

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

December 13, 2005

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, December 13, 2005, for the audit of town bills followed immediately by a business meeting.

Board Members Present: Supervisor O. Chris Heidorn - Clerk A. Arlene DeMotte - Trustees James D. Flickinger, Sal Falbo, Robert L. Larsen, and Leonard Sanchez (arrived 7:40 p.m.). Board Members Absent: None. Other Elected Officials Present: Assessor-Elect Bob Earl. Also Present: Bob Jacobsen, Bill Kooser, Ken McNatt, Ralph and Gail Hinkle, Mark Klage and his daughter, Jim Eaton, and Patricia Doerfler.

The business meeting was called to order by Chairman Heidorn at 7:31 p.m. Gail Hinkle led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present and acting, and due notice had been mailed.

Trustee Falbo moved, seconded by Trustee Larsen, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 8, 2005, be approved as submitted. The motion passed by voice vote.

Trustee Larsen moved, seconded by Trustee Flickinger, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed by voice vote.

Public Forum - No comments nor concerns were presented.

Chairman's Report:

- General Assistance/Food Pantry - A written report of the General Assistance Department activities was distributed. Food Pantry usage is up. An unexpected donation of 1,000 pounds of food from various community churches was received last weekend. About 18 families still have not been adopted for the Holiday Basket Program. Caseworker Pat Ryan is scheduled for surgery on January 6th.
- Citizen Corps/CERT/Homeland Security - The Township received a grant of approximately \$21,000. There is a second-chance grant which the Township will apply for before the end of the year with the possibility of receiving up to an additional \$60,000 in grant money which must be spent by March 31st. (Trustee Sanchez arrived at this point.)
- Miscellaneous - A copy of Richard Dunn's letter detailing his suggestions to the Board was sent to each of the Trustees and the Highway Commissioner. Chairman Heidorn has been appointed by the County Board to the DuPage County Public Aid Committee. Mel and Ina Consoer, Valley View Homeowner's Association co-presidents, sent a note thanking the Township for the deputies' services and including a donation to our food pantry. A thank-you letter from Catholic Charities was received thanking our General Assistance caseworkers for their assistance in helping those in need in our community. A thank-you note and a donation to the food pantry from the Hawthorne School was received by Gail Hinkle for help given to their students. They also have planned a food drive for the 16th to help fill the pantry. A letter printed in the *Daily Herald* thanked the Milton Township S.A.L.T. Council for their vehicle inspection program for senior citizens. Chairman Heidorn received the DuPage County Consortium 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development on disc, which he asked the Clerk to keep for those interested in reviewing the plan. The Illinois Commerce Commission Transportation Division sent two copies of a brochure entitled "Illinois Rail Crossing Safety Program" which the Clerk will also keep for those who may be interested.

There was no report from the Highway Commissioner nor the Clerk.

Ken McNatt reported that because of S.A.L.T.'s "File of Life" program another person's life was saved. The newsletter will advertise that the "File of Life" packets are available for those who wish to have one. The sheriff presented a program on drugs in the County which effects the number of crimes committed. The sheriff also is encouraging the use of whistles. The auto inspection was well received. The next newsletter will be printed next month.

Cemeteries Authority - Authority Chairman Jacobsen reported that the prairie at the St. Stephen's Cemetery will be burned this spring. The neighbors have been cleaning up their property. A Civil War veteran has been found in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery and his name will be added to the list of civil war veterans buried there. Mr. Jacobsen stated that he and his committee realize the responsibility they have ahead in restoring the Jewell Grove Cemetery.

Having concluded their audit of the Township bills in the earlier segment of the meeting, Trustee Falbo moved, seconded by Trustee Sanchez, 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: 5 Ayes: Trustees Flickinger, Falbo, Larsen, Sanchez, and Chairman Heidorn. 0 Nays.

Committee on Youth Chairman Hinkle presented a written report to the Board members and a half-hour slide presentation on the committee's activities and the history of the committee.

