

MCHENRY TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MINUTES AUGUST 2015

**STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF MCHENRY      S.S.  
TOWNSHIP OF MCHENRY**

**BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES,  
August 12, 2015**

Supervisor Adams called the meeting to order in the McHenry Township Hall at the published and posted time of 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Attending the meeting was: Supervisor Adams, Trustees Carlile, Condon, and Schepler, Clerk Nelson, Assessor Mahady and Road Commissioner Leon VanEvery, along with several Township residents. Absent - Trustee Mercurio.

**Minutes of previous meeting:**

Trustee Carlile motioned to approve minutes of previous meeting seconded by Trustee Schepler. 4 yes (Adams, Carlile, Condon and Schepler)

1 Absent (Mercurio)

**Public Comment:**

A.)Mark Wall a member of NDR (non dedicated roads), asked Township Road Commissioner to find a way to take advantage of the free \$5.2 million. Mr. Wall also asked if they knew they are at risk of losing this money.  
Mr. Wall's letter is attached.

B.)Bernie Duddleston thanked the Road Commissioner VanEvery for all the hard work and going above and beyond getting roads done in Wonder Center.

**Approval of Accounts:**

**A motion** was made by Carlile, seconded by Schepler to approve the **Accounts of the ledger**, Roll call vote.

4 in favor,

Mercurio absent,

Motion carried.

**A motion** was made by Carlile, seconded by Condon to recognize the receipts and pay the bills of the **Town Fund**. Roll call vote.

4 in favor

Mercurio absent,

Motion carried.

**A motion** was made by Schepler, seconded by Carlile to recognize the receipts and pay the bills **General Road and Bridge Fund**. Roll call vote  
4 in favor,  
1 Mercurio absent  
Motion carried.

**A motion** was made by Condon seconded by Carlile to recognize the receipts and pay the bills of the **Permanent Hard Road Fund**. Roll call vote  
4 in favor,  
Mercurio absent  
Motion carried.

**New Business:**  
None.

**Supervisor Comments:**

- a.) All reports in Trustee packets
- b.) Fence installed on Johnsburg Rd.
- c.) Township parking lot repair and black topping completed.
- d.) New water softener at Rec. Center
- e.) Considering computer upgrading in near future as more memory will be needed soon. Approximate cost of \$2,174.00 to be split between the Town and Road District.
- f.) Audit from Northern Illinois Department of Aging, suggested as there is no charge for rides, only donations; we put lock boxes on buses for donations.
- g.) Working on bus grant due August 28<sup>th</sup> to receive approx. \$26,000.

**Assessors Report:**

All going well, expect things to get busy once again after assessment notices are sent out.

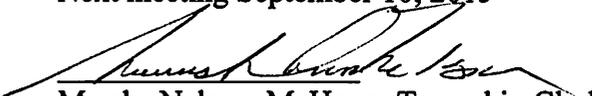
**Highway Commissioners Report:**

All going good.

**Motion to Adjourn;**

Motion to adjourn: by Condon seconded by Schepler  
4 in favor,  
Mercurio absent  
Motion carried

Next meeting September 10, 2015

  
Marsha Nelson, McHenry Township Clerk.

Mark Wall - 2416 Orchard Beach - McHenry  
NDR Coalition (now)

6:20  
6:22:4  
6:25  
6:27

Shalimar is the subdivision with the giant pines that were once part of the historic Orchard Beach Tuberculosis Sanitarium. The pines that run right down the center of one of my roads

I'm a member of the Non Dedicated Road Coalition and ~~drew the short straw for speaking to you this evening, so I apologize in advance.~~ got elected to great tonight

~~But in absolute seriousness,~~ I'm not sure if you realize the township is at risk of losing an estimated ~~no strings attached~~ \$5.2 million that a majority of the County Transportation Committee believe should be going to McHenry Township to fix your NDRs (non-dedicated roads) out of a total of \$8mm they approved.

This money could be going to mill and pave 15 miles of NDRs in McHenry but if you don't act soon, there exists a very real possibility that other townships will end up with what should be your money.

In fact, Nunda and Algonquin have already sent out applications and petitions to all their NDRs and are actively campaigning to have the total \$8mm given to those NDRs and Townships who are ready to move now. That's why you, and we, might lose out on ANY of the \$8mm let alone the \$5.2 that should be coming to McHenry Townships Highway Dept and its NDRs.

On March 18, this year, the county presented the results of a survey that they had sent out to a known 53 miles of NDRs in McHenry County. 23 miles responded that they wanted to be part of a public jurisdiction and needed funding towards that goal. Of those 23, only 2 were in Algonquin, 2 in Dorr, 4 in Nunda and 15, yep 15, in McHenry Township. So a total of 65% of the respondents were in McHenry Township.

The County board unanimously passed a resolution on June 16th authorizing that \$8mm be allocated for these 23 miles. This program is funded for only 5 years.

So why are you at risk of losing 65% of \$8mm? Simple, the McHenry Township Highway Commissioner's budget cannot afford the additional maintenance to take in more than one NDR neighborhood per year. That puts my subdivision out at year six of a 5 year program allocated a maximum of \$8mm. Since I am not ready to go because the Highway Commissioner cannot afford to maintain my road once I'm taken in, the other townships will argue very aggressively that the money shouldn't sit. They already are.

End of story, we and you lose out on \$5.2mm and 15 miles of improved roads for our township and my roads stay in a state of disrepair because we have no money to maintain them.

The NDR Coalition ask<sup>s</sup> you to please find a way to take advantage of the free \$5.2mm.

Lastly, with the township consolidation a hot topic, this would be a great opportunity to demonstrate the value of this township to its 100s of NDR residents along with demonstrating an ability to actively partner with the County making the township even more valuable to its residents.