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**LIMESTONE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES**  
January 9, 2024

Supervisor Roemer called the January 9, 2024 public meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Roll Call of Officers.

Trustees Present: Getz, Johnson, Neal, O'Neill, and Supervisor Roemer.

Trustees Absent: None Quorum: Present

Visitors: Michelle Johnson, Jennifer Allison, and Del Rickna

Trustees O'Neill and Getz motioned for the approval of the regular Board of Trustees minutes for December 12, 2023.

Ayes: Trustees Getz, Johnson, Neal, O'Neill, and Supervisor Roemer

Nays: None Motion Carried

Supervisor Roemer presented the Statement of Revenue & Expenditures vs. the Annual Budget for the fiscal year-to-date for approval.

Trustees Neal and O'Neill motioned to accept the Statement of Revenue & Expenditures vs. the Annual Budget for the fiscal year-to-date.

Ayes: Trustees Getz, Johnson, Neal, O'Neill and Supervisor Roemer

Nays: None Motion Carried

Trustees Johnson and O'Neill motioned to accept the Town expenditures for the month with three (3) supplementals. These include Bartonville Insurance Agency for \$30.00, The Secretary of State for \$15.00, and Harry Sweet for \$338.75.

Ayes: Trustees Getz, Johnson, Neal, O'Neill and Supervisor Roemer

Nays: None Motion Carried

Trustees Getz and Neal motioned to accept the Road expenditures for the month with one (1) supplemental to Ag-land for \$20.00.

Ayes: Trustees Getz, Johnson, Neal, O'Neill and Supervisor Roemer

Nays: None Motion Carried

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## NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business at this time.

## SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Roemer informed the Board that the Township will be ordering new Sharps Drop Box for containers as a part of the Sharps Grant. The new drop box will feature the Township and County logos.

He continued by stating that our ordinance officer, Harry Sweet, has been working hard to get cars off the side of the road that have not been moved to comply with the Township's Parking Ban.

Supervisor Roemer went on to discuss that he has reached out to Heart Technologies concerning a network with protections at the Township.

He then stated that he will be attending the Peoria County Planning and Zoning next week to get updates on their properties that fall within the Township boundaries.

Supervisor Roemer continued by letting the Board know that Safety for Seniors will take place on March 23, 2024 from 9:00-12:00 at Limestone Community High School. He urged the Board to pass along this information to any seniors that they may know.

Supervisor Roemer let the Board know that the Township is going to be looking for an intern for the spring/summer of 2024. The job duties will include file organization, reception, and ordinance organization. The Township will partner with the Village of Bartonville's Park Department and share the intern one (1) day a week. This should be advertised starting at the end of the month.

He concluded his report by reading a thank you card from Toys for Tots. This was a very successful event this year.

## HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

Randy Neal, Township Highway Commissioner, was not present but asked Supervisor Roemer to share a report. The Road crew started plowing and salting last night at 9:00 pm and continued until 4:30 pm tonight. Eight (8) full time and seasonal employees helped throughout this time. As a precaution, there will be two (2) road crew employees on duty 24 hours until Wednesday night to deal with drifts caused by blowing winds. The crew has also been busy doing maintenance on the buildings and trucks. The boom-arm has also been utilized to trim the roadsides.

## ASSESSOR REPORT

There was no report given at this time.

## OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to come before the Board.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Board discussed the slight differences between this year and last year's Assessor's budget. Trustees Getz and Neal motioned to approve the proposed Assessor's Budget for the fiscal year 2024

Ayes: Trustees Getz, Johnson, Neal, O'Neill, and Supervisor Roemer

Nays: None Motion Carried

Supervisor Roemer discussed with the Board the proposed changes at the Pool for the 2024 season. This includes being open daily 12:00pm -6:00pm, aerobics on Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00am -11:00am, lap swimming Wednesdays 6:00am-7:00am, a senior admission pricing change to \$3.00, changing morning rental times from 10:00am-12:00pm, only allowing a two (2) hour rental, changing lessons to run for 30 minutes, and a rule was also added that all employee and patron personal items and bags are liable for search.

The Board discussed changing the price of aerobics and lap swimming from \$3.00 to \$5.00.

Trustees O'Neill and Johnson motioned to approve the pricing for the 2024 Pool Season with the proposed changes from last year.

Ayes: Trustees Getz, Johnson, Neal, O'Neill and Supervisor Roemer

Nays: None Motion Carried

Jennifer Allison, from Senator Koehler's Office, was present to discuss more about the idea of a recreation center. Mrs. Allison stated that from the State side, they would like to work with the Township in any way that they can. She recommended submitting a letter to the Senator office to have it on file so if funds were to come available they have a direction to go. She expressed excitement about the project. Supervisor Roemer then discussed meetings that he has been attending about possibilities for partnering with the recreation center. The goal is to get a lot of community members involved in helping build and manage this community recreation center. Jennifer Allison added that she thinks starting to look for funds early is great.

The Board talked about where this building would be placed. Supervisor Roemer stated that it will probably fall within the Village of Bartonville limits. The current Mayor, Leon Ricca, has been supportive of the project.

Trustee Johson inquired if there has been lots of support from people outside of the Village for the Recreation Center. Supervisor Roemer explained that there have been a lot of surveys from the Village of Bartonville's comprehensive plan in favor of a recreation center. This is a survey that has reached an audience outside of the Village limit.

**NON-AGENDA BUSINESS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

There was no Non-Agenda Business at this time.

**CITIZEN INPUT**

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Del Rickena, was present to bring attention to the Board about a property on Farmington Rd. There have been people that purchased a property and put up a fence. This has become a dog rescue kennel that has been neglected. He discussed that people in the subdivision are concerned. Supervisor Roemer stated that the Township does not have jurisdiction over this issue, but he encouraged Mr. Rickna to keep reaching out to Peoria County Planning and Zoning.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees, the Board adjourned at 6:39pm.

Heather Robinson, Limestone Township Clerk