

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

July 12, 2011

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, July 12, 2011, for the audit of town bills followed immediately by a business meeting.

Board Members Present: Supervisor O. Chris Heidorn - Clerk Gail P. Hinkle - Trustees James D. Flickinger, Sal Falbo, Christopher Edwards and Marie Jensen. Other Elected Officials Present: Highway Commissioner Gary Muehlfelt and Assessor Robert Earl. Also Present: Ralph Hinkle, Ron Menna, Trish Kuechler, Dave Garber, Chris Eaton, Yadav Nathwani, Loren Leeberg, Drew Ellis, Bobette Youngberg, Jim Molenhouse, Bob Jacobsen, Antonio Lollino, Lori Carlson, Chris Levan, Jack Boepple, Jeanne Ives and Mark Kmiecik.

The business meeting was called to order by Chairman Heidorn at 7:30 p.m. Trish Kuechler led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present and acting, and due notice had been mailed.

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

Trustee Jensen moved, seconded by Trustee Falbo, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 14, 2011, 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 Falbo, 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. Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Flickinger, to amend the motion to change a line item from the Assessor's legal line item to the Town line item in the amount of \$2,175.10. In "the spirit of cooperation", Chairman Heidorn had asked the Assessor, Bob Earl, to pay half the legal bill that was issued from the Township's attorney, Mary Dickson. Mr. Earl declined Mr. Heidorn's request. Discussion followed. Chairman Heidorn acknowledged that the Assessor has no obligation in paying this bill without his approval. The motion passed by voice vote: (4 Ayes) and (1 Nay). Chairman Heidorn called for a roll-call on the approval of the claims as amended. 5 Ayes: Trustees Flickinger, Falbo, Edwards, Jensen and Chairman Heidorn. 0 Nays.

Public Forum – Mark Kmiecik questioned why the monthly minutes have not been published on the web page since the month of April. Bobbi Youngberg spoke on behalf of the Soroptimist International Suburban Chicago, a charitable organization that is part of a worldwide charitable organization comprised of professional women, whose main purpose is to provide support in their community for women in need and their families. There will be a fundraiser at the Wheaton Bowl on July 23, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

### Chairman's Report:

- General Assistance/Food Pantry – The Food Pantry usage has increased in number since returning to the Wheaton Township office. We have \$14,504.00 in our Food Pantry funds.
- Weed Program – Chairman Heidorn indicated that the weed complaints are over whelming and that Ralph Hinkle is doing a great job dealing with the public.
- Miscellaneous/Other – For the residents of the Special Police District, Sergeant J. Grossi will be replacing Deputy Todd for six weeks due to a broken foot. Chairman Heidorn received a letter from the Wheaton Park District thanking the Township for the generous additional scholarship funding for the Wheaton Park District Leisure Programs. Chairman Heidorn read a letter from the DuPage County Facilities Management thanking the Township for the gift certificates in appreciation for helping Milton Township relocate to a temporary facility at no cost. They declined to accept the gift certificates but were willing to donate the money to the DuPage County Convalescent Center Foundation in Milton Township's honor. Langan, Haeger, Vincent & Born Insurance Company, informed the Township of Public Act 96-1513, the Illinois Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act was signed into law on January 31, 2011. It is effective June 1, 2011. Mr. Heidorn reported on a Tribune article regarding the need to eliminate mosquito districts. Mr. Heidorn attended a seminar on understanding the impact of health care reform on employers.

Highway Commissioner Muehlfelt reported on the storm damage in the unincorporated areas. The Highway Department was called to assist in helping the town of Hinsdale and Downers Grove Township with their clean up. Commissioner Muehlfelt announced that through FEMA, the Highway Department will be reimbursed from the February snow storm of 2011.

Assessor – Robert Earl commented that junior deputy, Karen Corso, won her first Property Tax Appeal Board Case. The Property Tax Appeal Board estimates 60,000 cases in their back log throughout the state of Illinois.

Clerk Hinkle – None.

Executive Director of Citizens Corps, Ralph Hinkle, announced winning the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Mayor's award for the best float in representing the citizens of Wheaton. Mr. Hinkle introduced Dave Garber who was instrumental in leading the team to victory. Also acknowledged were Trish Kuechler and Chris Eaton for their contribution. Mr. Hinkle had contacted the DuPage County Historical Museum asking if the Township may display some historical artifacts for the public to view in our Town Hall.

Seniors Committee - S.A.L.T. Committee – None.

Cemeteries Authority - Committee Chairman Jacobsen reported on the restoration of a Civil War flag that will be displayed in the County Museum. DuPage County is the only county in the state of Illinois that has restored two Civil War flags. With the help of the Milton Township Board, Bob Jacobsen was able to form the Cemeteries Authority Committee. Through Mr. Jacobsen's effort and hard work, he has restored and preserved three cemeteries in Milton Township. He thanked the Board for their support.

Unfinished Business:

Audit – Miriani & Associates are in the process of completing the audit for the Township.

Amendment to Resolution R-11-3 – Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Falbo, to amend Resolution No. R-11-3, “*REGARDING MILEAGE AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT.*” Discussion followed. The motion passed by voice vote: (5 Ayes) and (0 Nays).

New Business:

Revision to Internal Controls Procedure - Under the supervision of Chairman Heidorn, the new part-time book keeper will take on certain banking responsibilities that Mr. Heidorn had performed in the past. Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Edwards, to adopt the amended Internal Control Procedures dated July 12, 2011. The motion passed by voice vote.

Petition to County Board to request demolition of unsafe property – Pending further information from the State's Attorney's office through our Township council, Chairman Heidorn is requesting that DuPage County authorize the demolition of an abandoned vacant building located at 22W 126 Valley View Dr., Glen Ellyn, Illinois. This subject matter will be brought up at the next Board meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Flickinger moved, seconded by Trustee Jensen that the meeting stand adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

*Gail P. Hinkle*

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Gail P. Hinkle, Township Clerk

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