

Annual Town Meeting - Town of the City of Galesburg
Township Hall - 121 West Tompkins Street
Galesburg, Illinois 61401
Tuesday, April 9, 2024
6:00 p.m.

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of the City of Galesburg, County of Knox, State of Illinois, was called to order at the Galesburg City Hall, 55 West Tompkins Street, Galesburg, Illinois, by Kelli R. Bennewitz, Town Clerk, at 6:00 p.m. on April 9, 2024, being the second Tuesday of April.

Attendance: Wayne Dennis, Steve Cheesman, Bradley Hix, Peter Schwartzman, Kimberly Thierry, Kimberly Burkett, Sarah Davis, Stacy Schafer, Rebecca Cabrera, Haylee Ledbetter, Sunny Wells, Laura Williams, Dwight White, Township Clerk Kelli Bennewitz.

The first item of business was to elect a Town Moderator.

Kimberly Thierry nominated Peter Schwartzman as Moderator, seconded by Sarah Davis. The Town Clerk asked for further nominations from the floor. There was none. Wayne Dennis moved, seconded by Kimberly Thierry, that nominations be closed. The motion carried.

Peter Schwartzman was elected Town Moderator by unanimous vote.

Before entering upon the duties, Mr. Schwartzman signed the Oath of Office for the Moderator. The oath is on file with the Town Clerk.

The minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, were presented by Town Clerk Bennewitz. Kimberly Thierry moved, seconded by Dwight White, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried.

The Clerk presented notice of the meeting, proof of publication from the Galesburg Register Mail of the Town Meeting and posting of the notices at the Township Assessor's office, General Assistance office, Galesburg City Hall, City/Township Clerk's office, Knox County Courthouse, and the Knox County Assessment office.

Town Clerk Bennewitz presented the 2023 Supervisor's Annual Report as follows:

Town Fund

Balance January 1, 2023	\$871,661.00
Revenues	\$456,539.93
Expenditures	\$412,178.52
Balance December 31, 2023	\$926,022.41

General Assistance Fund

Balance January 1, 2023	\$566,871.00
Revenues	\$195,545.62

Expenditures	\$310,722.53
Balance December 31, 2023	\$451,694.09

IMRF Fund

Balance January 1, 2023	\$92,853.45
Revenues	\$33,641.87
Expenditures	\$25,396.91
Balance December 31, 2023	\$101,098.41

Liability Fund

Balance January 1, 2023	\$26,360.00
Revenues	\$7,929.80
Expenditures	\$6,526.83
Balance December 31, 2023	\$27,762.97

Social Security and Medicare Fund

Balance January 1, 2023	\$43,367.00
Revenues	\$33,641.87
Expenditures	\$29,558.19
Balance December 31, 2023	\$47,450.68

Audit Fund

Balance January 1, 2023	\$29.50
Revenues	\$19,627.51
Expenditures	\$16,400.00
Balance December 31, 2023	\$3,257.01

Sarah Davis moved, seconded by Steve Cheesman, to approve the 2023 Supervisor's Annual Report as read and place it on file as part of the permanent record of the Annual Town Meeting. The motion carried.

The Clerk presented the audit report for the year ended December 31, 2022, as prepared by Phillips, Salmi + Associates, LLC. A motion was made by Laura Williams, seconded by Sarah Davis, to receive the audit report and place it on file as part of the Annual Town Meeting. The motion carried.

The Moderator asked for additional business.

Peter Schwartzman inquired about a loss of approximately \$25,000 in investments in the General Assistance Fund. Kimberly Thierry stated that she would look into and report back.

Kimberly Thierry stated that she is having staff look into options of offering a bus voucher to Peoria since the Galesburg Handivan has limited service to this area. She also stated that staff is looking into getting quotes for bed bug extermination. Many clients who live in low income housing have this issue but don't have the means to pay for the extermination, which is

upwards of \$1,000 to \$2,500. Bed bugs are something the Knox County Health Department does not regulate or enforce but is becoming a huge public health issue.

Laura Williams, Township Assessor, noted that the Township Attorney, Chad Long, is now a Knox County Judge and that we will need to find other representation. Clerk Bennewitz will ask City Attorneys Jim Kelly and Jason Jording about representation since they have purchased the Statham & Long law firm.

Kimberly Thierry and Laura Williams introduced their staff.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Kelli R. Bennewitz, Town Clerk