

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

June 14, 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, June 14, 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, Bob Jacobsen, Jack Boepple, Chris Levan and Joe Vanest.

The business meeting was called to order by Chairman Heidorn at 7:35 p.m. Joe Vanest 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 Falbo moved, seconded by Trustee Edwards, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 10, 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 Flickinger, 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 – Chairman Heidorn recently hired a part-time person, Ronna Johnson, to work in the General Assistance office. The monthly General Assistance report was handed out to the Board.
- Citizen Corps/Homeland Security – Class Henry will hold its final exercise at the Morton Arboretum on June 16, 2011. Twenty-five participants will graduate.
- Weeds – Chairman Heidorn announced the weed and grass complaints are being handled by Ralph Hinkle. Foreclosure of homes is a major issue to the weed complaints.
- Miscellaneous/Other – Chairman Heidorn reported on the following:
 - May 2011 Status Report from Clarke – Larval inspection and service
 - America's Town Meeting 2011 Legislative Conference to be held on September 6-8, 2011 in Washington, DC
 - 2011 Education District Program for Township Government, June 23, 2011.
 - A report on Ecological Restoration Progress Milton Township Cemeteries -2010, submitted by Ray Ribich.
 - A report from IMRF, effective June 1, 2011, the Illinois Religious Freedom and Civil Union Act allows a civil union partner to be eligible to receive an IMRF Surviving Spouse pension if the partner meets the eligibility requirements.

Highway Commissioner Muehlfelt reported on the storm damage and flooding from last week. The summer road projects have begun. With little funds, the Highway Department will be patching the majority of the roads. Commissioner Muehlfelt gave the Board a copy of a letter from Mr. Tokarski, County Engineer of the Division of Transportation for DuPage County. The letter indicated that Milton Township is basically hurting for money. Milton Township is at the bottom of the list pertaining to miles of road and budget. Mr. Muehlfelt announced the retirement of Denny Choyeski, foreman for the Milton Township Highway Department for thirty-five years.

Assessor – Robert Earl – announced the Milton Township Assessor's office has been selected as a test site for Visual Pams Pro Analytics. A statistical software that helps to identify geographical areas that need attention.

Clerk Hinkle reported – None.

Seniors Committee - S.A.L.T. Committee – Vice Chairman, Joe Vanest announced the June issue of the Communicator has been mailed. The speaker for the June S.A.L.T. meeting was Robin Pecak, Executive Director of Arden Courts of Glen Ellyn. Ms. Pecak spoke on the human brain and its many functions.

Cemeteries Authority - Committee Chairman Jacobsen reported receiving funding from the Joliet Diocese for the 2011 care of St. Stephen Cemetery. Family Day Ceremony at Pleasant Hill Cemetery will be held on June 25, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

Unfinished Business - Chairman Heidorn announced the completion of the renovation of the Township building. Mr. Heidorn stated that the project was completed on time and on budget. Ralph Hinkle congratulated Chris Heidorn for his leadership on the renovation of the building. Mr. Hinkle thanked Gary Muehlfelt and others for their contribution. This was a team effort and a character builder. A job well done.

New Business – Chairman Heidorn received a letter from the township attorney, Bond, Dickson & Associates, regarding Resolution R-11-3 for mileage and out-of-pocket expense reimbursement. This letter is attached and made a part of these minutes. Chairman Heidorn stated that this Board and the Supervisor, having drafted this Resolution document, did not research the legalities prior to adopting this Resolution. It is of the opinion of the Council, that the Town Board cannot require the Assessor or the Highway Commissioner to follow the dictates of Resolution R-11-3 in order to have expenses paid. Chairman Heidorn stated that he will continue to use Resolution R-11-3 for the Administration side and the General Assistance Department. Chairman Heidorn had asked the Assessor and the Highway Commissioner to continue to use the mileage expense forms. Discussion followed:

Assessor Earl commented that Trustee Jensen has securitized the Assessor’s office under the guise of accountability. All the issues that were brought up were mundane and low value issues. The legal opinion states it is unenforceable against elected officials.

Trustee Jensen defended her position by wanting to represent the tax payers in a morally and ethically manner.

Highway Commissioner Muehlfelt expressed his desire to work with the Board of Trustees in answering any questions regarding the highway bills. Mr. Muehlfelt stated that our Township should be open and transparent to the taxpayers of Milton Township.

Chairman Heidorn will bring forward an amendment to Resolution R-11-3, to clarify the council’s opinion.

New Business – The Prevailing Wage Ordinances were presented for consideration. Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Falbo, to adopt Ordinance No. 0-11-3 entitled “*AN ORDINANCE OF MILTON TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF DUPAGE, ILLINOIS, ASCERTAINING THE PREVAILING RATE OF WAGES FOR LABORS, WORKERS, AND MECHANICS EMPLOYED ON PUBLIC WORKS OF MILTON TOWNSHIP.*” Following discussion, the motion passed on the following roll-call vote: 3 Ayes: Trustees Falbo, Jensen and Chairman Heidorn. 2 Nays: Trustees Flickinger and Edwards.

Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Falbo, to adopt Ordinance No. HW-0-11-4 entitled “*AN ORDINANCE OF THE MILTON TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT, COUNTY OF DUPAGE, ILLINOIS ASCERTAINING THE PREVAILING RATE OF WAGES FOR LABORERS, WORKMEN, AND MECHANICS EMPLOYED ON PUBLIC WORKS OF MILTON TOWNSHIP.*” Following discussion, the motion passed on the following roll-call vote: 3 Ayes: Trustees Falbo, Jensen and Chairman Heidorn. 2 Nays: Trustees Flickinger and Edwards.

Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Falbo to grant DuPage County a non-exclusive easement along and upon the East line of the Highway property located at 23W040 Poss Street, Glen Ellyn, for the purpose to install and maintain a water main and lift station to service the unincorporated areas North of the subject premises pursuant to the DPC Special Area for those properties, subject to the review and approval of the Milton Township Highway Commissioner and the Township attorney, including but not limited to new fencing, brush and tree removal, all at no cost to the Township. After discussion, the motion passed by voice vote: (5 Ayes) and (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 8:40 p.m.

Gail P. Hinkle

Gail P. Hinkle, Township Clerk

Date minutes were approved _____.