

## SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

February 29, 2024

A Special Meeting for the Milton Township Board was held in the Board Room of the Milton Town Hall, 1492 N. Main Street, Wheaton Illinois, on Thursday, February 29, 2024.

Board Members Present: Clerk Yadav "Nick" Nathwani, Trustees, Jeff Castle, Drew Ellis, , and Dan Milinko. Guest signed in, Erica Nelson, Karin Daley, Larry Pitts, Joshua M. Martin and Collen Attwell, Chuck Smiths, and Barbara K.

The special meeting was called to order by Trustee Castle at 6:30 P.M. Dave S. 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 Ellis, seconded by Trustee Milinko, to approve the agenda as presented. On voice vote, all those present voted aye. The motion passed.

### Public Forum

- A. Karin Daley, Glen Ellyn – Mentioned she was unhappy to hear the food pantry director use the word "inundated" when he described the refugee's visiting the food pantry. She would like the township to be sensitive on the type of language that is used.

### New Business

- A. 2024 – 2025 Budget Workshop –

Trustee Milinko lead the discussion for the budget workshop by starting with the mosquito abatement levy. The budget included monies for an additional spraying if needed. The board then reviewed the Special Police levy, the levy was drafted by using a contract ratified by the township board in a previous meeting.

Trustee Ellis lead the board in a discussion regarding the 708 board. Trustee Ellis drafted the budget since he is a liaison on the 708 board. The budget as minimal expenses, to maximize grants that are written. The 708 Board has a total budget of \$1.1MM, passed by the Towns board. The Town Board increased the levy as they were impressed with the boards performance in its first year. Trustee Castle added that the increase in the levy did not increase the aggregate levy of the township.

General Assistance levy was slightly cut from the previous year. All expense line items increased by 3%. The levy was slightly cut as the fund has a surplus. The town board will start communicating serviced offered by GA, hoping to find more individuals that need help and to spend down those monies. The board has asked for a tri-fold brochure which can be made available in the community. As of today, the fund has an estimated excess balance of \$280,000. The goal is to increase outreach this year.

The board then reviewed the town side budget. In the next fiscal year, the capital projects line item will be reduced since most of the renovations have been completed at the building. The board increased each line item by the estimated CPI, 3%.

The Assessor submitted an updated budget to the board. The budget is comparable to previous years.

Trustee Ellis presented the cemetery budget. The cemetery board identified improvements at each site. This budget will make monies available to address those issues.

Dave Seznov presented a CERT budget to the board. The CERT program identified some items needed since the program has significantly expanded services and capabilities. For example, generators, better quality radios, and replacing tires on a car. The CERT program will be partnering with new agencies in this fiscal year, for example, the DuPage County Sherriff's office. Also, Dave added he would like to purchase a few tough books and mobile hot spot which could be used in the field. The board made one revision to the budget: Cutting the promotions line item and transferring those dollars to the technology line item. Historically, the Promotions line item hasn't been utilized by the CERT program.

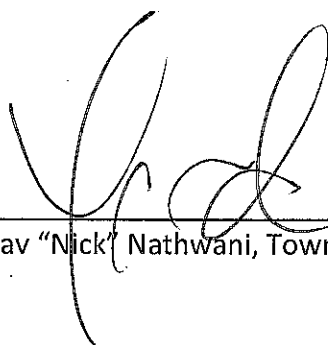
Clerk – Clerk Nathwani mentioned that his office continues to operate under budget as they prioritize respecting the use of taxpayer dollars.

Chuck Smiths led a discussion for the SALT budget. Chuck proposed increased the line item for postage since the SALT communicator is now going out multiple times a year.

Having concluded the Special Meeting, Trustee Ellis, seconded by Milinko, to adjourn the February 29<sup>th</sup> Special Board Meeting. On voice vote all those present voted ayes. The motion passed.

The meeting retired at 7:22 P.M.

The meeting stands adjourned.

  
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Yadav "Nick" Nathwani, Township Clerk

Date minutes were approved March 12, 2024