

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

August 9, 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, August 9, 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: Mark Kmiecik, Bob Jacobsen, Ralph Hinkle and Jack Boepple.

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

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

Trustee Flickinger moved, seconded by Trustee Edwards, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 12, 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 Edwards, 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, Edwards, Jensen and Chairman Heidorn. 0 Nays.

Public Forum – None.

Chairman's Report:

- General Assistance/Food Pantry - Chairman Heidorn reported the Food Pantry usage is still rising in numbers. Mr. Heidorn read a letter from Ms. Angela Stephenson, Executive Director of Living Abundantly Ministries, addressed to Senior Caseworker, Jackie Jones, thanking her for her presentation of all the Milton Township services available to our community.
- Citizen Corps/Homeland Security – Ralph Hinkle reported on the Citizen Corps Council meeting that was held on August 9, 2011. The question was asked to Deputy Fire Chief Lewis and Norman A. Sturm, head of the DuPage County Homeland Security & Emergency Management, how they would rate the Milton Township CERT team in regards to readiness and preparedness with other CERT teams in DuPage County. Both men commented on the excellence of the team's performance.
- Mosquito Abatement & West Nile Virus - Chairman Heidorn reported that the mosquito issue is getting worse especially in the Foxcroft Valley subdivision. Mr. Heidorn was informed from Clarke that they would be spraying this area. Clarke issued the monthly program update for Milton Township.
- Weeds – Chairman Heidorn read a letter from a resident of Foxcroft subdivision, thanking Ralph Hinkle for providing the service of mowing the weeds.
- Miscellaneous/Other – Chairman Heidorn had filed the annual reports of unclaimed properties for the Highway Department and for the Township.

Chairman Heidorn issued to the Board of Trustees a copy of the "*Township Attorney Access Policy*". This policy provides guidelines for the Township Trustees and the Township employees in the event they feel the need for advice or counsel from our Township attorney.

Mr. Heidorn announced the Township Officials of Illinois Annual Educational Conference will be held November 6 – 8, 2011 in Springfield, Illinois.

Highway Commissioner Muehlfelt reported – Mr. Muehlfelt received a letter of thanks from a resident of Milton Township who had fallen from a tree. Mr. Muehlfelt found this man on the ground and called for emergency help. He was seriously injured with a broken back and ankle.

The Foxcroft Homeowners Association invited the Highway Commissioner and his family to their annual summer picnic on August 21, 2011. The residents wanted to thank Mr. Muehlfelt and his crew for their great service to their subdivision.

The Muslim Community Association of the Western Suburbs are hoping to build a 43,000 square foot mosque near Lombard in Milton Township. Mr. Muehlfelt had contacted the DuPage County Board to explain his concerns for the unsafe conditions for the residents and for those who may attend the mosque. The Board considered his concerns and the Muslim Association needs to revise their plans.

Mr. Muehlfelt attended the Highway Commissioner's Conference in Peoria.

Commissioner Muehlfelt suggested to Chairman Heidorn to publish a Township Newsletter for the public. The public needs to know the importance of Township Government. Mr. Heidorn has directed the Deputy Clerk, Dianna Taylor, to assist in creating an annual newsletter. Hopefully the first issue of the newsletter will be mailed to the public this fall.

Assessor Bob Earl reported on meeting with the Township Assessors of DuPage County. They have two major concerns:

1. The alternate Hearing Officers have not yet been appointed.
2. This is the time of year that the Townships start closing their books. The hearings will start 30 days after the closing. The Assessor is expecting more appeals this year compared to last year.

Clerk Hinkle reported – None.

Seniors Committee - S.A.L.T. Committee Chairman Ken McNatt reported - None

Cemeteries Authority - Committee Chairman Jacobsen reported on receiving 30 to 40 letters and phone calls regarding the three cemeteries that are maintained by the Cemeteries Authority. Mr. Jacobsen had thanked Mr. Muehlfelt and the highway department for assisting in removing several trees from Pleasant Hill cemetery. Volunteers are erecting a new sign at St. Stephen's Cemetery.

Unfinished Business –

Audit - Miriani & Associates will have a draft of the Township's audit by next week.

Demolition of home – Mr. Heidorn has not yet received a reply from the State's Attorney's Office.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Edwards moved, seconded by Trustee Flickinger that the meeting stand adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Gail P. Hinkle

Gail P. Hinkle, Township Clerk

Date minutes were approved _____.