

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

December 13, 2011

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, December 13, 2011, 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 and Assessor Robert Earl. Also Present Ralph Hinkle, Chris Levan, Paula McGowen, Bob Jacobsen, Louis Margaglione, Mike Jensen, Marian Tomlinson, Jack Boepple, Tom Wendorf and Younus Suleman

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

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

Trustee Falbo moved, seconded by Trustee Flickinger, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 8, 2011, 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 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.

Chairman's Report:

- General Assistance/Food Pantry – There has been an increase in the usage of the Food Pantry. 532 individuals have recently used our pantry. Chairman Heidorn reported that there is a balance of \$11,000 left in our Food Pantry account. Mr. Heidorn had suggested writing to the newspapers encouraging the public to donate to our Food Pantry funds.
Mr. Heidorn reported on the new *Coast 2 Coast Rx* drug discount program. This is a discount drug card that applies to anyone in Milton Township at no cost to them. The Township will be participating in this program through our General Assistance program.
- Citizen Corps/Homeland Security – Ralph Hinkle gave a presentation on the Metra Rail Seminar that was held on Saturday, November 12, 2011. Mr. Hinkle had written a letter to the Daily Herald commenting on the Citizen Emergency Response Team participating in the Metra Rail training program. Mr. Hinkle received a thank you note from Sheriff John Zaruba in participating in this year's Shop with a Cop/Sheriff program. There were many CERT members involved with this event. There are now 632 trained CERT members.
- MAC Strategies and in-home cost comparison study – Township Officials of Illinois,(TOI), has retained a public relations firm, MAC Strategies, to inform the public of the importance of Township government throughout the state of Illinois. Mr. Heidorn is personally conducting his own cost comparison study regarding the roads in Milton Township. The comparison is between the County and the Townships. If we eliminate Township government, the Counties would need to take them over. In order to maintain the Milton Township Highway roads per lane mile, it would cost the tax payers, \$11,229.00. The preliminary numbers for the County is three times that of Milton Township.
- Miscellaneous/Other – Clarke has completed their portion of the annual report for the Mosquito Abatement District. Mr. Heidorn will complete the report and forward it on to the Illinois UPA.

Highway Commissioner Muehlfelt reported – None.

Assessor Robert Earl reported the filing deadline for appeals is December 19, 2011. The Assessor's office is anticipating 1,100 appeals this year.

Clerk Hinkle reported – None.

Seniors Committee - S.A.L.T. Committee Chairman Ken McNatt - None

Cemeteries Authority - Committee Chairman Jacobsen introduced Louis A. Margaglione as a candidate to replace Bill Kooser on the Cemeteries Authority Board. Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Jensen to nominate Louis Margaglione to fill the vacancy of Bill Kooser on the Cemeteries Authority Board. The motion passed by voice vote.

Unfinished Business –

Dental Insurance Renewal – In renewing the Dearborn National Dental Insurance, there will be an increase of 9.5% for 2012. Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Falbo, to approve the Dearborn National Dental Insurance renewal with an increase of 9.5%. The motion passed by voice vote.

PACE Contract Renewal – Dianna Taylor has been working with Glen Ellyn and Wheaton in renewing the contract with Pace. It is basically a mirror of last year's agreement. Through Dianna's efforts, the Pace subsidy is up to \$151,167.00. Besides the Ride DuPage Program, we have also added the Ride to Work program. These programs cover Wheaton, Glen Ellyn and the unincorporated areas in Milton Township. Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Jensen to renew the PACE contract for 2012 for the PACE subsidy of \$151,167.00. The motion passed by voice vote.

Weed Control Ordinance revision – Chairman Heidorn presented a proposed Ordinance No. 0-11-8 entitled "*Milton Township Nuisance Weed, Grass, Bush and Tree Ordinance.*" Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Falbo to adopt Ordinance No. 0-11-8. Following discussion, the motion passed on the following roll-call: 5 Ayes: Trustees Falbo, Flickinger, Edwards, Jensen and Chairman Heidorn. 0 Nays. The Ordinance No. 0-11-8 is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Edwards to increase the employee health insurance contribution from 15% to 16% premium starting January 2012. The motion passed by voice vote.

Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Edwards to adopt Resolution R-11-7 entitled "*A Resolution of the Township of Milton, County of DuPage, Illinois Relating to Participation by Elected Officials in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.*" The motion passed by voice vote. The Resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

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New Business –

Adoption of 2011 Levies:

The Highway Department 2011 Tentative Levy was presented for adoption. No changes were made to the 2011 Road District Tax Levy Ordinance since the Tentative Levy was passed at the November Board Meeting. Trustee Flickinger moved, seconded by Trustee Jensen, to adopt Ordinance No. 0-11-4 entitled "*Tax Levy Ordinance Milton Township Road District*" for 2011 in the amount of **(\$3,071,387.20)**, subject to final correction as determined by the DuPage County Clerk. The motion passed on the following roll-call: 5 Ayes: Trustees Flickinger, Falbo, Edwards, Jensen and Chairman Heidorn. 0 Nays.

The Tentative Levies for the Town and General Assistance were presented for adoption. No changes were made since the Tentative Levies were passed in November. Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Falbo, to adopt the 2011 Tax Levy Ordinance for the Town Fund **(\$1,648,118.92)**, and the General Assistance Fund **(\$264,447.73)** totaling **(\$1,912,566.65)**. Ordinance No. 0-11-5 entitled "*Tax Levy Ordinance Milton Township General Town and General Assistance*", subject to final correction as determined by the DuPage County Clerk. The motion passed on the following roll-call: 4 Ayes: Trustees Flickinger, Falbo, Jensen and Chairman Heidorn. 1 Nay: Trustee Edwards.

The Tentative Levy for the Special Police District was presented for adoption. No changes were made since the Tentative Levy was passed in November. Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Falbo, to adopt the 2011 Tax Levy Ordinance for the Special Police Fund **(\$237,726.48)**, Ordinance No 0-11-6 entitled "*Tax Levy Ordinance Milton Township Special Police District*", subject to final correction as determined by the DuPage County Clerk. The motion passed on the following roll-call vote: 5 Ayes: Trustees Flickinger, Falbo, Edwards, Jensen and Chairman Heidorn. 0 Nays.

The Mosquito Abatement District 2011 Tentative Levy was presented for adoption. No changes were made to the 2011 Mosquito Abatement District Tax Levy Ordinance since the Tentative Levy was passed at the November Board Meeting. Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Jensen, to adopt Ordinance No. 0-11-7 entitled "*Tax Levy Ordinance Milton Township Mosquito Abatement District*" for 2011 in the amount of **(\$61,220.00)**, subject to final correction as determined by the DuPage County Clerk. The motion passed on the following roll-call vote: 5 Ayes: Trustees Flickinger, Falbo, Edwards, Jensen and Chainman Heidorn. 0 Nays.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Flickinger moved, seconded by Trustee Edwards that the meeting stand adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Gail P. Hinkle

Gail P. Hinkle, Township Clerk

Date minutes were approved _____.