

MINUTES - Board of Town Trustees

STATE OF ILLINOIS

MADISON COUNTY ss.

TOWN OF GODFREY, THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the office of the Town Clerk at 6810 GODFREY ROAD on April 1, 2008.

Roll Call:

Douglas M. Mueller, Supervisor	Pamela E. Whisler, Town Clerk
Maurice Juhlin, Trustee	Eldon C. Williams, Trustee
Mark Stewart, Trustee	Michael J. McCormick, Trustee
Jeff Weber, Trustee	Jerry Gibson, Trustee

PUBLIC HEARING 2008 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

The Public Hearing for the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance was called to order by Supervisor Mueller on April 1, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Godfrey Town Hall, 6810 Godfrey Road, Godfrey, IL.

Supervisor Mueller called the Public Hearing to order of April 1, 2008 for the Godfrey Township Budget and Appropriation Ordinance at 6:30 p.m. The total for Township 2008-2009 Budget and Appropriation is \$218,051. Dennis O'Neal, 5911 Vollmer Lane, commended Supervisor Mueller for keeping the expenses down for the Township. Mr. O'Neal addressed his concerns with the purchase of computer equipment, software and training that the budgeted amount might be too low. With no additional questions the public hearing was closed at 6:37 p.m.

The Godfrey Town Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Doug Mueller on April 1, 2008, at 6:37 p.m. at the Godfrey Town Hall, 6810 Godfrey Road, Godfrey, IL.

Mike McCormick moved for the approval of the minutes of March 4, 2008 meeting, seconded by Mark Stewart. Poll of Board: Ayes-7, Nays-0, Absent-0. Motion carried

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

Jerry Gibson moved for the approval of the February 2008 Township bills as follows:

General Fund	\$ 10,469.39
General Assistance Fund	\$ 4,745.49
Social Security Fund	\$ 1,564.90
Audit Fund	\$.00
Insurance Fund	\$.00
IMRF Fund	\$ 1,255.84

Seconded by Maurice Juhlin. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Juhlin, Williams, Stewart, McCormick, Weber, Gibson, Mueller. Nays-None, Absent- None. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION

Clerk Whisler reported that the Annual Town Meeting will be April 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

2009 TOWNSHIP BUDGET APPROVAL GT-01-2008

Supervisor Mueller moved for the approval of the GT-01-2008 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, seconded by Jerry Gibson. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Juhlin, Williams, Stewart, McCormick, Weber, Gibson, Mueller. Nays-None, Absent-None. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE FOR PRE-APPROVAL OF LARGE EXPENSES GT-02-2008

Supervisor Mueller present An Ordinance Prohibiting Expenditures Over \$500.00 Except As Herein Provided

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees to the Town of Godfrey, Illinois, deem it appropriate to establish and maintain an orderly financial system, including, whenever possible, a review of proposed expenditures before they are made;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Supervisor and the Board of Trustees of the Town of Godfrey, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1.

PROHIBITED ACTS. No person shall make any expenditures in any amount over \$250.00 using the funds or credit of the township without prior authorization of the Town Board of Trustees, except pursuant to the emergency procedures set forth below.

SECTION 2.

EMERGENCY EXPENDITURES. When circumstances exist in which it is reasonably necessary to spend public monies in an amount in excess of **\$500.00**, before authorization can be obtained from the Town Board of Trustees, then the Supervisor may authorize the emergency expenditure by following the procedures set forth below.

SECTION 3.

PROCEDURES FOR EMERGENCY EXPENDITURES. Upon making a determination that an emergency expenditure is reasonably necessary, the Supervisor shall make a written report thereof as soon as reasonably possible and, in every case, before the next meeting of the town Board of Trustees at which the expenditure could have been authorized in the regular course of township business.

SECTION 4.

PENALTIES.

A. Any person who makes an unauthorized expenditure of public money shall be personally liable to pay that amount whenever the corporate authorities of the Town of Godfrey, by resolution or ordinance, refuse to ratify or excuse the expenditure and call for payment by that person.

B. Any person who knowingly makes an unauthorized expenditure of public monies in an amount in excess of \$500.00, may be fined an amount not less than \$25.00, nor more than \$750.00, or required to perform public service, or both fined and required to perform public service work, whether in addition to or in the alternative to personal civil liability for the amount of the expenditure.

SECTION 5.

ORDINANCE NOT APPLICABLE TO GENERAL ASSISTANCE EXPENDITURES. This ordinance shall not, in any way, be construed as a limit upon the ability of the office of the Supervisor to make determinations or expenditures in the course of processing or handling claims for general assistance benefits.

Maurice Juhlin moved for approval of Ordinance Gt-02-2008, An Ordinance Prohibiting Expenditures Over \$500.00 Except As Herein Provided, seconded by Mark Stewart. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Juhlin, Williams, Stewart, McCormick, Weber, Gibson, Mueller; Nays-None; Absent-None. Motion carried.

Jerry Gibson moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m., seconded by Mike McCormick. Poll of Board: Ayes-7, Nays-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

Pamela E. Whisler
Township Clerk