

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

October 13, 2015

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, October 13, 2015, 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 Elected Officials Present: Highway Commissioner Gary Muehlfelt and Assessor Chris LeVan. Also Present: Ralph Hinkle, Mark Kmiecik, Dee Bingham, Joe Vanest, Mike Leach, Bob Jacobsen, Bob Krzyzewski and Marian Tomlinson.

The business meeting was called to order by Chairman Heidorn at 6:30 p.m. Dee Bingham 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. The motion passed by voice vote.

Trustee Molitor moved, seconded by Trustee Nathwani, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 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 – Ms. Dee Bingham, of Wheaton, wanted to thank Milton Township for helping her financially in getting a new start in life back in 1974. Ms. Bingham presented several suggestions to help promote the Milton Township Food Pantry. Mr. Heidorn invited Ms. Bingham to join him later to converse over this matter.

Chairman's Report:

- General Assistance/Food Pantry – The Board was issued the monthly General Assistance Activity Report.
- Citizen Corps/Homeland Security – Citizen Corps has been involved in many activities for the past several weeks. At the November Board Meeting, Mr. Heidorn will present a detail description of the various events the CERT organization was involved in.
- Mosquito Abatement /WNV – Mr. Heidorn presented the September 2015 Status Report update on the West Nile Virus. Adult mosquito activity will cease after the first major frost in northern Illinois. Mr. Heidorn received an email from Trustee Keller regarding Milton Township taking over the mosquito abatement for the three districts: Wheaton, Glen Ellyn and Milton Township. Chairman Heidorn suggested reaching out to the Village of Glen Ellyn and the City of Wheaton, asking for their input on this matter. Discussion followed.
- Miscellaneous/Other – Trustee Keller will draft a letter to our State Representatives and Senators indicating our desire to promote legislation that prohibits the dissolving of any unit of government without simultaneously assigning their duties and work to another unit of government. This insures that the taxpayer never goes without service and functioning units of government are not dissolved for purely political purposes. Discussion followed.

Reports:

- Town Clerk Hinkle – None.
- Seniors Committee – Chairman Joe Vanest reported on the Annual Auto Inspection for Seniors that was held October 10, 2015 at the Wheaton Fire Station #1. Seventy cars were inspected. The monthly SALT meeting was held on October 13, 2015. The guest speaker was Chris Kachiroubas, Clerk of the 18th Judicial Circuit Court. The Fire Marshall from Warrenville spoke on Fire Prevention Week.

- Cemeteries Authority – Mr. Jacobsen passed out the latest newsletter, Friends of Pioneer Cemeteries. Mr. Jacobsen discussed his community involvement. He helped in creating “DuPage Clean and Beautiful”, “Adopt a Highway Program” and the founder of “Keep America Beautiful”. Mr. Jacobsen spoke on how Township Government is important to the community along with the many volunteers who contribute.
- Assessor LeVan – Mr. LeVan presented an updated report on the current general reassessment year. The Township has not had a general reassessment since 1991. Discrepancies in assessing the properties were found throughout the forty-two thousand parcels in the Township. Mr. LeVan thanked his deputies for their hard work in reassessing the residential and commercial properties. The Milton Township Assessor’s office ascertains that certain properties that are located on the College of DuPage campus should be on the tax rolls. COD’s position is that all the properties should be exempt. The Department of Revenue will make the decision on this matter.
- Trustee’s Reports/Comments: Trustee Molitor had mentioned to Mr. Jacobsen, he has known for many years the Burelbach family, who were featured in the Friends of Pioneer Cemeteries newsletter.

Unfinished Business –

- Message Board Sign Update – The sign is up and running. If the Board has anything of interest to place on the board, please contact Ashley Cunningham or Chris Heidorn.
- Website update – Ashley Cunningham will be in charge of the new Township website. The website should be up and running within two weeks.

New Business-

- Blue Cross/Blue Shield – Mr. Heidorn informed the Board, to renew our current health insurance plan now, the premium would be reduced by 13.2 percent. Mr. Heidorn had conferred with the Highway Commissioner and the Assessor and they are of one mind in recommending renewal of our current policy. Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Nathwani to renew our current Blue Cross/Blue Shield plan. Following discussion, the motion passed on the following roll-call vote: Trustees Falbo, Keller, Nathwani, Molitor and Chairman Heidorn. (5 Ayes), (0 Nays).
- Dental Insurance – renewal – The dental insurance renewal will be discussed at next month’s Board Meeting for approval. Currently the Township’s dental plan has been with MetLife Insurance. As of January 1, 2016, the revised renewal rates will increase to 4%.
- Miscellaneous/Other – None.

There being no future business to come before the Board, Trustee Nathwani moved, seconded by Trustee Falbo that the meeting stand adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Gail P. Hinkle

Gail P. Hinkle, Township Clerk

Date minutes were approved _____