician: Ecological Restoration Technician Nelson stated both Natural Resources seasonals have returned to school.

- **Projects Completed/ Ongoing:**
 1. Interpretive signs have been installed at the Corron Farm Native Plant Garden. A large amount of positive feedback has been received. A donation was received to purchase similar signs for the Savannah Trail to identify oak trees.
 2. A significant portion of time was spent on control of giant ragweed at Corron Farm.
 3. Preservation of oak saplings by marking and trimming around them has been done at Corron Farm, Gray Willows, and Harley Woods. Thanks to a donation of bamboo stakes the higher quality trees are much more visible. Special thanks to Joe M. and Nancy for volunteering to mark oaks while walking trails. Approximately 120 oaks were marked at

Harley Woods in the prairie. Approximately 100 oaks were marked at Corron Farm in the Savannah. Approximately 50 oaks were marked at Gray Willows in various locations.

4. Resumes are coming in for the Fall/Winter Natural Resources Intern position.
 5. Boy Scout Troop 13 camped at Gray Willows. They were extremely happy with the campground and plan on coming back. One upcoming day event is planned at the campground.
 6. Eagle projects are coming along well. The Chimney Swift Tower is being installed in late September/early October. The scout has raised all the money he believes he will need. Final plans are being worked on to install the Poynor Park disk Golf Course this fall. The scout has raised half his goal so far.
 7. Gardens are weeded and cleaned up, trees and shrubs pruned as needed.
 8. The Elderberry Pond brush clearing project continues at Headwaters.
 9. Operations staff was assisted as needed.
 10. Josh assisted with the Alpha-1 Prairie walk for the cure at Corron Farm.
- **Meetings/Trainings:**
 1. Josh completed the S-130 (Intro to Wildwind Fire Fighting) and S-100 (Incident Command System) trainings. Currently working on S-190 (Wildwind Fire Behavior). These are for Burn Boss Certification. All online trainings will be completed in time for burn season.
 2. Met with Jan S. of Wasco Nursery to discuss landscaping options for parks.
 3. Met with Jack Shouba to discuss management of natural areas.
 4. Josh and Jen M. attended the Kane County Forest Preserve Harvesting Seed for Habitat Restoration program.
 - **Upcoming:**
 1. Preparations for Prairie Fest.
 2. Workdays on Eagle projects.
 3. Continuation of oak preservation project.
 4. Brush/tree control in prairies.
 5. Fall seeding of areas managed over the summer.
 6. Preparation for burn season.
 7. Assorted classes/seminars at Morton Arboretum.
 8. **A Monarch Butterfly grant has been approved for \$10,000. It is for habitat creation at Gray Willows for Monarch Butterflies.**

Educational Opportunities at Campton Properties – Trustee Vandiver: Trustee Vandiver stated she wants to do a late winter, early spring event next year.

Gray Willows Planning Committee – Trustee Miller: Absent.

Website Improvements Report – Trustee Stutesman: Trustee Stutesman stated his Campton Township Internet and Social Media Presence Strategic Plan for 2016:

- **Objectives:** To review the current internet/web and social media presence of Campton Township and all its departments and align them to create a framework for the future.
- **Stages:**
 1. Question all stakeholders privately in what they see we need presently and what some future needs might be.
 2. Review current platforms and channels with technical staff.
 3. Create a strategic direction statement.
 4. Create a tactical plan.
 5. Submit it to the Board for review and approval in 90 days.
- **Survey Results:**
 1. Integrate existing websites and social media presence into a single theme look and feel.
 2. That can be easily updated by staff.
 3. And is Viewable on mobile devices.
 4. Integrate e-mail / communications.
 5. Have forms online.
 6. Have an online Calendar system.
 7. Have volunteer signup on line.

- **Process:**
 1. Based on survey and needs analysis there are two parts to moving the Township forward:
 - Back Office** (Email, Archive, Shared folders), options are:
 - Google
 - Microsoft Hosting Products
 - Customer Facing** (Facebook & Portal)

The key is to integrate our information centers into one customer facing view of the community.
- **The Current Footprint of Back Office:**
 1. 24 mailboxes (Highway only uses one).
 2. No real Facebook or Twitter.
 3. Two distinct different web sites not integrated and not easily managed.
 4. Technical managed but not content managed.
 5. These are generally Microsoft products.
- **Options:**
 1. Microsoft Outlook: +/- \$30.00 per user; includes Office 365 and Online Plan.
 2. Google: +/- \$15.00.
- **Recommendations:**
 1. Google offers far more features and functionality for the price. It is also what local school districts and other government agencies are moving to.
 2. We would still keep investment in Microsoft overall products but not manage them online as in Office 365 subscriptions.
 3. Once completed, we would move to combining web platforms into one with a complete integrated back office workflow.

