

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

September 10, 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, September 10, 2024.

Board Members Present: Chairman John Monino, Clerk Yadav "Nick" Nathwani, Trustees, Jeff Castle, Drew Ellis, and Joe Soto. Guest signed in: Chuck Smith, Shannon Hartnett, Linda Richman, Larry Pitts, and Den Bailey.

The business meeting was called to order by Chairman Monino at 6:30 P.M. Linda Richman 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 Ellis, to amend the agenda to remove the name of Sarah O'Donnell and replace it with Linda Richmond. Supervisor Monino stated that the agenda identified the wrong individual for appointment to the 708 board. The board acknowledged the error.

Trustee Ellis moved, seconded by Trustee Soto to approve the minutes from the Regular meeting of August 13, 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 Milinko 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, Milinko and Soto and Chairman Monino. The motion passed.

Public Forum

- A. Paula McGowan, Glen Ellyn – Upset with the confusion surrounding the last cemetery event. The board set expectations to have events a week before the holiday. St. Stephen didn't follow the new schedule. The date was changed and over 30 cars pulled up for the event. The only township officials there were Trustee Ellis and Clerk Nathwani. A lot of elderly individuals showed up.
- B. Steve K – Asked when the township would start enforcing laws in unincorporated areas. He mentioned that some of the lawns are growing out of control in his neighborhood. Also, commercial vehicles are parked in backyards. Many of his neighbors have more chickens and roosters than allowed by local law.
- C. Barbara Kwalatkowski – would like to see the meetings recorded and placed on the website, or live streamed for the public to watch.

Chairman's Report:

- A. General Assistance – Chairman Monino passed out a handout detailing activity in the Food pantry. Also there have been more requests for Youth Scholarships. Milton Township has received \$82,000 to fund LIHEAP requests.
- B. Newsletter Updated July/August – Announced the township released a newsletter detailing township services.
- C. Memorial Park Concert – The board helped make this a successful event.
- D. 708 Board – The 708 Board had one member resign, Bob Lyons. The Agenda reflects that the Chairman recommends that this vacancy will be filled by Sarah O'Donnell. The agenda is in error. The 708-board recommended to replace Bob Lyons with Linda Richmond, whose name should be on the agenda. The term of the appointment is through the remainder of Mr. Lyons term, or December 31, 2027.

Trustee Soto, seconded by Trustee Milinko to accept the recommendation from the Chairman to appoint Linda Richmond to fill the vacancy on the 708 board. On a roll call vote the motion passed, 5-0.

- E. Misc./Other – none.

Officials & Committee Reports:

- A. Trustee Comments – Trustee Castle mentioned that the board should allocate additional monies into the Clerk's budget to handle FOIA requests. Many of the FOIA's the township has received as of late are politically charged, and nameless. A few weeks ago, the tax payers paid \$370 to fill a FOIA request. Also, Trustee Castle mentioned that he knew the St Stephen event was delayed a week.
- B. Clerk – Clerk Nathwani mentioned that his office has received several FOIAs. Clerk Nathwani asked Attorney Mary Dickson if the township can charge for responding to the FOIAs. According to Ms. Dickson the township can charge only as allowed by law. There is no charge currently for documents being emailed. Clerk Nathwani mentioned that the debate is now over on whether the township can charge or not, and all elected officials must forward documents to the Clerk in a timely manner. He asked the board to support this as well.
- C. Food Pantry – Dave S mentioned that the food pantry has 80-90 people a week visiting it. The township also found a new source of food and the pet pantry is stocked. The township is going to do a turkey giveaway this thanksgiving.
- D. CERT – Dave S. reported the new class is now 4 weeks instead of 8. Some of the training can now be taken online. He also mentioned that CERT participated in over 50 events in 2024 and was called out for an emergency event this year.
- E. SALT – Chuck Smith mentioned they had their monthly meeting yesterday, there was a presentation on spousal benefits for veterans. Also on connecting veterans to Hines VA

and other health resources in the Chicagoland area. Also mentioned the upcoming senior's event will have 4 battery testers.

- F. Cemeteries Authority – Drew mentioned the events are done for the year. Tabled discussion for any fence repairs.
- G. Transportation – in the process of finding drivers for the program.
- H. Assessor Chris LeVan – unable to attend due to continuing education. Monino mentioned there was slight delay in uploading data from the township to the county because of the data validation. Also, the county is not applying exemptions correctly.

Unfinished Business

- A. Milton Township Salary Discussion – Passed out data on each individual township's salary, this could help the board make a decision in the coming months. The board needs to make decision by November 2024. Trustee Castle acknowledged a letter submitted by Assessor LeVan.

New Business

- A. New Business – The next luncheon will be Friday, September 27th, at the VFW in Wheaton. The lunch will be from 11:30-1:00.
- B. Tax Objection – Attorney Dickson led a discussion to settle a tax objection the township received. The township received an objection on the GA Levy. The full objection was for \$6,000 but was recommended to settlement for \$3,500. The excess was as a result monies not spent during COVID. Trustee Milinko moved to accept the recommendation, seconded by Soto, on a roll call vote, Milinko, Soto, Ellis, and Monino voted yes, Trustee Castle abstained.

Having concluded the Regular Meeting, Trustee Milinko, seconded by Ellis, to retire to executive session at 7:19 P.M to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, displace, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body in accordance with 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(1).

The board returned to open session at 7:56, no action was taken.

Trustee Soto, seconded by Trustee Ellis to adjourn the September 10th Regular board meeting. On a voice vote the motion passed.



Yadav "Nick" Nathwani, Township Clerk

Date minutes were approved October 8, 2024