

PROCEEDINGS OF A TOWN MEETING

Held in the Town of Carbondale, on the **9th day of March 2023**
State of Illinois, Jackson County

At the regular Board of Trustees Meeting, held in the Town of Carbondale, County of Jackson, and State of Illinois, on the **9th day of March 2023**, the meeting was called to order by Supervisor Poshard at 4:00 pm.

Roll Call: Campbell, Clark, Hunter, Toliver, Supervisor Poshard. Present.

Approval of February 9, 2023 regular meeting minutes: Campbell/Clark moved to approve. All aye.

Public Comment: None

Unfinished Business: None

Fiscal Matters:

- Supervisor Poshard presented the Road bills for approval. Clark/Campbell moved to approve. Roll Call: Campbell, Clark, Hunter, Toliver, Poshard. All Aye. Supervisor Poshard presented the Town bills for approval. Campbell/Clark moved to approve. Roll Call: Campbell, Clark, Hunter, Toliver, Poshard. All Aye.
- Purchase of SCBA's: We sent specs to 6 – 7 vendors. They had to be compatible with the ones we have. We only got one bid, which is \$173,710.79 with a 2% discount for paying upfront bringing the total to \$170,236.57.

Correspondence: None

New Business:

- Supervisor Poshard presented an agenda for the Annual Town Meeting for approval. Campbell/Hunter moved to approve. All Aye.
- Community Relations Grant: Supervisor Poshard presented two application for approval. The Boys and Girls Club of Southern Illinois requested \$10,000 for Afterschool Educational Services. CEO Tina Carpenter answered questions about the program and about the facility. Campbell/Toliver voted to approve. All Aye. Green Earth Inc. requested \$9,986 for UTV repair and installation of a Solar Charging System. Hunter/Campbell moved to approve. All Aye.

Highway Commissioner's Report: Attached

Assessor's Report: The assessor is out of town for vacation, then training. Supervisor Poshard indicated that he is working hard pulling things together and is developing a new Website.

Fire Chief's Report: Attached. Supervisor Poshard reported that they have been working to restructure the department. They are hiring more part time people for a better dynamic, so that people will have a chance to distinguish themselves and advance. At present, there are 17 volunteer firefighters, and 3 on a waiting list. Chief Bilderback will no longer need to go out on every call. So, there will be a significant increase in salaries on next year's budget, but also a significant decrease in the Equipment Fund.

General Assistance Report: Attached

Announcements: Arthur Agency will be redoing the Township Website gratis, including our Agenda, Minutes, GA Application, and other ideas we may have to inform the public.

Adjournment: Campbell/Clark moved to adjourn. Supervisor Poshard closed the meeting at 4:37 pm.

Susan Metcalf
Town Clerk