

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

April 3, 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, April 3, 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, and Marie Jensen. Other Elected Officials Present: Assessor Robert Earl. Absent: Highway Commissioner Gary Muehlfelt. Also Present David Diersen, Bob Jacobsen, Chris LeVan, Loydeen Reichman, Alan Bolds, Jack Boepple, Drew Ellis, Yadav Nathwani, Judy Flickinger, Dawn Earl, Mary Dickson and Mark Kmiecik.

The business meeting was called to order by Chairman Heidorn at 7:31 p.m. Alan Bolds led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present and acting, and due notice had been mailed.

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

Trustee Jensen moved, seconded by Trustee Falbo, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 13, 2012 be approved as submitted. Trustee Flickinger motioned to amend the minutes of March 13, 2012 and March 27, 2012. No one seconded Trustee Flickinger's motion. The motion to approve the minutes of March 13, 2012 passed by voice vote. Trustee Flickinger voted Nay.

Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Jensen that the minutes of the Special Meeting on March 27, 2012, be approved as submitted. The motion passed by voice vote. Trustee Flickinger voted Nay.

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: 4 Ayes: Trustees Flickinger, Falbo, Jensen, and Chairman Heidorn. 0 Nays.

Public Forum – Alan Bolds expressed his concerns about the dissension within Milton Township. Mr. Bolds had asked the Board to set aside their differences and to work together as a Board.

Chairman Heidorn presented to the Board, Highway Commissioner Gary Muehlfelt's Annual Report.

Chairman Heidorn presented to the Board the Supervisor's Annual Report. The Report will be read at the Annual Meeting on April 10, 2012.

Clerk Hinkle reported the Annual Meeting will be held on April 10, 2012 at the Wheaton Park District Community Center. Sign-in begins at 6:30 p.m.

S.A.L.T. Committee – Ken McNatt has resigned as chairman of the S.A.L.T. Committee. A successor, to fill the vacancy of Chairman, will take place at the May Board meeting.

Assessor Robert Earl – reported on a case that was brought before the Property Tax Appeal Board regarding a gas station. The case was won by the Assessor's office. The office has been notified by the Illinois Property Assessment Institute that they will use this case in their next publication of their textbook. Mr. Earl discussed the First Trust building case. Milton Township Assessor's office and the City of Wheaton are opposing the developer's efforts to have the building reassessed. The Property Tax Appeal Board has 60,000 backlog cases to review. There is a 50 year high in appeal cases. Milton Township has fewer than 200 appeal cases. There is a new addition to the Assessor's web site. A homeowner may look up any property and assessment within a ten year period.

Cemeteries Authority - Committee Chairman Jacobsen reported that there have been thirty inquiries regarding the cemetery burials within the three Milton Township cemeteries. Garlic Mustard weed is under control after (5) years of removing this invasive weed. Trent Nichols, chairman of the Wheaton Historic Commission, has asked Milton Township to co-partner with the Wheaton Historic Commission to celebrate *Preservation Month* in May. The three Milton Township cemeteries will be open to the public for this occasion. The Memorial Day service will be held on May 26, 2012 at the Jewell Grove Cemetery.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business – Chairman Heidorn received a letter from Mr. Tomas Eckhardt, an attorney for the Glen Ellyn Mosquito Abatement District. Mr. Eckhardt had requested the Township Board to consider the appointment of Mr. Gene Morrissy, as Trustee, to the Abatement District. This subject matter will be considered at the next Township Board meeting in May of 2012.

Chairman Heidorn read a letter, from Trustee Christopher Edwards, resigning immediately as Milton Township Trustee.

Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Jensen to accept the resignation of Christopher Edwards, effective March 28, 2012. The motion passed by voice vote. (4 Ayes). (0 Nays).

The Township Board has the authority to fill the vacancy within (60) days after the resignation. A Notice of Vacancy will be posted on the web site and will be posted in a press release in a local newspaper as well.

The law provides that the appointment must be someone of the same political party as the one who had resigned. Mr. Edwards is a Republican. He will be replaced by a Republican. The appointment will take place at the May Board meeting.

Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Jensen to adjourn into Executive Session (7:55 p.m.) to discuss personal pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2C-1. The motion passed by voice vote. (4 Ayes). (0Nays).

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Falbo 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 \_\_\_\_\_.