

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

January 12, 2016

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 12, 2016 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, Yadav Nathwani and David Molitor. Other Officials Present; Highway Commissioner Gary Muehlfelt and Assessor Chris LeVan. Also Present: Joe Vanest, Bob Krzyzewski, Ralph Hinkle and Mark Kmiecik.

The business meeting was called to order by Chairman Heidorn at 6:30 p.m. Chris LeVan 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 Keller moved, seconded by Trustee Nathwani, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 8, 2015, 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 Molitor 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, Nathwani, Molitor and Chairman Heidorn. (5 Ayes), (0 Nays).

Public Forum – None.

Chairman's Report:

- General Assistance/Food Pantry – The Board was issued the monthly General Assistance Activity Report. Chairman Heidorn thanked the Marine Corps for supplying the Township with Toys for Tots during the Christmas holiday. Jackie Jones, senior caseworker, reported a significant increase of donations to the Food Pantry since we have signage in front of the building.
- Citizen Corps/Homeland Security – Ralph Hinkle reported in 2015, CERT volunteers had provided over 8300 hours of volunteer service; that equals to \$180,000 in service given to DuPage County. On March 17, 2016, Warrior CERT class will meet at the Homeland Security Building at the College of DuPage. There are 108 applications for those who want to be trained in CERT.
- Miscellaneous/Other – Chairman Heidorn reported on a new mosquito virus, the Zika virus. This virus may cause birth defects. There is no indication that mosquitoes in the United States are spreading Zika, but this virus has been located in South America. Discussion followed.

Highway Commissioner – Since November the Highway Department has undertaken (6) snow events. The Department has used just under 800 tons of salt, but is still using biodegradable beet juice on the roads. The Township crew of five men had taken down 294 ash trees this past summer. The tree contractor had taken down 651 ash trees. 767 tree stumps need to be removed. Mr. Muehlfelt had also reported on replacing culverts and maintaining areas of drainage. Discussion followed.

Assessor – Chris LeVan gave an update on the 2015 General Reassessment for Milton Township. There were 818 residential appeals and 260 commercial appeals. Given the fact that there has not been a general reassessment for over twenty-four years, the Assessor's office was expecting 2,000 to 2,500 residential appeals protesting their assessments. The office had received far less appeals than they anticipated. From December 3, 2015 to January 4, 2016; there were 1100 walk-ins and 400 to 500 phone calls that the deputies had to manage. The Assessor complimented his staff on a job well done.

Clerk Hinkle reported – Township Officials of Illinois will be conducting their educational classes for 2016. On March 18, 2016, classes will be held at the Hilton Lisle in Naperville, Illinois. Those interested in attending, contact Clerk Hinkle. As the FOIA Officer for Milton Township, Clerk Hinkle reported on several FOIA requests. The Assessor had received several FOIA requests that were frivolous and cumbersome. One FOIA request had cost the tax payers \$1,260.00. Trustee Falbo had asked Clerk Hinkle the name of the FOIA requester. Clerk Hinkle answered; Mr. Mark Kmiecik. Mr. LeVan made comments regarding this issue.

Seniors Committee - S.A.L.T. Committee Chairman Joe Vanest was asked to speak at the annual Glen Ellyn Police Department luncheon that was held for the graduates of the Police Academy. The College of DuPage Homeland Security Center has received another grant to provide seminars for the seniors of DuPage County. The recent S.A.L.T. Council meeting was held on January 11, 2016. The representative of The Citizens Utility Board presented a spread sheet on the different rates for the utilities; electric and gas.

Cemeteries Authority – None.

Trustee Reports – Trustee Keller reported to the Board, the Illinois Lieutenant Governor, Evelyn Sanguinetti, had presented to Governor Rauner the Local Government Consolidation and Unfunded Mandates Task Force’s final report. Trustee Keller had recommended, that the Board come up with a response to this report and place it on the Township’s web site. Discussion followed.

Trustee Molitor will be participating in the program called “Ride-Along”. Mr. Molitor will be riding with a DuPage County deputy sheriff this month to experience the daily activities of the police force. Trustee Molitor attended a walk through at the Amtrak facilities in Chicago. He had recommended the CERT team to view the facilities as well.

Trustee Nathwani will be helping the AT&T Company in streamlining their installations of fiber optics in the local areas of Glen Ellyn and Wheaton.

Trustee Falbo had suggested mailing out electronically the S.A.L.T. Communicator to the seniors in Milton Township. This would save mailing costs. Discussion followed.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business – The Special Township Board Meeting for the 2016-2017 Budget Workshop will be held on January 26, 2016.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Nathwani moved, seconded by Trustee Molitor that the meeting stand adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Gail P. Hinkle

Gail P. Hinkle, Township Clerk

Date minutes were approved _____.