

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

November 8, 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, November 8, 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, Ginny Sprawka, Mary Cunningham, Chris Fernald, Bob Jacobsen, Mike Jensen, Chris Levan, Jack Boepple and Naresh Nair.

The business meeting was called to order by Chairman Heidorn at 7:30 p.m. Ginny Sprawka 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 Flickinger moved, seconded by Trustee Falbo, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 11, 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 – No report was given.
- Citizen Corps/Homeland Security – Metra Rail Seminar will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2011. Ralph Hinkle gave a presentation at the T.O.I. Educational Conference in Springfield. Mr. Hinkle spoke on Townships being involved in disaster preparedness, from becoming an emergency management agency to creating a CERT Team. Ralph Hinkle announced the graduation date for team "Isaiah" will be held on November 17, 2011. The exercise will take place at the Wheaton Sanitary District. Chairman Heidorn reported on attending the T.O.I Conference in Springfield. Those attending the conference were: Christopher Edwards, Robert Earl, Sal Falbo, Gary Muehlfelt and Ralph Hinkle.
- Miscellaneous/Other – None.

Highway Commissioner Muehlfelt reported on meeting with Bryan Smith, TOI Executive Director, and other public officials regarding the negative press against Township government. Mr. Muehlfelt was asked to join the State Board of Highway Commissioners.

Assessor – Mr. Earl announced Keith Matthews, an employee of the Assessor's office, has returned from a lengthy recuperation period from a serious fall in his home. Mr. Earl had thanked Ralph Hinkle for promptly fixing a furnace failure in the building last week. The Assessor's Books are closed for 2011. Mr. Earl announced a \$300 million reduction in assessed values in 2011. This took our assessed values from \$5.4 billion down to \$5.1 billion. The publication date for assessments will be November 17, 2011.

Clerk Hinkle reported – None.

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

Cemeteries Authority - Committee Chairman Jacobsen thanked the Board of Trustees and the Highway Department for their support in preserving the three Milton Township Cemeteries.

Unfinished Business

I.M.R.F. Audit Report and resolutions regarding IMRF participation – Chairman Heidorn reported that the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund had recommended the following requirements relating to employee enrollment, earnings and service:

- Milton Township needs to provide documentation of time spent on Township business on annual basis for each Elected Official. "*Resolution Relating to Participation by Elected Officials In The IMRF*" with an effective date of January, 1950.

Chairman Heidorn suggested that unless the Trustees wish to provide documentation of their 1,000 hours of work each year that we should rescind that portion of the Resolution effective January 1st of 2011. Any contributions after that date will be refunded. Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Edwards to rescind that portion of the Resolution regarding participation IMRF by Trustees effective January 1, 2011. The motion passed by voice vote.

- The “retirement box’ on all eligible employees’ W-2’s should be checked.

Special Police IGA Cost Issues – Chairman Heidorn received a letter from the DuPage County Board members indicating their intent to consider asking the four Townships to contribute more money to cover the costs of providing DuPage County deputies to serve in the unincorporated areas of their Townships. Mr. Heidorn feels that the Board is looking for an increase of 7.8% for the next four years to help cover the costs of the deputies. Chairman Heidorn suggested it is up to the Board to either pay or cut services.

New Business –

Chairman Heidorn presented the 2011 Tentative Levies for the Board’s consideration.

Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Falbo to approve as presented the 2011 Tentative Levy at 1.5% increase for the Milton Township Road District in the amount of \$3,071,387.20. Following discussion, the motion passed on the following roll-call: 5 Ayes: Trustees Flickinger, Falbo, Edwards, Jensen and Chairman Heidorn. 0 Nays.

Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Falbo, to approve as presented the 2011 Tentative Levy at 1.5% increase for the Milton Township General Town Fund and General Assistance Fund in the amount of \$1,912,566.65. Following discussion, the motion passed on the following roll-call: 4 Ayes: Trustees Flickinger, Falbo, Jensen and Chairman Heidorn. 1 Nay: Trustee Edwards.

Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Jensen, to approve the 2011 Tentative Levy for Milton Township Mosquito Abatement District in the amount of \$61,220.00. Following discussion, the motion passed on the following roll-call: 5 Ayes: Trustees Flickinger, Falbo, Edwards, Jensen and Chairman Heidorn. 0 Nays.

Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Falbo, to approve as presented the 2011 Tentative Levy at 5% increase for the Milton Township Special Police District in the amount of \$237,726.48. Following discussion, the motion passed on the following roll-call: 5 Ayes: Trustees Flickinger, Falbo, Edwards, Jensen and Chairman Heidorn. 0 Nays. Attached to the minutes are correspondence and news clippings regarding the Special Police issue with the County of DuPage.

Chairman Heidorn presented a proposed Resolution listing the 2012 Board Meeting Dates. Trustee Flickinger moved, seconded by Chairman Heidorn to adopt Resolution No. R-11-5 entitled “*2012 Milton Township Board Meeting Dates.*” The motion passed by voice vote (5 Ayes). (0 Nays). The Resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Chairman Heidorn presented a proposed Resolution listing the 2012 Holiday Schedule. Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Flickinger, to adopt Resolution No. R-11-6 entitled “*2012 Milton Township Holiday Schedule.*” The motion passed by voice vote (5 Ayes). (0 Nays). The Resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Jensen moved, seconded by Trustee Flickinger, that the meeting stand adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Gail P. Hinkle

Gail P. Hinkle, Township Clerk

Date minutes were approved _____.