

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

November 14, 2023

A Regular Meeting for the Milton Township Board was held in the Board Room of the Milton Town Hall, 1492 N. Main Street, Wheaton Illinois, on Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Board Members Present: Chairman John Monino, Clerk Yadav "Nick" Nathwani, Trustees, Jeff Castle, Drew Ellis, Joe Soto, and Dan Milinko.

The business meeting was called to order by Chairman Monino at 6:30 P.M. "RC" led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present and acting and due notice had been posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

Trustee Soto, seconded by Trustee Castle, to approve the agenda as presented. On voice vote, all those present voted aye. The motion passed.

Trustee Milinko moved, seconded by Trustee Soto to approve the minutes from the Regular meetings from October 10, 2023. On a voice vote, all those present voted aye. The motion passed.

Having concluded the audit of the Township bills in the earlier segment of the meeting, Trustee Ellis moved, seconded by Trustee Castle that the bills be approved after been audited be paid and charged to the proper accounts, and certificates of accounts be filed by the Clerk for inspection by the citizens of the Township. Following discussion, on a roll call vote: Trustee Castle, Ellis, Milinko, Soto, and Chairman Monino. The motion passed.

Supervisor Monino presented a Proclamation to the Wheaton Lions Club. The Proclamation acknowledged and commended the service groups commitment to the community over the past 100 years.

Public Forum

- Erica Nelson, Wheaton -- Mentioned that SB 690 was passed in the Illinois House and Senate which fully authorized the tax levies that support mental health programs. Also mentioned that the DuPage County Board created a commission to tackle the mental health issues in the community. She also mentioned that GA funds should be utilized for the community, not subsidize payroll costs. Finally, she mentioned she would like the meeting minutes to be more detailed.
- Larry Pitts -- Passed out a handout detailing Budgets vrs Actuals. He asked by GA salaries went up by \$100K but monies used for service had gone down. He also asked if applicants were being turned away.
- Paula McGowan, Glen Ellyn -- Mentioned that the agenda was not on the front

door.

Chairman's Report:

- General Assistance Department – Chairman Monino announced a new hire for the GA department. The new hire will also spend time expanding senior services. She has experience working in the GA department of another township.
- Mosquito Abatement – Chairman Monino mentioned he attended the meeting last month. The next meeting is scheduled for December 2023.
- Seniors Luncheon Thanksgiving/Christmas – Chairman Monino has happy to announce that the November 17th Thanksgiving event had over 94 individuals confirmed. The Thanksgiving event will take place at Wyndemere. The date of the Christmas event is TBD.
- Closing of the Assessors Books – Chairman Monino announced that Assessor LeVan and his team closed the books despite some software issues. Milton Township was the second township to close their books in DuPage County.
- 708 Mental Health Meeting “Mobilizing for Recovery” – Chairman Monino attended a “incredible event” recognizing the need for mental health services in the county.
- Misc. – None

Officials & Committee Reports:

- Town Clerk – Clerk Nathwani mentioned that his office received two FOIA requests since the last board meeting. His office responded to all requests in a timely manner. The Clerk acknowledged public comment and will try to add more clarity in the board's decision making.
- Seniors Committee – Chuck Smith reported that his team hosted the annual Senior Auto Inspection. The event served over 118 vehicles and he mentioned a special thanks to the CERT team. The event had an additional 79 volunteers compared to 49 in the previous year. He also thanked police departments in the community for attending and the Glenbard North Service League and Boy Scouts for volunteering.
- Cemeteries Authority – Trustee Ellis announced there will be no more events this year at the Milton Township cemeteries. The cemeteries is already planning

events for 2024. Like in 2023, the township will schedule events a week before a holiday weekend, which resulted in better attendance. Also, the township is having a plaque made for Bob Jacobsen. Trustee Castle recommended replacing the fence at Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

- Citizen Corps – Marty Keller mentioned that CERT will participate in the Wheaton Holiday Parade, Reindeer Run in Glen Ellyn. CERT will continue to be active in the community this holiday season. Finally, CERT will be hosting a breakfast thanking the top volunteers in 2023.
- Food Pantry – Dave S. was happy to report that the food pantry is now helping 75-80 families every week. This past month, with the help of Trustee Castle and Soto, the township food pantry passed out pumpkins. Also, the township expanded services to include a Pet Pantry. Finally, by cooperation with the Sheriff's office, the food pantry will be receiving 60 turkeys.
- 708 Mental Health Board – Kara Murphy mentioned her team finished up the 2nd round of awards this year. The board awarded \$770,000, and their budget is \$750,000. They were able to award an additional \$20,000 with funds from the previous fiscal year. The awards this year funded 17 organizations. The board received over 30 applications. Also, last week, Ms. Murphy mentioned that she attended a meeting where the county mentioned they will be building a Crisis Response Center.
- Trustee – Trustee Castle mentioned he attended TOI workshops in Springfield. He mentioned that attending workshops were valuable as it helps him understand best practices.

Unfinished Business

- Property Discussion – Attorney Bond mentioned that the board couldn't proceed with purchasing a building this fiscal year. The resolution passed at the Annual Town Board meeting didn't grant the board statutory powers to purchase a new building. Trustee Milinko requested an age of obsolescence plan.

New Business

- Special Meeting to determine Tax Levy – Chairman Monino announced the board would be meeting November 22nd, and if needed November 28th to determine and discuss the tax levy for the next fiscal year.
- Chairman Monino presented Resolution R-23-5, Board Meeting Dates. The resolution set meeting dates for 2024. Trustee Soto moved, seconded by Trustee Ellis to approve resolution R-23-5. On a roll call vote, all those in

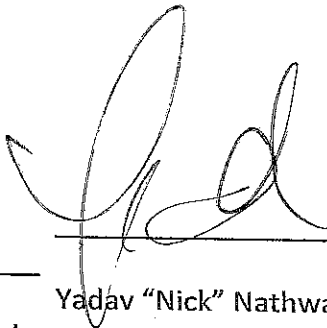
attendance voted yes, the resolution passed.

- Chairman Monino presented Resolution R-23-6, 2024 Holiday Schedule. The resolution set the holiday scheduled for 2024. Trustee Milinko moved, seconded by Trustee Castle to adopt Resolution R-23-6. On a roll call vote, all those in attendance voted yes, the resolution passed.
- Service Animal Policy – Attorney Bond recommended the township adopt a formal policy for service animals like what State and Federal government has adopted. He will draft a policy for the board’s approval.
- Misc – None.

Having concluded the Regular Meeting, Trustee Soto, seconded by Ellis, to adjourn the November 14th, Regular Board Meeting. On voice vote all those present voted ayes. The motion passed.

The meeting retired at 7:56 P.M.

The meeting stands adjourned.



Yadav "Nick" Nathwani, Township
Clerk

Date minutes were approved December 12, 2023