

# Minutes - Board of Town Trustees

STATE OF ILLINOIS,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Kane \_\_\_\_\_ County, } ss.  
 Town of \_\_\_\_\_ Geneva \_\_\_\_\_,

THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the

office of the Town Clerk at 400 Wheeler Drive on March 15, 2007 ,

PRESENT: Patrick Jaeger Supervisor  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Town Clerk  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Richard Sharp Town Trustee  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Sharon R. Brazill Town Trustee  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Denise D. LaCure Town Trustee  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mark Wissing Town Trustee

Mr. Patrick Jaeger acting as chairperson and Sheri McMurray as clerk. The following official business was transacted:

Supervisor Jaeger called the meeting to order at 7:20p.m.

Trustees audited the bills presented for payment.

Sheri McMurray led the Pledge to the Flag.

Acting Clerk Sheri McMurray called the roll.

Minutes of the following meeting were presented for approval:

February 15, 2007 Board of Trustees Meeting

Motion by Trustee Brazill/second by Trustee Sharp to approve the Minutes as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

## CORRESPONDENCE:

A note from Kathy Wilson Felt, Bob and Marjorie Wilson's daughter, was read thanking the Board of Trustees, staff, and Senior Services Committee for the plant that was sent to Marjorie.

## PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brian Maher of 33W568 East Lane, West Chicago discussed safety and traffic issues that are present as a result of the recent closure of the Union Pacific (UP) crossing on Old Kirk Road and road construction in the area. He described traffic that is using Old Kirk Road and other roads like East Lane as a way to escape construction back-ups with drivers unaware that the tracks have been closed or that some roads are private.

Intersections and drives are being blocked according to Mr. Maher. He also questioned why improvements have not been made by the City of Geneva to the closed tracks with the UP settlement money. Trustee Wissing discussed his efforts including the creation of a large, temporary "Road Closed at Tracks" sign and talks with Highway Commissioner John Carlson and the City of Geneva about permanent signs. He said that Kane County had erected signs and a trailer with lights at noon today. Trustee Wissing also addressed the need for a pedestrian exit.

Trustee Wissing suggested that the Township draft a letter to the City of Geneva asking that the City address the safety issues so as to protect the twenty-six families that live in the area. The Board of Trustees agreed with his suggestion.

Lance Spurling of 0N634 Old Kirk Rd., West Chicago expressed his frustration that signs had not been put up on Old Kirk Rd. He expressed concern for the children in the area and their safety.

Lieutenant Don Kramer of the Kane County Sheriff's Department spoke to the safety and traffic problems residents are experiencing on Old Kirk Rd. He said that he would make sure that a squad car is sent to the area to help with speeding and other traffic related offenses.

## OFFICIALS' REPORTS:

SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE: John Anderson reported that the Senior Services Committee would like to see the Senior Center open. Copies of emails from other members were distributed by Trustee Sharp. Trustee Sharp reported that issues yet to be

resolved regarding the Senior Center include the logo design, credit card, fiber optic hook-up, phones and computer, and signage.

SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR: Sherri Weitzl reported on her attendance at the NCOA & ASA conference in Chicago that included 4000 attendees. She had a chance to compare notes with other senior center directors and believes that Geneva Township is on track if not exceeding other centers. She also attended an Association of Fundraising Professionals' event that focused on how to ask for funds from individuals. A discussion took place about this year's Swedish Days parade and trustees agreed that the Senior Center should again enter a float. Mark Wissing will work on our entry. Sherri distributed a two-sided newsletter she'd like to send to the Senior Center database of approximately 350 people announcing the opening. Printing costs were discussed. Supervisor Jaeger suggested that this newsletter be copied in the office for distribution to the database and that a press release be sent on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT: Supervisor Jaeger reported that the three front rooms would be finished and useable by the middle of next week. A March 26 opening is doable.

**BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:**

TOWN FUND	67,092.44
GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND	100.00
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	31,614.66
TOTAL	98,807.10

Motion by Trustee Brazill/second by Trustee Wissing to pay the bills as audited. Motion carried unanimously.

**TOWNSHIP BUSINESS:**

A draft Annual Meeting agenda was distributed. Motion by Trustee Brazill/second by Trustee Wissing to approve the agenda. A discussion took place regarding adding agenda items at the meeting. Supervisor Jaeger noted that the statute requires a  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority vote to add agenda items during a meeting. Trustees expressed their opinions about the consideration of topics that do not relate to Township government. Trustee LaCure stated that she does not favor any limits on the public's participation at the Annual Town Meeting. Trustee Wissing said he believes that national agenda issues should not be considered at a township meeting. Supervisor Jaeger suggested that there shouldn't be limits on discussion but that motions are limited to relevant issues. Trustee Sharp said that the Annual Town Meeting was used as a platform last year. The agenda was changed under "Order of Business" to include 4. Public Comment, and 5. Resolutions by Electors. The address should be changed to Wheeler Dr. Motion made by Trustee Brazill/second by Trustee LaCure to approve amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Further discussion took place regarding issues on Old Kirk Rd. Supervisor Jaeger offered to contact Mayor Burns regarding safety issues, including pedestrian access.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Items included in Trustee Sharp's handout regarding the Senior Center were discussed. A consensus was reached that the Senior Center has a soft opening on March 26. Supervisor Jaeger reported that the logo is on disk and business cards and formatting for letterhead will be ready soon. Supervisor Jaeger has a call into our bank regarding the credit card. Fiber optic installation should happen any day now. The power back-up equipment has not yet arrived. The process for printing approval was discussed.

No other business was brought before the Board of Trustees.  
Motion by Trustee Sharp/second by Trustee Brazill to adjourn.  
Motion carried unanimously.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri McMurray  
Acting Township Clerk