Supervisor Report – John Kupa: Supervisor Kupa stated:

- Josh Nelson and I met with Erica Ruggiero of Skyline Partners on Sunday August 21st with regards to the Whitney School House. Erica was reviewing potential locations for the school house on both the Corron and Gray Willows Farms. It appears that there is a potential problem in relocating the Whitney School House to Corron Farm. If the school house is relocated to Corron Farm, it will not be eligible for listing in the National Register. This could limit the amount of funds and grants we would receive for the relocation and restoration of the structure. It appears the relocation of the school house to Gray Willow Farm would be more appropriate and that it would be eligible for National Register status. Research shows that the Whitney family did own a portion of the Gray Willows Farm in the past. Erica will be at the next Board meeting to discuss this issue as well as a current update on the project.
- The execution of the ABC Disney Wetlands Conservation Easement to the Township occurred Friday, August 26th in Chicago. John Idler, President and General Manager of ABC 7, Craig Storm, Director of Engineering for ABC, Jim Gray and Ann Zwick, attorneys for Freeborn and Peters were in attendance. Together, ABC and the Township have preserved 17 acres of wetlands for our community to enjoy.
- In discussions with John Idler about the wetlands, he indicated he was giving the farmed property adjacent to the wetlands to the Northern Illinois Food Bank. I asked if he would consider providing a conservation easement to the Township for the restoration of this land back to native prairie. The Township in turn would provide a long term lease to the Northern Illinois Food Bank at one of our other properties for them to farm and harvest food for their program. I received a call from Mr. Idler on Friday, September 9th, indicating he thought it would be an excellent idea and he would proceed to facilitate this happening. The concept is twofold, first identify one of our properties that can be used for food production for the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Second, locate a Township community garden adjacent to that location.
- I will be meeting with Juile Yurko, President of the Northern Illinois Food Bank, and John Idler, within the next two weeks to start discussions on this project. This will allow the Township to restore another 40+ acres back to native prairie.
- Campton Township's County Board Representative Barb Wojnicki and I met with Jodie Wollnik, P.E., Assistant Director – Water Resources Kane County of the Water Resources Division to discuss water planning issues in the Township. Based on current monitoring, there are some near surface aquifer areas in the Township that are recharging into the St. Peters sandstone.

This may affect the long term water resources of the Township, including the unincorporated areas, the Village of Lily Lake, and the Village of Campton Hills. We discussed the development of an intergovernmental agreement to fund a study to determine the extent of the issue.

- I met with the Fox Valley Wildlife Center, the Conservation Foundation, and the Calamos Family Foundation on Monday, September 12th. The purpose was to discuss the potential of the Fox Valley Wildlife Center moving to and utilizing the Motz property for a wildlife rehabilitation facility. The Center would maintain and improve the current farm house and garage. The Calamos Family Foundation would fund the construction of a Morton Building to house a rehabilitation facility and avian cage. This may be a great opportunity to repurpose this facility and improve the structure at no cost to the Township. The wildlife center is focusing only on native species of animals indigenous to Kane County. Rehabilitated animals could be released on our open space lands.

5. Approval of Minutes:

a. Board Meeting August 9, 2016: T. Stutesman moved the Board approve the minutes of the meeting of August 9, 2016. V. Vandiver seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Stutesman and Vandiver voted aye. Trustees Murphy and Miller were absent. The motion passed.

b. Special Board Meeting August 25, 2016: T. Stutesman moved the Board approve the minutes of the meeting of August 25, 2016. V. Vandiver seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Stutesman, and Vandiver voted aye. Trustees Murphy and Miller were absent. The motion passed.

6. Citizens' Comments: John Pree spoke regarding open space in the Fox Mill PUD on Route 64 between the Campton Crossings stores and the entrance to Fox Mill. A developer is petitioning to place commercial businesses on this open space. Our local residents have voted for open space, we enjoy it, and we have an obligation to keep it. So, show up at next Tuesdays Village of Campton Hills meeting at 7:00 p.m. in this room at the Community Center to ask the Village Board to keep our open space. We all should show up. John Kubar said that was always intended to be open space. How did it go from that to become commercial property? Jerry Johnson said he is concerned about this. The concessions were that certain areas were dedicated for certain purposes. To undo what was promised to us is wrong. We need to be vigilant. To go against that is a black mark that can set a precedent for future wrong decisions. Harry Blecker said you are all invited to the Village of Campton Hills meeting next Tuesday. Jerry Johnson said he hopes Campton Township will support this open space. Vicky Vandiver asked what is proposed to be built there? Harry Blecker said a Dunkin Donuts is one proposal. The second building could be a small super market. Clerk Johansen said he met with Representative Pritchard at his Sycamore office about getting grant funding to move and restore the Whitney Schoolhouse. He researched this and replied by e-mail identifying 6 possible sources for grant funding. I forwarded the e-mail to Supervisor Kubar and Township staff for follow up.

