

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

July 9, 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, July 9, 2024.

Board Members Present: Chairman John Monino, Clerk Yadav "Nick" Nathwani, Trustees, Jeff Castle, Drew Ellis, and Joe Soto. Guest signed in: Sarah Sweis, Larry Pitts, and Mike Flynn.

The business meeting was called to order by Chairman Monino at 6:30 P.M. Chuck Smith 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 Castle, seconded by Trustee Soto, to approve the agenda as presented. On voice vote, all those present voted aye. The motion passed.

Trustee Ellis moved, seconded by Trustee Soto to approve the minutes from the Regular and meeting of June 11, 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 Soto 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. Following discussion, on a roll call vote: Trustee Castle, Ellis, and Soto and Chairman Monino. The motion passed.

Public Forum

- A. Larry Pitts, Wheaton – Asked the board to reconsider replacing the fence at Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Mr. Pitts asked the board to consider removing the fence to make it more inviting to the community. Mr. Pitts cited other examples in the county where cemeteries did not have a fence.
- B. Sarah Sweis – Ms. Sweis stated she is interested in starting a business to help seniors with medical care. Her business could augment an existing township program that provides rides to seniors. Her business could help seniors during medical exam when they may not have help. This could add value to the township's existing program.

Chairman's Report:

- A. General Assistance – Chairman Monino presented a report to the board presented by Sheila in GA. Calls for assistance to the township are on the rise. He also noted that LIHEAP and youth scholarship applications are up this month.
- B. Pleasant Hill Cemetery 4th of July Event – Trustee Ellis reported the township held a successful 4th of July event the weekend before the holiday. The event was well attended, and weather cooperated.

- C. Newsletter Updates July - Chairman Monino reported that individual departments are finalizing their updates to Emmy for the July newsletter.
- D. Memorial Park Concert for Milton Township Food Pantry – A concert will take place on August 2nd in downtown Wheaton. All tips from the event will be donated to the Milton Township Food Pantry.
- E. 4th of July Parade 2024 – Chairman Monino mentioned that the township was well represented on the 4th of July parade.
- F. Misc./Other – Chairman Monino passed out a proposal from NJS Enterprises to upgrade a computer system. According to Mr. Monino the current server is outdated and isn't keeping up with demand in the office. The current server is from 2016. Chairman Monino also passed out a proposal from Plegio. Plegio is a website vendor that could update the existing township website. Trustee Castle asked Mr. Monino to hold off on engaging into a formal contract.

Officials & Committee Reports:

- A. Town Clerk – Clerk Nathwani mentioned that his office has received several FOIA's. Some of the FOIAs were forwarded to outside counsel.
- B. Food Pantry – Dave S. mentioned on August 2nd there will be a cover band in Memorial Park. Any tips that day will be donated to the Milton Township food pantry. He also reported the garden at St. Stephen is generating produce for the food pantry. Last week the township food pantry served 97 individuals. Most food pantries shut down during the holiday, but the township food pantry was open to serve the community. Dave also mentioned that a generator would help safe keep food in the pantry in the event of a power outage.
- C. CERT – Dave reported that CERT has been very active in the community. CERT actively participated in 4th of July parades in Wheaton and Glen Ellyn. The CERT team is also involved with at least 2 events a weekend. CERT is also gearing up for the fall class, Utah Class. Utah class will have a new format, 4 weeks opposed to 7 weeks of training. A portion of the training will be online.
- D. SALT- Chuck Smith reported that SALT had a presence at a meeting held at the county concentrating on adult protective services. SALT had a segment where they communicated scams and what SALT could do to help seniors in the community. SALT also held its monthly meeting in Glen Ellyn, 27 people attended. The meeting had a representative from the Illinois Attorney General. Finally, the auto inspection will be October 12th.
- E. Cemeteries Authority – Trustee Ellis reported the next event will be August 31, 2024, at St. Stephen Cemetery. The event will include a picnic.
- F. Transportation – no report.
- G. Trustee – Trustee Ellis mentioned that the 708 Board has a large cash balance before scholarships are awarded. The 708 Board is in the process of setting up a money market

account with Wintrust to earn some interest. To complete the process the Trustees will need to sign documentation. Trustee Castle reported that everything is going well at the vegetable garden. Also, may recommend removing a tree that is polluting the vegetable garden.

Unfinished Business

- A. Audit – Chairman Monino mentioned that the auditor is moving ahead.

New Business

- A. Discussion and possible action of Pleasant Hill (3 bids) – The township received 4 bids to replace the fence at Pleasant Hill cemetery. Looking at the bids the board recognized moving ahead with any of them would exhaust the capital projects fund. The board decided to rebid the project with an alternate scope. No action was taken.
- B. Discussion and possible action of Painting upstairs – Chairman Monino passed out bids for painting and repairs needed around the building. Chairman Monino recommended accepting the bid for \$6,900. Trustee Soto moved, seconded by Trustee Ellis to recommend the invoice for \$6,900. On a roll call vote, Trustee Castle, Ellis, Soto, and Chairman Monino voted to accept the \$6,900 bid. The motion passed.
- C. Discussion and Possible Action of Electrical Updates – Chairman Monino passed out 2 bids for electrical work to be completed at the township. The board discussed each invoice and the scope of the projects. Trustee Soto moved, seconded by Ellis to move forward with Invoice 6077, Week 2. On a roll call vote, Trustee Soto, Ellis, and Castle, and Chairman Monino voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Having concluded the Regular Meeting, Trustee Ellis, seconded by Soto, to adjourn the July 9th Regular Board Meeting. On voice vote all those present voted ayes. The motion passed.



Yadav "Nick" Nathwani, Township Clerk

Date minutes were approved Tuesday August 13th 2024

