

**Annual Town Meeting of Pin Oak Township**  
**3700 Tovosky Lane, Edwardville, IL 62025**  
**Minutes - April 11, 2006 - 7:30 p.m.**

1. Meeting called to order by Kathy Long, Clerk
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by attendees. Attendance sheet is attached to the official minutes.
3. Clerk called for Moderator nominations. Arnold Buescher nominated Gail Mueller for Moderator of the Pin Oak Annual Town Meeting. Seconded by Fred Decker. There being no other nominations, Gail Mueller was elected as moderator.
4. Moderator Oath of Office administered to Gail Mueller by Kathy Long. "I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of moderator at this Town Meeting, so help me God". Meeting was turned over to Gail Mueller.
5. Minutes from April 2005 Annual Town Meeting read by clerk. David Peverly stated that he had also attended last year's meeting. Mr. Peverly was added to the attendance record. Dennis Mueller made a motion to accept the minutes. David Peverly seconded. Randy Long wanted to clarify that we were accepting the amended minutes. Motion carried.
6. Annual Financial Statements of Pin Oak Township and Pin Oak Road District read by clerk. Copies of the Financial Statements are attached to the official minutes. Some discussion followed regarding loaning funds to the road district and repayment. Dennis Mueller made motion to accept financial statements of Pin Oak Town and Road Districts as presented by supervisor and read by clerk. Randy Long seconded. Motion carried.
7. Resolution 2006-1 to transfer funds in the amount of \$35,000.00 from General Town Fund to Road District Fund read by Gene Kohlmiller. Resolution reviewed by attendees. Motion made by Dennis Mueller to accept resolution 2006-1. David Peverly seconded. Motion carried by more than 3/5 approval vote.
8. Township and Road District budgets available for review after April 22, 2006. Kathy Long made motion to change the posting date to April 17, 2006 to allow for approval of the budget at our regular May 18, 2006 meeting. Discussion followed regarding line items and clarification of ending balance amounts to be added to the budget drafts. Jean Myers stated that the tax bills may be up to a month later this year which will affect when our funds are received by the township. Seconded by Arnold Buescher. Motion carried.
9. Volunteer Clean-up of Township Roads – Arnold Buescher presented a voluntary clean-up proposal for various roads within the township. Several attendees stated that they and friends already participate in this function. Jon Kohlmiller questioned the liability responsibility of the township. Randy Long mentioned that liability has always been a topic whenever this type of thing is brought before the board. Bob Helms stated that if trash bags are used for clean-up purposes and left beside the road, his crew will pick up the bags. Trash bags may also be deposited at the Township trash dumpster. Gene K. stated that the alternative work program has also been utilized in the past. Discussion followed. Jean Myers will check with some state attorneys in regards to liability responsibilities of the township. Randy Long asked about a lawyer that will serve the

township. Response from the board - Jack Humes has stated that he is available to us when needed without a retainer. Discussion regarding "Neighborhood Watch" signs and Volunteer Clean-Up to be continued at our regular meeting.

10. Public Comments -

Randy Long asked for comments regarding the need for and duties of a Township Tax Assessor in Pin Oak. How much of the work is being done by the county? An article recently stated that the work of some assessors within the various townships is being performed by the county and could result in a fee to the township. Discussion followed regarding assessor duties of various townships and ours. Randy stated that he did not wish to come across as meaning we didn't need an assessor but rather that we should be assured of the need and duties of our assessor. Response was to have the board discuss and learn more of our assessor's duties.

Chuck Leitner asked about the \$5000.00 payment to the alliance. Fred Decker stated that he believes it is best to have an organization such as the alliance working on our behalf. Gene Kohlmiller stated that the board felt it was best to be involved with the alliance. Gene introduced Mike Pirceall, of the alliance, is our liaison between the cities, townships and the state. Mike remarked on the non-profit organization and their part in the future development of Glen Carbon, Edwardsville and Pin Oak Township. Discussion followed. Arnold Buescher asked for future reports from Gene K. on the alliance meetings he attends. The alliance meetings are open to the public if anyone wishes to attend. The Annual Alliance meeting will be held in September.

Bike Trail discussion followed. Madison County Transit owns the vast majority of the bike trails. There is a law currently being discussed in Illinois that would allow bicyclists to use the roads with rights equal to motor vehicles. Arnold mentioned that we should all be aware of this possibility.

Peverly asked about the future of Pin Oak property possibilities. Gene K. stated that nothing has been presented to Pin Oak in writing. Questions regarding relocating and discussion from interested parties followed. Arnold B. asked for more information from attendees on their feelings and possible solutions.

11. Jon Kohlmiller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dennis Mueller seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathy L. Long, Clerk  
April 11, 2006

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Gail Mueller, Moderator

Attendees: (\* not registered voters)

Kathy Long	Arnold Buescher	Robert Helms	Fred Decker
David Peverly	Jorene Kohlmiller	Gaylon McHugh	*Andrew Koch
Chuck Leitner	Gene Kohlmiller	Barbara McHugh	* Mike Pierceall
Dolores Leitner	Randy Long	Jon Kohlmiller	* Art Wendler
Jean Myers	Dennis Mueller	Gail Mueller	