7. Old Business – Presentation and Discussion for Action:

a. Review and Act Upon Court Repairs for Anderson Park: V. Vandiver moved the Board table this agenda item. T. Stutesman seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Stutesman and Vandiver voted aye. Trustees Murphy and Miller were absent. The motion passed.

b. Review and Act Upon Ground Water Monitoring for Campton Township Area: J. Kubar stated according to the Illinois Water Survey and the United States Geological Survey the City of Joliet is drawing the Saint Peter aquifer down and a bubble in Campton Township shows a bathtub effect on the aquifers above the St. Pete. In 2008 we see a cluster of wells in the shallow and sandstone aquifers in Campton Township leaking water into the St. Pete aquifer. Over the last 20 years many wells in Campton Township were drilled into the St. Pete aquifer. Kane County had specifications regarding inspections and casing of wells but the County did not do this. So many wells went uncased and these drained near surface aquifers into the lower aquifers. This means the near surface aquifers can go dry. The sand and gravel aquifers from 0 to 100 feet would go dry first. The fractured bedrock is next. 50% of our wells are in that. What happens to property values if this continues? WSD (Wasco Sanitary District) is drawing water from the St. Peter aquifer and from the one below that. Kane County Board Representative Barb Wojnicki stated WSD is selling water from its well by the tanker full on a regular basis. They need to stop selling water from the well. J. Kubar stated if you draw more than 100,000 gallons a day there are laws that can be invoked. Barb Wojnicki said the quantity is on the honor system. Harry Blecker said they have sales records that should show quantity. J. Kubar said the St. Pete

aquifer has dropped 300 feet since 1987. Barb Wojnicki said lets have the Township, Village, and County partner and go to WSD to ask them to stop selling our water. J. Kupa stated we need to decide on funding a ground water monitoring study now. The initial cost is \$39,000 divided between Kane County, WSD, and us. That's \$13,000 locally for us to consider now. If we divide that between Campton Township, Campton Hills, and Lily Lake that's a \$4,000 cost for each of us. T. Stutesman moved the Board direct the Supervisor to interface with the County to ask for a more detailed scope of work and pricing of the study. The motion was seconded by V. Vandiver. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Stutesman and Vandiver voted aye. Trustees Murphy and Miller were absent. The motion passed.

8. New Business – Presentation and Discussion for Action:

a. None.

9. Claims and Demands Authorized for Payment:

a. Town Fund \$4,914.18: T. Stutesman moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Town Fund in the amount of \$4,914.18. V. Vandiver seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Stutesman and Vandiver voted aye. Trustees Murphy and Miller were absent. The motion passed.

b. Capital Improvement Fund: \$ -0-

c. Open Space Fund \$11,483.59: V. Vandiver moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Open Space Fund in the amount of \$11,483.59. T. Stutesman seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Stutesman, and Vandiver voted aye. Trustees Murphy and Miller were absent. The motion passed.

d. Road & Bridge Fund \$56,752.87: T. Stutesman moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Road and Bridge Fund in the amount of \$56,752.87. V. Vandiver seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Stutesman and Vandiver voted aye. Trustees Murphy and Miller were absent. The motion passed.

10. Executive Session – Personnel, Review Executive Session Minutes of August 6, 2016: J. Kupa moved the Board table Executive Session. V. Vandiver seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Stutesman and Vandiver voted aye. Trustees Murphy and Miller were absent. The motion passed.

8. New Business Continued:

aa. Review and Act Upon Approve Executive Session Minutes of August 6, 2016: T. Stutesman moved the Board table approving the Executive Session Minutes of August 6, 2016. V. Vandiver seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Stutesman and Vandiver voted aye. Trustees Murphy and Miller were absent. The motion passed.

11. Adjournment: T. Stutesman moved the Board adjourn the meeting. V. Vandiver seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Stutesman and Vandiver voted aye. Trustees Murphy and Miller were absent. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Johansen

Clerk