

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

June 11, 2013

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, June 11, 2013, for the audit of town bills followed immediately by a business meeting.

Board Members Present: Supervisor O. Chris Heidorn - Clerk Gail P. Hinkle - Trustees Sal Falbo, Marty Keller, Patrick Kehoe and Yadav Nathwani. Other Elected Officials Present: Assessor Robert Earl. Absent: Highway Commissioner, Gary Muehlfelt. Also Present: Bob Jacobsen, Joe Vanest, Mark Kmiecik, Paula McGowen, John Monino, Barabara Szeszycki, Jeff Cooper and Ralph Hinkle.

The business meeting was called to order by Chairman Heidorn at 7:30 p.m. Mary Dickson led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present and acting, and due notice had been mailed and posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

Trustee Falbo moved, seconded by Trustee Nathwani, to approve the agenda as presented. Following discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

Trustee Kehoe moved, seconded by Trustee Falbo, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 14, 2013 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 Nathwani, 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: Trustees Falbo, Keller, Kehoe, Nathwani and Chairman Heidorn. (5 Ayes), (0 Nays).

Public Forum – Mr. Cooper welcomed the newly elected Board.

Chairman's Report:

- General Assistance/Food Pantry – Chairman Heidorn reported for the month of May, the General Assistance Food Pantry served nearly 350 individuals. The Milton Township Republican Party collected \$850 from the Wheaton French Market the Taste of Glen Ellyn for the Food Pantry.
- Citizen Corps/Homeland Security – Mr. Hinkle has made tremendous accomplishments in achieving intergovernmental agreements with other townships in joining our CERT program. Mr. Heidorn announced, through the efforts of Mr. Hinkle, IEMA had selected Milton Township as one of eight local Citizen Corps Councils, in the State of Illinois, to be selected to share in grants totaling \$478,590. Milton Township was the only township to have received this grant money.
- Weed Ordinance Enforcement – Ralph Hinkle has been kept busy in controlling the weed complaints throughout the unincorporated township. The selling or refinancing of homes has provided the township a means of receiving money back from cutting lawns and controlling the weeds.
- Miscellaneous/Other – The newly elected Township Board signed the signature cards for the Illinois Funds.

Highway Commissioner – No Report.

Assessor - Mr. Earl addressed the issue of the Board going into Executive Session authorizing a law suit against him. Mr. Earl stated that it is his intention to complete his job to the best of his ability with the resources that have been provided to his office by December 31, 2013. Mr. Earl stated that he increased (6) employees' hours from 35 to 40 hours per week. This was one of the reasons for the increase in their salaries. The other salary increases, which were cost of living increases, were less than 2%. Mr. Earl stated that he has faced more serious budget problems than this and he was able to overcome them and he will overcome this one. Mr. Earl read a letter that he had written to the township attorney, Mary Dickson. The letter concluded that " he demanded Mrs. Dickson to refrain from communicating, counseling, advising, or in any way being involved in assisting the Board on any issue of pending or threatened litigation in which a conflict of interest arises due to her representing both the Board and the Assessor". Mr. Earl stated that no member from the Board had contacted him regarding this issue of litigation.

Trustee Nathwani asked Mr. Earl if he would be willing to back up the Pams software program on a monthly basis and submit these documents to the Clerk. Mr. Earl did not understand the question but was willing to speak with Trustee Nathwani regarding this issue.

Clerk Hinkle reported – Township Officials of Illinois will be conducting a training class for township elected officials on July 18, 2013 at the Lisle Hilton. Clerk Hinkle encouraged everyone to attend. Clerk Hinkle announced that all elected township officials are required to complete the online Open Meetings Act training course.

Seniors Committee - S.A.L.T. Committee Chairman Joe Vanest gave a presentation of the mission, goals and accomplishments of S.A.L.T. The S.A.L.T. Council began in 1997 by the Township Board. Ken McNatt was Chairman and Joe Vanest was Vice Chairman. The mission of the S.A.L.T. Council was to educate and communicate to the Milton Township seniors regarding health and security needs. [The S.A.L.T. Communicator](#)

Newsletter is published quarterly. The newsletter is edited by Dianna Taylor and Jodi Hefler, and is mailed to 10,000 households in Milton Township. A survey was mailed out to 6200 households. Over 250 responses have been received. Mr. Vanest commented on the Senior Auto Inspection program. This free program has been offered to seniors for 15 years.

Cemeteries Authority - Committee Chairman Jacobsen reported on the 7th Annual Memorial Day Service held at Jewell Grove Cemetery. On June 29, 2013 Family Day at Pleasant Hill Cemetery will take place at 11:00 a.m. The American Legion Band from Aurora, Illinois will perform.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business –

The Prevailing Wage Ordinance was presented for consideration. Trustee Falbo moved, seconded by Trustee Keller to adopt Ordinance No.0-13-3 entitled “*An Ordinance of Milton Township, County of DuPage, Illinois, Ascertainning The Prevailing Rate Of Wages For Laborers, Workmen, And Mechanics Employed On Public Works Of Milton Township*”. After discussion, the motion passed on the following roll call vote: (5 Ayes): Trustees Falbo, Keller, Kehoe, Nathwani and Chairman Heidorn. (0 Nays).

Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Falbo, to adjourn to Executive Session (8:05 p.m.) to discuss pending or threatened litigation as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11). The meeting adjourned.

Mary Dickson commented that she serves as the Township’s attorney and that includes serving as the attorney for any of the township officers. If there should be a conflict between the Board and one of the township officers, Mrs. Dickson advised the township that the public officer would have the opportunity to secure council and the township would pay to have the officer to have that council. Although Mr. Earl had left the meeting, Mrs. Dickson suggested inviting Mr. Earl to attend the Executive session if the Board would like to have questions answered about the budgetary concerns that the Assessor is creating. Chairman Heidorn disagreed with attorney Dickson’s suggestion of including Mr. Earl meeting with the Board. Mr. Heidorn felt it is appropriate for this newly elected Board to experience an executive session with counsel and to discuss this pending or threatened litigation. Mr. Heidorn commented that He did talk with Assessor Earl the week of June 3rd regarding the pending or threatened litigation towards Mr. Earl.

Gail P. Hinkle

Gail P. Hinkle, Township Clerk

Date minutes were approved _____.