

.REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

March 13, 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, March 13, 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. Absent: Assessor Robert Earl. Also Present Richard Truitt, Mike Formento, Marty Keller, Penny Smith, Sheila Noblitt, Bob Jacobsen, Ralph Hinkle, Chris Levan, Jack Boepple, Cathy Zinga, Jeanne Ives, Yadav Nathwani, Debbie Hansen, Paula McGowen and Loydeen Reichman.

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

Trustee Jensen moved, seconded by Trustee Falbo, 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 February 14, 2012, 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 – None.

Richard Truitt, a citizen of Milton Township, was recognized for his lifelong service to his Country and community with a Certificate of Appreciation from Chairman Heidorn. Ralph Hinkle acknowledged his dedicated service in World War 2 and Mike Formento recognized his achievement in his efforts to preserve 357 acres of Prairie land located in West Chicago.

Chairman's Report:

- General Assistance/Food Pantry – Currently we have (5) G.A. Recipients. 145 Household consisting of 331 individuals were helped in the month of February.
- Citizen Corps/Homeland Security – Team “Jack” held its final CERT exercise in Winfield. The next class will begin May 6, 2012.
- Miscellaneous/Other – Chairman Heidorn received one response in requesting bids for the Mosquito Abatement District. Clarke Environmental submitted the bid. The contract states, there will be no increase in price and will hold this number for the next three years. This proposal will be added to the Agenda at our next Board Meeting, March 27, 2012.

Mr. Heidorn received a thank you note from Miss Anneke Olson. Miss Olson thanked Mr. Heidorn for his time in answering questions regarding Township government. Included with her note, was a written essay regarding Illinois Townships.

Mr. Heidorn presented to the Board, his own cost comparison study regarding the roads between the Counties and Townships. On an average in DuPage County the Townships spend \$22,674.72 per lane mile. The cost of DuPage County per lane mile is \$41,800.00. The State of Illinois cost per lane mile is \$66,140.00. Once this study is completed, Mr. Heidorn will submit this report to the DuPage County Board members.

Chairman Heidorn met with Trustee Flickinger the morning of March 13, 2012. Mr. Flickinger presented Mr. Heidorn with a letter concerning “employee Hinkle”. A copy of this letter was given to each Trustee. Mr. Heidorn presented to the Ethics’ committee a “Verified Complaint Pursuant To Milton Township Ethics Ordinance.” Attached to this complaint is Mr. Flickinger’s letter. Members of the Ethics’ committee consist of Chris Levan, Jeanne Ives and Jack Boepple. This committee will conduct an investigation regarding the improprieties of “employee Hinkle”. This commission has subpoena power. They may consult with the Township attorney, Mary Dickson.

Trustee Flickinger commented that he did not file a complaint related to the Ethics committee. Mr. Flickinger stated that he has a very strong request for information. Mr. Flickinger had asked “publically” if Mr. Heidorn will respond to his requests. Mr. Heidorn is gathering the information that Mr. Flickinger is requesting. All the documents will be accessible to the Ethics’ committee.

During the morning meeting of March 13th between Heidorn and Flickinger, Mr. Heidorn informed Mr. Flickinger that he had missed the last three Budget Workshops. This information came from resident, Jack Boepple.

Mr. Flickinger stated again that he has not filed an Ethics complaint. Mr. Heidorn reiterated that this is an ethics issue. He quoted from Mr. Flickinger’s letter, “Specifically, there have been eyewitnesses that “employee Hinkle” has publicly engaged in political activities during Milton Township’s posted governmental business hours of operation and used Milton Township property and resources for the same.” Trustee Falbo asked if this issue should go into executive session.

Highway Commissioner, Gary Muehlfelt, thanked Supervisor Heidorn for attending the Highway Commissioner's meeting regarding the issue of Township government.

Assessor Earl – Absent.

Clerk Hinkle announced that Milton Township will have an "Open House" on May 19, 2012. Clerk Hinkle had asked every member on the Board to participate in the Open House. Trustee Flickinger declined to help. The Milton Township's Annual Meeting will be held on April 10, 2012 at the Wheaton Park District Community Center. Chairman Heidorn introduced two Advisory Petitions that were circulated and filed by Mrs. Paula McGowen. Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Jensen to table this matter until our next scheduled meeting, March 27, 2012, in which time the Board will set the Agenda. The motion passed by voice vote. (5 Ayes). (0 Nays).

Seniors Committee – None.

Cemeteries Authority - Committee Chairman Jacobsen thanked Milton Township for encouraging him to take the lead in cleaning up the three Township cemeteries. Mr. Jacobsen has been on the Cemeteries Authority Board for 12 years. Mr. Jacobsen is very concerned about the history of our ancestors. He stated, "if we lose our history, we have nothing."

Unfinished Business –
Changes to the Tentative Budgets – None.

Miscellaneous/Other – None.

New Business –

Review and approval of the DuPage County Sheriff's 2012-2013 contract. The contract for police services for 2012-2013 increased approximately 7.8%. Total cost is \$217,599.20. Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Falbo to accept the police contract. The motion carried by voice vote. (5 Ayes). (0 Nays).

Miscellaneous/Other – None.

Executive Session – Chairman Heidorn stated that as required by statute, the Board is to review the minutes of all closed meetings to date. Chairman Heidorn reported that all executive session minutes to date have been released for public inspection and there are none to review.

Trustee Falbo questioned Paula McGowen regarding her (2) Advisory petitions.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Jensen moved, seconded by Trustee Edwards, that the meeting stand adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Gail P. Hinkle
Gail P. Hinkle, Township Clerk

Date minutes were approved _____.