

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

January 10, 2012

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, January 10, 2012, 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, Paula McGowen, Jack Boepple, Bob Jacobsen, and Chris Levan.

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

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

Trustee Jensen moved, seconded by Trustee Edwards, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 13, 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 Jensen, 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 – Paula McGowen asked the Board’s position on releasing CD copies of the minutes of monthly Board Meetings. Chairman Heidorn stated the Board is not taping this meeting so there are no tapes to be available for public use. The Clerk decided to no longer tape future meetings. Chairman Heidorn stated that in the future, the Township will install a new security system. We may, as a part of the security system, be able to tape the meetings which will be in a digital format assessable to the public.

Chairman’s Report:

- General Assistance/Food Pantry – Chairman Heidorn had thanked Ralph Hinkle, Dave Garber and Gary Muehlfelt for volunteering to pick up over 575 toys for our needy families in Milton Township. Many volunteers were involved in distributing the toys to the children. The caseworkers did a great job in organizing this event.
Chairman Heidorn read a letter from Catholic Charities thanking Jackie Jones for the Township’s support and encouragement in reaching out to the families of Milton Township. The Township received a letter from Northern Illinois Food Bank rewarding the Township \$221.08 for their participation in three or more Northern Illinois Food Bank capacity opportunities during the past year.
- Miscellaneous/Other – Chairman Heidorn reported on Public Act 097-0609. The Open Meetings Act is amended by adding the following; “within 6 business days after an employer participating in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund approves a budget, that employer must post on its website the total compensation package for each employee having a total compensation package that exceeds \$75,000 per year”. Chairman Heidorn discussed the Attorney General issuing a “Binding Opinion” regarding members of a Board using electronic messages during a meeting. These messages are a matter of public record and can be requested from the public.

Highway Commissioner Muehlfelt reported on the DuPage Highway Commissioner’s meeting that was held today. He personally thanked Chris Heidorn for addressing the Commissioners. Mr. Muehlfelt announced receiving a Grant in the amount of \$50,000 that the Highway Department had applied for. The County is planning to place sidewalks along Geneva Road, from Gary Ave. to Coventry Street, scheduled for this year.

Assessor Robert Earl reported on the numerous appeals that his office is handling.

Clerk Hinkle reported – None.

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

Cemeteries Authority - Committee Chairman Jacobsen reported on the progress of St. Stephen Cemetery. The Milton Township Cemeteries Authority has raised \$5,500 to replace the vandalized tombstones. Mr. Jacobsen had met with Meyer Material Company regarding contributing volunteers and material in reconstructing the tombstones that need to be replaced in the cemetery.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business – None.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Falbo moved, seconded by Trustee Edwards that the meeting stand adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Gail P. Hinkle
Gail P. Hinkle, Township Clerk

Date minutes were approved _____.