

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

August 8, 2006

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, August 8, 2006, 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. Board Members Absent: None. Other Elected Officials Present: Assessor Robert Earl and Highway Commissioner Gary Muchlfelt. Also Present: Bob Jacobsen, Ken McNatt, Ralph Hinkle, and Attorney Pat Bond.

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

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

Trustee Falbo moved, seconded by Trustee Flickinger, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 11, 2006, 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, Trustee Falbo moved, seconded by Trustee Flickinger, 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.

Trustee Falbo asked why we are buying radar guns for the Special Police deputies. Chairman Heidorn explained that we usually buy the equipment for our special deputies as is also done in the other townships in DuPage County with Special Police Districts. There is money in the budget for such equipment in the Special Police District Fund budget. Chairman Heidorn reported that one of our special deputies is leaving and will be replaced by another deputy.

Public Forum Comments - None.

Chairman's Report:

- General Assistance/Food Pantry - A written report of the General Assistance Department activities was distributed to the Board. Caseworker Pat Ryan will be attending the Back-to-School Fair tomorrow. Senior Caseworker Jackie Jones is due to deliver her baby at any time. She recently spoke to a local church, and the church made a substantial donation to the Food Pantry.
- Citizen Corps/Homeland Security - Ralph Hinkle handled all arrangements for the booth at the DuPage County Fair. 30 CERT members manned the booth and 14 new volunteers were recruited. Mr. Hinkle also coordinated the CERT participation in the Wheaton and Glen Ellyn Fourth of July parades.
- Weeds - Discussion on a possible amendment to the Weed Ordinance is reported under "New Business."
- Mosquito Abatement/WNV - Information from Clarke Environmental was distributed to the Trustees.
- New Open Meetings Act Restrictions - Senate Bill 585 amends the Open Meetings Act to provide that electronic communication (e-mail) between a majority of a quorum of the members of a public body is forbidden. (Two members of a township board constitute a majority of a quorum of the township board.) The bill passed both the Senate and the House and the Governor approved it on July 31st. The bill becomes effective on January 1, 2007.
- Miscellaneous - A Notice of the Joint Review Board Meeting for the North Avenue and Bloomingdale Road Redevelopment Area TIF #1, #2, and #3 in Glendale Heights was given to the Clerk for posting. TIFs, in general, were discussed briefly.

Highway Commissioner Muchlfelt reported that he has just returned from the TOI Highway Commissioners' Meeting in Peoria. As a point of information, he informed the Board that he had learned that 51% of all roads in Illinois are under township jurisdiction, which amounts to about 73,000 miles of road. Commissioner Muchlfelt reported that the Milton Township and Winfield Township road districts are assisting each other with various projects. He encouraged the elected officials to attend the annual TOI conference in November.

Assessor Earl reported that his department expenses are running under budget. He has been conducting employee performance reviews.

Town Clerk DeMotte did not have a report.

Seniors Committee - S.A.L.T. Chairman McNatt reported that the Committee did not meet this month. The newsletter was mailed in July. The Committee is still seeking grants to help with expenses. Chairman McNatt distributed a packet which he put together to give to potential sponsors. Chairman Heidorn suggested that the various retirement facilities be contacted as potential sponsors.

Committee on Youth - Chairman Hinkle reported on an instance of fraud using one of the Township's Youth Committee vouchers. He also stated that a \$250 donation was received from WalMart for the CERT team.

Cemeteries Authority - Authority Chairman Jacobsen reported that the adjoining property owners at St. Stephen's Cemetery have cut their weeds. The Authority is now trying to get the County to clean up the weeds along the prairie path. The dry weather has been hard on the new plants at the Jewell Grove Cemetery. Family histories are being gathered. Records will be stored at the Town Hall. A group has been formed called "The Friends of the Pioneer Cemeteries."

Unfinished Business:

- Pump House - Ralph Hinkle has been working with Chuck Vaughn and Grant Eckhoff to resolve the pump house problem. Our Township Attorney is working on an intergovernmental agreement with the County.
- E-mails for the Trustees - Ralph Hinkle will work with the Trustees to set up e-mail accounts for them on our web site.
- Health Insurance - Applications for health insurance are out now. Health insurance will be on the agenda for the September Board Meeting.

New Business:

- Amendment of Noxious Weed Ordinance - Chairman Heidorn introduced Pat Bond who is a law partner of Township Attorney Mary Dickson. Mr. Bond reported for Attorney Dickson, who was unable to attend tonight's meeting, on the possibility of amending our Weed Ordinance to add penalties and fees. Mr. Bond explained that the Ordinance is well written and follows State Statute, and it is his opinion that additional penalties and fees cannot be added. He did say that all expenses to the Township for getting the weeds cut on the property can be charged back to the property owner.
- Chairman Heidorn informed the Board that our receptionist has resigned effective Friday, August 18th, and he has hired her replacement.
- Commissioner Muehlfelt and Trustee Falbo reported on the recent meeting of the DuPage Township Officials.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Flickinger moved, seconded by Trustee Larsen, that the meeting stand adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

  
A. Arlene DeMotte, Town Clerk

Date minutes were approved \_\_\_\_\_