

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

September 9, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Milton Township Board was held in the Board Room of the Milton Township Hall, 1492 N. Main Street, Wheaton, Illinois, on Tuesday, September 9, 2014, for the audit of town bills followed immediately by a business meeting.

Board Members Present: Supervisor O. Chris Heidorn – Deputy Clerk Ashley Cunningham – Trustees Sal Falbo, Yadav Nathwani, Marty Keller and David Molitor. Other Elected Officials Present: Highway Commissioner Gary Muehlfelt. Also Present: Bob Jacobsen, Joe Vanest, Fran DeFrancesco, Frank DeFrancesco, Rosie Ferguson, Fadi Dojani, Frank Fabian, Barb Szeszycki, Bob Krzyzewski, Drew Ellis, Mark Kmiecik and two individuals who neglected to sign-in.

The business meeting was called to order by Chairman Heidorn at 7:30 p.m. Frank Fabian led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present and acting and due noticed 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 the discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

Trustee Keller moved, seconded by Trustee Nathwani, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 12, 2014, 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 Falbo 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 the discussion, the motion passed on the following roll-call vote: Trustees Falbo, Keller, Nathwani, Molitor and Chairman Heidorn (5 Ayes), (0 Nays).

Chairman Heidorn discussed a claim that was submitted last month to the Board. The claim involved a \$10.00 tip on a \$20.00 tab at a restaurant. The claim covered free entrée coupons involving a two hour stay at the establishment. Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Nathwani to accept the clarification of this claim. Following discussion, the motion passed on the following roll-call vote: Trustees Falbo, Keller, Nathwani, Molitor and Chairman Heidorn (5 Ayes), (0 Nays).

Public Forum – Fran DeFrancesco addressed the Board and inquired that they may speak in layman's terms so the group could better follow the meeting. Fadi Dojani voiced his concerns regarding his decreasing property value and increase in property taxes. Frank Fabian also voiced his concerns regarding the increase in his property taxes and the decrease in his property's value. Bob Jacobsen addressed the Board and the audience suggesting that they attend School Board Meetings and Park District Meetings to voice their concerns about the use of their tax dollars.

Chairman's Report:

- General Assistance/Food Pantry – The Board was issued the monthly General Assistance Activity Report. Chairman Heidorn mentioned an earlier comment that was made by Trustee Falbo, taking notice of an increase in emergency assistance. The Chairman also addressed the Board and audience regarding a balance of only \$1,800 in the food pantry account and asked to spread the word of the need for money donations.
- Citizen Corps/Homeland Security – Chairman Heidorn showed a presentation put together by Ralph Hinkle, Executive Director of the Milton Township Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT). The last training class for CERT just celebrated its one thousandth graduate.
- Mosquito Abatement/West Nile Virus – Chairman Heidorn reported to the Board that the summer of 2014 was one of the coolest on record and the ninth wettest since 1871. Milton Township and Clarke Mosquito has been buried in calls regarding mosquito problems. While most positive-testing mosquito samples of West Nile Virus have been in Cook County, some have been found in DuPage County, and Chairman Heidorn strongly encouraged everyone to use protection against mosquitoes while outside in the evening.
- Weed Program – Due to the heavy rain this season, the Township continues to receive weed complaints.
- Sign Update – Milton Township attorney, Mary Dickson, will submit to the Wheaton Zoning Department petitions to construct a new sign for the township building, which is tentatively scheduled for September 23, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. While he does not wish to move the sign, Chairman Heidorn discussed getting an estimate of the cost to relocate the sign to present to the Zoning Board.
- Presentation of Annual Treasurer's Report – Chairman Heidorn presented the Annual Report to the Board, and the Clerk shall so file the original with the County Clerk.
- Miscellaneous/Other – Chairman Heidorn read a letter that was presented to him from Assessor Chris LeVan, discussing the many changes and updates in the Assessor's Office and its workings since taking office on January 1, 2014. This letter will be made a part of these minutes.

Seniors Committee – S.A.L.T. Committee Chairman Joe Vanest welcomed the newest member of the S.A.L.T. Council, Ashley Cunningham. He discussed the upcoming Communicator Newsletter and the next S.A.L.T. Meeting topic that will focus on fire prevention. He also announced the annual auto inspection for seniors that will be held on October 4, 2014, at the Wheaton Fire Station #1.

Deputy Clerk Cunningham reported – Township Officials of Illinois will be holding its Annual Educational Conference on November 9-11, 2014, in Springfield. Anyone interested should notify the Clerk as soon as possible.

Cemeteries Authority – Committee Chairman Bob Jacobsen addressed the Board and the public explaining how he first came to be involved with the Cemeteries Authority.

Trustee Reports – Trustee Falbo discussed his attendance at a recent program presented by the State Treasurer's Office.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business – Chairman Heidorn received tentative information from the Township's agent regarding health insurance quotes increasing 12-13%.

Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Nathwani, to recess to Executive Session (8:17 p.m.) for the semi-annual review of Executive Session Minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) and 120/2.06(d).

Trustee Nathwani moved (8:31 p.m.), seconded by Trustee Falbo, to rise from Executive Session and return to approve the minutes of the last Executive Session and to maintain the confidentiality of the Executive Session Minutes. Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Molitor, to keep the Executive Session Minutes confidential. The motion passed by voice vote (5 Ayes) (0 Nays).

There being no future business to come before the Board, Trustee Falbo moved, seconded by Trustee Nathwani that the meeting stand adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Gail P. Hinkle

Gail P. Hinkle, Township Clerk

By Ashley T. Cunningham

Ashley T. Cunningham, Deputy Township Clerk

Date minutes were approved OCT. 14, 2014