

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

March 10, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Milton Township Board was held in the Board Room of the Milton Town Hall, 1492 N. Main Street, Wheaton, Illinois, on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 for the audit of town bills followed immediately by a business meeting.

Board Members Present: Supervisor O. Chris Heidorn - Clerk Gail P. Hinkle - Trustees Sal Falbo, Yadav Nathwani, Marty Keller and David Molitor. Other Elected Officials Present: Highway Commissioner Gary Muehlfelt Also Present: Bob Jacobsen, Joe Vanest, Bob Krzyzewski, Don Sender, John Monino, Grant Eckhoff, Amy Grant, Paula McGowen, Mark Kmiecik and Ralph Hinkle.

The business meeting was called to order by Chairman Heidorn at 7:30 p.m. Don Sender led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present and acting, and due notice had been mailed and posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

Trustee Falbo moved, seconded by Trustee Nathwani, to approve the agenda as presented. Following discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

Trustee Nathwani moved, seconded by Trustee Keller, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 10, 2015, be approved as submitted. The motion passed by voice vote.

Having concluded their audit of the Township bills in the earlier segment of the meeting, Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Molitor, that the bills having been audited be paid and charged to the proper accounts, and the certificates of accounts be filed by the Clerk for inspection by the inhabitants of the Township. Following discussion, the motion passed on the following roll-call vote: Trustees Falbo, Nathwani, Keller, Molitor and Chairman Heidorn. (5 Ayes), (0 Nays).

Public Forum – None.

Chairman Heidorn introduced County Board members Grant Eckhoff and Amy Grant. The Township Board had invited them to participate in discussing with the Board the current Special Police contract and the Board's concern over the cost increase of 18.62% for this year alone. Trustee Molitor addressed the members of the County Board indicating his concern by discussing this matter with the Sheriff's Department and with Mr. Paul Rafac, Chief Financial Officer of DuPage County. With substantial increases yearly, the Township's levy cannot sustain these major costs. At present, the Township is contributing 80% and the County 20% towards the police contract services. Mr. Molitor reported that in 1987, a Referendum was passed by the electors to establish a Special Police District to serve the unincorporated areas of Milton Township and a tax levied not to exceed a rate of .013% of the value of taxable property. In the last ten years the cost to hire three Special Police Officers has doubled. The 2015-2016 Intergovernmental Agreement for the Police Contract Services will cost Milton Township \$322,620.03. Trustee Molitor had recommended a reduction of the Township's contribution towards this contract; 70% -30% split.

Mr. Eckhoff commented on the 80% -20% agreement. He favors 100% - 0%. Mr. Eckhoff commented the 20% the County pays comes from the taxpayers who do not live in unincorporated areas. He refers to this 20% tax as "tax without representation". Amy Grant had suggested mailing out a new survey to see if the electors would like to vote for a new referendum to continue the services of the Special Police. Chairman Heidorn commented that there are options to either reduce the number of Special Police or to eliminate the program completely. After further discussion, Chairman Heidorn commented that we need to consider meeting our responsibilities to the taxpayers of Milton Township. Mr. Heidorn will discuss this matter of adjusting the rates with Sheriff Zaruba.

Chairman's Report:

- General Assistance/Food Pantry – The Board was issued the monthly General Assistance Activity Report. A new refrigerator was recently purchased for the Food Pantry.
- Citizen Corps/Homeland Security – The newest CERT Class, Tornado, consisting of 70 students, started this month at the College of DuPage. On March 7, 2015, the CERT members volunteered at the Winfield Township Open House.
- Miscellaneous/Other – None.

Clerk Hinkle reported on a 2015 FOIA case that was brought before the Illinois Attorney's Office. After review, the case was dismissed and the matter closed. Clerk Hinkle stated that she responded accordingly and was satisfied with the outcome of this case.

Clerk Hinkle announced the Milton Township Annual Meeting will be held on April 14, 2015 at the Wheaton Park District Community Center. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Clerk Hinkle had asked the Board to approve the Annual Township Meeting Agenda. Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Molitor to approve the Agenda for the Annual Meeting. Following discussion, the motion carried by voice vote.

Seniors Committee - S.A.L.T. Committee Chairman Joe Vanest reported on the recent S.A.L.T. meeting that was held on March 9, 2015. The guest speaker, Officer Steve Miko, of the Glen Ellyn Police Department, gave a power point presentation on the responsibilities of the Department that serves a population of over 27,000. A new police department building will be constructed on Park Blvd. near Panfish Park. Mr. Vanest briefly discussed the current scams that are occurring in DuPage County.

Cemeteries Authority - Committee Chairman Jacobsen reported on his recent meeting with Mr. Michael J. Hackiewicz, the new Executive Director of Joliet Catholic Cemeteries. Mr. Jacobsen will be working on the three cemeteries once spring arrives.

Trustee Reports – Trustee Falbo presented to the Board a copy of an article that had been written by the Edgar County Watchdogs. This organization had e-mailed a FOIA request to the Milton Township Assessor, Chris LeVan, asking for information regarding the US Bank 2012-2014 assessments for leased real estate within the College of DuPage. Edgar County Watchdogs were impressed with Mr. LeVan’s quick and honest response. “Mr. LeVan’s actions should be an example of how things should work in our Government”. “He deserves overwhelming praise for his response and COD should take notice of how easy it is to interact with the public”. This document will be made a part of the minutes.

Unfinished Business –
Changes to the Tentative Budgets – None at this time.
Miscellaneous/Other – None.

New Business –
Chairman Heidorn received a letter from Mr. Thomas Eckhardt, asking the Board to appoint Bob Holmgren and David M. Johnsen to the Glen Ellyn Mosquito Abatement District, to serve the unexpired terms of Trustees Jamrock and Morrissy. Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Molitor to appoint Bob Holmgren and David M. Johnsen to the Glen Ellyn Mosquito Abatement District. The motion passed by voice vote.

Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Falbo to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Police Contract Services for the period of April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016; a total sum of \$322,620.03. The motion passed by voice vote.

Trustee Molitor moved, seconded by Trustee Nathwani to approve Resolution No. R-15-1, *A Resolution and Agreement of the Township of Milton, County of DuPage, Illinois Regarding the Milton Township Committee on Youth and The Kiwanis Club of Central DuPage County*. After discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Keller, to retire to Executive Session (8:44 p.m.) to review the closed session minutes to see if the Board shall keep them closed or release them to the public. The motion passed by voice vote.

Gail P. Hinkle

Gail P. Hinkle, Township Clerk

Date minutes were approved _____.