Unfinished Business: Approval of PACE Contract for 2006. Chairman Heidorn presented the proposed PACE agreement for 2006 and explained that the need for the Dial-A-Ride service is changing with the new Ride DuPage program which is now available. Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Larsen, to accept the PACE proposal for 2006 as presented. Following discussion, the motion passed on the following roll-call vote: 5 Ayes: Trustees Flickinger, Falbo, Larsen, Sanchez, and Chairman Heidorn. 0 Nays.

New Business:

The Highway Department's 2005 Tentative Levy was presented for adoption. No changes were made to the 2005 Road District Tax Levy Ordinance since the Tentative Levy was passed at the November Board Meeting. Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Falbo, to adopt Ordinance No. O-05-7 entitled "Tax Levy Ordinance Milton Township Road District" for 2005 in the amount of \$2,536,719.00 subject to final correction as determined by the DuPage County Clerk. The motion passed on the following roll-call vote: 5 Ayes: Trustees Flickinger, Falbo, Larsen, Sanchez, and Chairman Heidorn. 0 Nays.

The Tentative Levies for the Town and General Assistance, Special Police District, and Mosquito Abatement District Funds were presented for adoption. No changes were made since the Tentative Levies were passed in November. Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Falbo, to adopt the 2005 Tax Levy Ordinance for the Town Fund (\$1,374,396.00), and the General Assistance Fund (\$239,700.00) totaling \$1,614,096.00, Ordinance No. O-05-8, subject to final correction as determined by the DuPage County Clerk. Chairman Heidorn explained that the Corporate (Town) Fund levy was increased by 5% but the General Assistance Fund levy was not increased by 5%. During discussion, Trustee Flickinger moved, seconded by Trustee Larsen, to amend the motion to reflect the levy amount at 100% instead of 105% in the Town Fund (Corporate) levy as proposed. The motion to amend failed on the following roll-call vote: 1 Aye: Trustee Flickinger. 4 Nays: Trustees Falbo, Larsen, Sanchez, and Chairman Heidorn. The original motion to adopt the 2005 Tax Levy Ordinance, Ordinance No. O-05-8, as presented in the Tentative Levy passed on the following roll-call vote: 4 Ayes: Trustees Falbo, Larsen, Sanchez, and Chairman Heidorn. 1 Nay: Trustee Flickinger.

Trustee Larsen moved, seconded by Trustee Sanchez, to adopt the 2005 Tax Levy Ordinance for the Special Police District Fund, Ordinance No. O-05-9, in the amount of \$179,000.00 subject to final correction as determined by the DuPage County Clerk. The motion passed on the following roll-call vote: 5 Ayes: Trustees Flickinger, Falbo, Larsen, Sanchez, and Chairman Heidorn. 0 Nays.

Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Larsen, to adopt the 2005 Tax Levy Ordinance for the Mosquito Abatement District Fund, Ordinance No. O-05-10, in the amount of \$50,000.00 subject to final correction as determined by the DuPage County Clerk. The motion passed on the following roll-call vote: 5 Ayes: Trustees Flickinger, Falbo, Larsen, Sanchez, and Chairman Heidorn. 0 Nays.

Chairman Heidorn presented a proposal to renew the Township dental insurance with MetLife with a 4% increase in premium. Trustee Larsen moved, seconded by Chairman Heidorn, to renew the Township's MetLife Dental Plan as proposed. Following discussion, the motion passed by voice vote (5 Ayes).

Community Action Agencies' Contributions - Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Falbo, to donate \$3,500.00 to the DuPage Senior Citizen Council. The motion passed by voice vote (5 Ayes). Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Falbo, to donate \$3,000.00 to the Family Shelter Service. The motion passed by voice vote (5 Ayes). Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Falbo, to donate \$1,000.00 to the DuPage Community Clinic. The motion passed by voice vote (5 Ayes).

Trustee Falbo asked about work requirements for General Assistance clients. Trustee Flickinger commented on the Township's levy and budgeting process.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Larsen moved, seconded by Trustee Falbo, that the meeting stand adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

  
A. Arlene DeMotte, Township Clerk

Date minutes were approved 1/10/06