

## MILTON TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

The Annual Town Meeting of Milton Township, County of DuPage, was held at the Wheaton Community Center, Wheaton, Illinois, on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. There were 67 electors, including 8 Township elected officials and 2 guests for a total attendance of 77. The elected officials in attendance were: Supervisor O. Chris Heidorn, Town Clerk Gail P. Hinkle, Highway Commissioner Gary Muehlfelt, Assessor Robert Earl, Trustees James Flickinger, Sal Falbo, Christopher Edwards and Marie Jensen.

The meeting was called to order by Town Clerk Hinkle at 7:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Lori Carlson of Glen Ellyn.

Clerk Hinkle introduced the elected officials.

The first order of business was a call by the clerk for nomination of a Moderator of the meeting. Dr. Bob Krzyzewski of Wheaton nominated Pat Bond of Wheaton to serve as Moderator. Georgia Koch of Glen Ellyn seconded the nomination. Roger Bond of Glen Ellyn moved to close the nominations, seconded by Patrick Ryan of Glen Ellyn. No other nominations were presented and Pat Bond was unanimously elected Moderator by voice vote.

The Clerk administered the Oath of Moderator to Pat Bond who then conducted the meeting.

Moderator Bond introduced Chris Heidorn as the Parliamentarian for the meeting and Dennis Choyeski as the Sergeant-at-arms for the meeting.

Moderator Bond recognized Clerk Hinkle who explained the meeting procedure rules.

Moderator Bond then stated that as required by law, the Township Board approve the agenda as presented.

Ruth Miller of Wheaton moved, seconded by Marty Keller of Wheaton, to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2010 Annual Meeting as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

The Moderator recognized Town Clerk Hinkle who read the Supervisor's Financial Statement which was filed in her office on April 1, 2011.

The Moderator asked for reports or comments from the Supervisor, Assessor, and the Highway Commissioner.

Supervisor Heidorn thanked everyone for attending the Township Annual meeting. Townships in Illinois are responsible for their own "poor". Milton Township provides general assistance and emergency

assistance to the poor. Milton Township has several committees that serve the public as well. The Cemeteries' Authority Committee and Citizen's Corp, CERT, (Citizen Emergency Response Team). The township building renovation in Wheaton is going well. The building will be more accessible to the public, more user friendly and a much improved place to accomplish our business and to take care of the business of the public. Mr. Heidorn encouraged everyone to take a pamphlet on the statistics and history of local township government. Mr. Heidorn announced the retirement of Dennis Choyeski, an employee of the Milton Township highway department for over thirty years.

Assessor Bob Earl gave a report updating the real estate market in Milton Township. The real estate market has fallen and the assessments on property have dropped. The taxing body sets the rate of tax. In 2011, there will be a tax increase even though the assessments go down in value. Taxes don't go up because the assessment goes up; taxes go up because spending goes up. When the tax bills are due this year for the 2010 taxes, Milton Township tax payers will pay over \$300,000.00 in property taxes. In 2011, there will still be a decline in assessed values. Taxes will still go up. In January and February 2011, the number of transactions has actually increased from last year. Apartment rentals are increasing in number due to the decrease in construction of homes. People who have money are buying vacant land for investment purposes.

Moderator Pat Bond announced one hundred years ago, on April 4, 1911, Milton Township Highway Commissioner, Gary Muehlfelt's great grandfather, Casper Muehlfelt, was sworn in as Milton Township Highway Commissioner. Mr. Muehlfelt reported that the Milton Township Highway Department is responsible in maintaining 85 miles of road in unincorporated areas of Milton Township. Milton Township is the largest Township in the County of DuPage maintaining the most miles of road. The highway department works closely with the county, cities, villages, the sheriff's department, fire, school and park districts. The Highway Department services the unincorporated areas of Milton Township. During the snow blizzard of 2011, the men worked 192 hours of regular time, 239 hours of overtime. Mr. Muehlfelt thanked his highway department team for their long hours of hard work in serving the residents. Commissioner Muehlfelt personally thanked his employees especially Dennis Choyeski for his thirty-five years of dedicated service to the township.

The next order of business was consideration of the proposed resolutions. A written explanation of the purpose of each resolution was presented along with written copies of the proposed resolutions. Patrick Kehoe of Wheaton moved, seconded by Drew Ellis of Wheaton, to dispense with the reading of the resolutions. The motion passed by voice vote.

Art Grant of Wheaton moved, seconded by Catherine Galvin of Glen Ellyn, to approve as presented the proposed resolution entitled "*Authorizing Certain Powers to the Township Board*". The motion passed by voice vote. The Resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Mike Formento of Glen Ellyn moved, seconded by Yadav Nathwani of Glen Ellyn, to approve as presented the proposed resolution entitled "*Fixing Hour for Township Meetings*". The motion passed by voice vote. The Resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Open Forum for Electors: Mike Formento of Glen Ellyn thanked the Township Board for their dedicated service and for being fiscally responsible.

Moderator Bond thanked the electors for attending the Township meeting. Mr. Bond thanked the Board for their service. Mr. Bond announced that this concluded the business to come before the meeting. There being no further business to come before the electors, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. upon the motion of Chris Levan of Winfield, seconded by Herb Wehling of Wheaton.

*/S/ Gail P. Hinkle*

Gail P. Hinkle, Town Clerk

*/S/ Patrick K. Bond*

Patrick K. Bond, Moderator

Date minutes were approved: April 10, 2012