

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

February 13, 2024

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, February 13, 2024.

Board Members Present: Chairman John Monino, Clerk Yadav "Nick" Nathwani, Trustees, Jeff Castle, Drew Ellis, Joe Soto, and Dan Milinko. Guest signed in, Erica Nelson, Jim Devitt, Kevin Daly, Marty Keller, and Keith Lopez.

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

The board held a moment of silence for Kevin Mazzuca a member of the Milton Township CERT team and the father in law of Trustee Castle.

Trustee Soto, seconded by Trustee Ellis, 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 January 9, 2024. 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 Castle moved, seconded by Trustee Ellis 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. The total dollar of the claims submitted for the boards approval was \$916,618.93. Following discussion, on a roll call vote: Trustee Castle, Ellis, Milinko, Soto, and Chairman Monino. The motion passed.

Public Forum

- A. Erica Nelson, Wheaton – Erica mentioned that she would like to see a copy of the minutes for the public to review. Also, she mentioned that the board should publish copies of the budget for the publics review.
- B. Bill Graham, Glen Ellyn – Bill commented on Resolution R-23-7, he was surprised to see a questions placed on the ballot, asking voters to vote on garbage service. He mentioned that other units of government that place a question on the ballot have performed some kind of community outreach to educate the public. In this case, the township hasn't done anything to reach out to the voters and educate them on the issue. Bill prepared is own fact sheet which was distributed to the Valley View neighborhood in Milton Township. A survey conducted by Mr. Graham indicated that 90% of the voters are happy with the current garbage service.

Chairman's Report:

- A. General Assistance – Chairman Monino mentioned that there is a significant uptick in request from the community.
- B. Newsletter Updated April/May Issue – Chairman Monino plans on a different style newsletter which he is excited to present to the board. The newsletter will include interviews with elected officials.
- C. Carol Stream Quarterly Meeting – Chairman Monion attended a meeting in Carol Stream where all units of government were represented. The meeting is like a forum where representatives from each local government updates other on their plans for the year.
- D. Misc. – None

Officials & Committee Reports:

- A. Town Clerk – Clerk Nathwani mentioned that his office submitted an updated list to the county of individuals required to file a Statement of Economic Interest. His office also responded to one FOIA request. Finally, the Clerk stated that the annual town meeting is Tuesday, April 9, 2024. He will work with the Deputy Clerk to prepare for this very important event.
- B. Food Pantry – Dave S. was happy to announce that the food pantries new initiative has already paid off: A Homeless lady visited the township asking for resources. The food pantry was happy to give her a bag already filled with food and some warm clothing and blankets, and directions to the nearest shelter. The township has also served some of the refugees in the area, around 80 individuals visited the food pantry last week. Last year the township had 30 people. The township was recently awarded a \$75,000 grant for a refrigerator box truck. Taking advantage of the grant will allow the township to work with additional distributors.
- C. CERT – Dave presented a report on CERT activate over the past month. At the homeless count the township found one homeless person. They also identified an encampment with 1-5 people which was reported to local authorities. The homeless count was coordinated with other resources in the community. CERT also held its first Town Hall meeting. CERT plans on working with the DuPage County Sheriff's office and will start utilizing YouTube and social media for outreach.
- D. SALT- Chuck Smith mentioned the committee had a meeting at the Glen Ellyn Police Department. 28 members of the community attended the meeting. The meeting had a guest speaker emphasizing the importance of wellness, being proactive in maintenance of alarm systems and keeping your vents clear of dryer lint.
- E. Cemeteries Authority – Chairman Monino presented a slideshow of improvements at Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Trustee Castle also presented a service project for the elected

officials, improving the Grotto. Trustee Ellis mentioned that a survey was recently completed at other cemeteries, and a similar study should be performed at St. Stephen.

- F. Trustee – Trustee Milinko mentioned that on January 18, 2023, the township posted on the Facebook page mentioning that Marty Keller will assume a new position at the township along with a new 501c(3). Trustee Milinko was taken by surprise as none of this was communicated or approved by the township board.

Unfinished Business

- A. None

New Business

- A. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with DuPage County Sheriff's Department for Special Police Services – Chairman Monino presented a contract for the board to be approved. Trustee Soto motioned to approve the contract as presented, seconded by Trustee Ellis, on a voice vote the motion passed.
- B. Township Organizational Chart Review and Approve – Action Deferred
- C. Township Employee Job Description Reviews and Approve – Action Deferred
- D. Approval/Ratification of an Intergovernmental Agreement between Milton Township CERT and Winfield Township Highway Department of Events and Training – Chairman Monino presented a agreement between Milton Township and the Winfield highway department outlining services between the two entities. Trustee Ellis motioned to approve the agreement as presented, seconded by Trustee Soto. On a voice vote the motion passed.
- E. Presentation/Review Draft Agenda Policy – Chairman Monino presented a policy to the board on how his office will disseminate information to the board going forward. He will forward an agenda to the Trustee's to comment and will forward a final copy of the agenda to the Clerk by the Thursday before the meeting.
- F. Presentation of Preliminary Budget 2024-2025 – Chairman Monino presented a slideshow budget beginning with the January 1, 2024 balances. Chairman Monino mentioned that at another meeting the board will drill down on each line item and have more of a discussion. The budget presented tonight was a guide for the township board. Trustee Ellis requested a variance and percentage of change analysis compared to the previous year.

At 7:22 PM, having concluded the Regular meeting, Trustee Ellis, seconded by Milinko to retire to executive session to 1: For the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, in accordance with 5IL 120/2(C)(1) and 2. For the purpose of discussion Leasing Public Property in accordance with 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (5).

The board returned from Executive Session at 8:57, no action was taken.

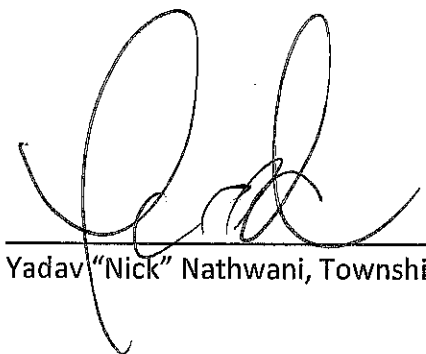
Trustee Castle moved to defer action on the Township Organization Chart, seconded by Trustee Ellis, by voice vote the motion passed.

Trustee Milinko moved to defer action on the Job Description Review and Approve, seconded by Trustee Ellis, by voice vote the motion passed.

Having concluded the Regular Meeting, Trustee Soto, seconded by Ellis, to adjourn the February 24th Regular Board Meeting. On voice vote all those present voted ayes. The motion passed.

The meeting retired at 8:58 P.M.

The meeting stands adjourned.



Yadav "Nick" Nathwani, Township Clerk

Date minutes were approved March 12, 2024