

Minutes - Board of Putman Township Trustees

State of Illinois, Fulton County, Putman Township

THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

met at the office of the Town Clerk at Cuba, Illinois on March 3, 2010.

PRESENT:

**Allen Woodruff, Hwy Commissioner
Raymond Burgess
Mary Woodruff
Noel Woodruff
Bonnie Burgess
Chris Strong**

**Joe Putrich, Supervisor
Wilbur McClaughry, Town Clerk
Jim Hootman, Town Trustee
Lisa Fahrenbruch, Town Trustee
Francis Clark, Town Trustee
Everett Lofftus, Town Trustee**

Joe Putrich acting as chairman, and Wilbur McClaughry as clerk. The following official business was transacted:

After Pledge of Allegiance, the minutes of February 3 were reviewed. Motion by Jim Hootman and seconded by Everett Lofftus to accept minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was reviewed by Joe Putrich. Motion was made by Lisa Fahrenbruch to accept treasurer's report. Seconded by Jim Hootman. Motion carried.

Supervisor Joe Putrich's report: General Assistance seminar in Bloomington April 29. He would like to go. Cost would be \$125, if seminar April 19 in East Peoria does not cover general assistance in depth. Joe contacted Attorney John McCarthy about posting township minutes on Wee Ma Tuk web site. After discussion, Lisa Fahrenbruch made a motion to have minutes on Wee Ma Tuk web site by Chris Strong with the cost being the same as whatever Mr. Strong's cost would be. Seconded by Jim Hootman. Motion carried.

Highway Commissioner Allen Woodruff's report: 1. Raymond & I have plowed snow and spread cinders. 2. The spreader on '04 pickup continues to plague us. The spinner worked sporadically. Had to make 2 or 3 trips to Koenig and finally had to replace spinner bearing and top pulley. The auger finally quit working, had to replace gear box, shaft bearing and clutch. This unit is 8 years old and we need to think about replacing it in the future. 3. We have been blading the rural roads and putting down gravel in the bad spots. Also, Arrow Road dam various potholes on Mohawk, Cheyenne. 4. Have replaced 3 hydraulic hoses on Case backhoe. 5. Overhead door opener on east building belt broke again. Need to look at chain drive instead. Opener was set up for 10 ft door, now have a 20 ft door. 6. Hose broke on '09 truck when clutch fan was replaced per recall. A silicone hose was put on, silicone hoses can't touch anything as they will wear through. '09 was serviced. 7. Bought set of chains for Case maintainer. Without front wheel drive assist and traction type cleat tires. Maintainer needs radial tires as per County Highway. County does not use chains. Joe asked about service machinery yearly, even if service hours are not used. Road District bills were presented. Motion by Francis Clark to allow payment of bills. Seconded by Jim Hootman. Roll call vote: Francis, yes; Lisa, yes; Everett, yes and Jim yes. Motion carried.

Assessor Jim Mitchell: Absent – no report.

Clerk Wilbur McClaughry's report: Annual Town Meeting will be Tuesday, April 13, at 6 p.m. with Budget Hearing to be at 6:30. Wilbur asked if any interest in donating to food pantry. After discussion, Lisa Fahrenbruch made a motion to donate \$500 to Cuba Area Food Pantry. Seconded by Jim Hootman. Roll Call vote: Francis, yes; Lisa, yes; Everett, yes and Jim yes. Motion carried.

Trustees Report: Frances Clark asked if any way possible to help with high school entrance road. The school has applied for grant money. Consensus was that taxpayer money should not be used for this project. Lisa Fahrenbruch asked Allen about Triple Creek Road closure and if Sheriff and Emergency units were notified. Allen replied Sheriff's office and Cuba fire chief were called. The main reason for closure was to keep traffic off of bad spot on hill, but emergency vehicles could get through. Lisa continued Sheriff's office and County Highway Department and Board should be called and Sheriff should call all emergency units, but as far as Lisa could find out, Sheriff was not called. Lisa also asked about what road materials were used for icy conditions. Allen replied sand/buckshot mix and cinders and ashes. He didn't like to use liquid salt on roads. Lisa asked Allen what his intentions were when he ran for road commissioner. Allen had no response. Lisa instructed Allen that telephone calls should be returned such as Mrs. Fisher's call as reported last Township meeting. Allen replied will answer any questions about phone calls and presented a statement from his son on Mrs. Fisher's call answered by him. Lisa stated Allen should be serving all the people of Putman Township and respect all calls. Everett Lofftus, no report. Jim Hootman nothing to report.

Visitor remarks: Chris Strong passed out a brochure which stated: Wee Ma Tuk Land Owners Association is working on a project that will place lake information signs in the locations where Wee Ma Tuk roads are contiguous with our lakes. A later sign project would locate signs at intersections. The project will comply with all appropriate laws and signs will not hinder with road maintenance, plowing and mowing. He asked if Township would send them the information to assure compliance and when exact locations are selected if Township will inspect them before they are installed. A brochure was also sent to County Engineer Bill Kuhn.

No further business, Jim Hootman moved to adjourn. Seconded by Everett Lofftus.

**Wilbur McClaughry
Township Clerk**