

**CUBA TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
28000 W. CUBA RD.  
BARRINGTON, IL 60010**

Thursday, February 9, 2012; 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Resident Roy Svacha led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll call**

David Nelson, Supervisor; Doug Alexander; Trustee, Don Griffith, Trustee; Art Rice, Trustee.

Also present: Priscilla Rose, Clerk; Becci Tonigan, Assessor; Keri-Lyn Krafthefer, Township Attorney; Roy Svacha, Resident; Mike Svacha, Family, Donna Svacha, Family, Kristie Svacha, Family; Jenny Powell, Bookkeeper; Kate Formichella; Township Coordinator; Cheryl Tanaka; Township Coordinator; Michelle McBreen, Relay for Life; Kathy Nelander, Village of North Barrington

Supervisor Nelson read the proposed Resolution #2012-01 Honoring the Life and Legacy of Roberta A. "Bobbie" Svacha and naming the Cuba Township Board Room in her honor.

A motion was made by Griffith, seconded by Rice to pass the resolution.

Roll call: Alexander-yes; Griffith-yes; Mumaw-absent; Rice – yes; Nelson – yes

Supervisor Nelson asked Assessor Tonigan to make a presentation of the plaque and picture of Bobbie.

Assessor Tonigan commented on the many attributes of Trustee Svacha and how for 36 years she contributed greatly to Cuba Township and Township Government. She read the verbiage on the plaque that will be erected outside of the Board Room naming it the "Svacha" room.

Kathleen Nelander, on behalf of North Barrington, spoke to all that Bobbie Svacha did as Treasurer for the village for many years.

Supervisor Nelson spoke to the dedication of Roy Svacha who became "almost a member of the Board" over the last few years when Bobbie's health was declining.

## **Public Comment**

Michelle McBreen spoke on behalf of Joanne Delasandro for the launch of Barrington's Relay for Life. She asked the Township to get involved and suggested they form a team. The event will begin on Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Roy Svacha, husband of Trustee Bobbie Svacha spoke to the commitment his wife had towards Cuba Township. He stated that Bobbie always did her homework and tried to live up to the expectations of the residents. Roy stated that he told Tonigan that he always had the last word..."Yes Dear!".

## **Minutes**

A motion was made by Griffith and seconded by Alexander to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2012 meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

## **Supervisor's Report**

Supervisor Nelson reported the the "Have a Heart Food Drive" will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2012 at the Barrington Fire Station from 9:00 a.m. until noon. The donations of food and diapers will be split between Cuba and Barrington Townships. Don Griffith, Doug Alexander, David Nelson, Cheryl Tanaka and Kate Formichella will be in attendance for Cuba Township. The final bill meeting for the fiscal year 2011-2012 will be held at Cuba Township on February 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. There was a legislative breakfast being held in Round Lake Beach where they spoke about the Dimucci property on Old McHenry Road which may be developed into a large shopping and office complex. Lake County is taking the lead on this and will benefit from all the tax dollars. This is a very controversial subject that will be watched closely in the next year. A discussion by the Board on the various avenues available followed.

Trustee Alexander asked how BACOG takes a position on any given subject. Nelson reported that there is a representative from each governmental body that puts together a legislative platform that is distributed amongst the bodies. Should the boards of the various bodies have an opinion then the representative on the BACOG board should bring this to BACOG's attention.

## **Budget**

Nelson reported that he and Tonigan had spent time crunching numbers on the budget. Rice reported that his budget committee would be meeting as soon as he received the Highway Commissioner's budgets. Alexander had some questions on the current budget for the Road District. Alexander questioned \$250,000 dedicated to a "Salt Barn Construction" which has not been received.

## **BACOG**

Nelson reported that South Barrington has decided to stay in but Deer Park is considering leaving.

## **Health Insurance**

Nelson reported that we received news that our health insurance will be going down 7.96% this year.

## **Assessor Report**

Tonigan reported that her office was finishing up hearings for the year and getting ready to work on the newest Proval system being installed. Work continues on trying to figure out how to work out what happens for the next year.

## **Clerk's Report**

Nelson reported that early voting begins on February 27<sup>th</sup> and ends March 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **Highway Commission Report**

None

## **Township Attorney's Report**

Krafthefer reported that HB4973 was introduced to allow 10% of voters in a Township to ask for a referendum to abolish Township Highway Commissions and Assessors. Also, the Local Government Consolidation Commission has been formed and met and should have a report by the end of the year. She reported that she has been working on property acquisition issues. She further reported that she is working with the Clerk on the Clark Mosquito Abatement Contract. Keri-Lyn stated that she had sent copies of the revised employee manuals for review. She is also working with Rose on the re-sale of abandoned cemetery lots. Further Keri-Lyn was working with Tonigan on a FOIA request for benefit and compensation for Township employees.

## **Illinois State Income Tax**

Krafthefer provided copies of the forms for employees to file for the 2% income tax underpayment for 2011. Tonigan asked that a letter be obtained from the Department of Revenue stating that no penalties be imposed for the late payment of taxes.

## **Recycled Computers**

A suggestion had been made to the Food Pantry to start a recycling program with the computers received from residents. The suggestion was to take in these computers, have high school students rehab them and then give them out to our residents in need. It was decided that there are too many liability issues in regards to this suggested program. There was a further discussion that the Highway Department employees may have been taking the recycled computers and rehabbing and selling the computers for their own personal gain. The board felt this practice should stop, if it is occurring.

## **Bills**

A motion was made by Griffith, seconded by Alexander to approve the bills as presented with the exception of a few bills that Alexander would like clarification on regarding the Highway Dept.

Roll Call: Alexander – yes (see above); Griffith – yes; Rice – yes; Nelson – yes

## **New Business**

Audit findings – Nelson reported that the adjusted entries have been changed.

## **Executive Session**

A motion was made by Griffith, seconded by Alexander to go into executive session to discuss possible acquisition of property.

A motion was made by Alexander, seconded by Rice to reconvene into regular session.

Roll call: Alexander, Griffith, Rice, Nelson.

Also Present: Tonigan, Krafthefer

## **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Griffith, seconded by Alexander to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca M. Tonigan  
Deputy Clerk

