

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

October 8, 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 Drew Ellis, and Joe Soto. Guest signed in: Donna Kemp, Chuck Smith, Rob Margetts, Karin Daley, Juanita Margetts, Barbara K., Larry Pitts, Martin Atwell, Colleen Atwell, Doris Nelson, and Erica Nelson.

The business meeting was called to order by Chairman Monino at 6:30 P.M. Donna Kemp 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 approve the agenda as presented. On a voice vote, all those present voted aye. The motion passed.

Trustee Milinko moved, seconded by Trustee Ellis to approve the minutes from the Regular meeting of September 10, 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 Ellis moved, seconded by Trustee Soto 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 Ellis, Milinko and Soto and Chairman Monino. The motion passed.

### Public Forum

- A. Erica Nelson, Wheaton – Mentioned she was happy to see the budget workshop dates are being presented proactively to the community. She expects a budget be published and the board is open to feedback from the community. Erica also mentioned that the township website is frustrating, and that the township should look into a new website. For example, the audit from last year cannot be found on the website. It is the Supervisors/Treasurer's responsibility to post these items. The trustee should not be authoring the budget. Finally, the meeting should be recorded for the public. Doing so will help create engagement.
- B. Dan Karmis Wheaton – Mr. Karmis wanted to address a few points that were brought up at a previous meeting. Stated a Trustee accused him of being involved in a "shady" dealing and that he was suspiciously hired to do photography. The baseless comments may be based on how other townships do things. Mr. Karmis states he works as the Assessor's office because he has free time and is a professional photographer. His character was impuned and that the comments against him were careless.

- C. Paula McGowan, Glen Ellyn – Mentioned that submitted several FOIA requests regarding the video and audio in the boardroom. All of the FOIAs have been denied. However another resident inquired about the audio and video, she overheard Trustee Castle mention that a mouse chewed the audio wire. What is the township hiding? Citizens are being kept in the dark with transparency.

Chairman's Report:

- A. General Assistance – Chairman Monino passed out a handout detailing activity in the Food pantry. He mentioned he would post the data on the website.
- B. Milton Township Highway Dept – Recycling Event – Supervisor Monino mentioned that the Highway Dept hosted a successful recycling event this past Saturday. They had 220 vehicles attend the event.
- C. Newsletter for Milton November – December – Milton is issuing a newsletter for the fall highlighting township services this Winter.
- D. Misc./Other – Marty met with another organization in Naperville that provides a similar service. As a result, Marty will submit an updated mission and vision statement for his program.

Officials & Committee Reports:

- A. Trustee Comments – None
- B. Clerk – Clerk Nathwani stated he received a Decennial Report from the town side and highway department. He will file them with the county by the end of the week.
- C. Food Pantry – Dave S. mentioned that his office is gearing up for Thanksgiving and are receiving pies from the community. John has received from donations of dairy items and Trustee Castle and Soto will be donating pumpkins. Also, the food pantry received a donation of clothes and toys that were distributed.
- D. CERT – CERT will participate in three events which Chuck Smith will expand on. CERT graduated 25 new students. Also, the pet pantry will offer vaccinations and microchips.
- E. SALT – Newsletter hit mailboxes a few days ago. The Senior Auto inspection is this Saturday and starts at 9am and ends at 11am. There will be student volunteers and mechanics. Next month is Cyber security month where SALT will be updating the community on scams taking place.
- F. Cemeteries – All events will slow down since we are heading into Winter. The township will clean a path by the middle school to ensure students can walk to school safely. The township will request bid for the fence next year.

## Unfinished Business

- A. Lauterbach and Amen Audit – The bookkeeper is performing the audit. The township received 37 applications for the open position. The auditor will be at the township on October 26<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Milton Township Elected Official Salary Discussion – Trustee Milinko stated he hasn't received too much data from other townships and is waiting to receive input from all elected officials. Plan on comparing these numbers to other townships. Will decide in November.

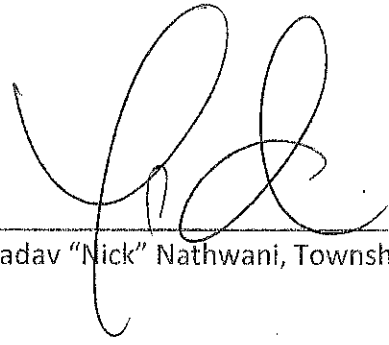
## New Business

- A. Budget Workshop Dates – Chairman Monino mentioned that he will present a timeline and post it on the township website.
- B. General Whole/Food Pantry – Chairman Monino tabled this item for discussion. The county brought to his attention that if he purchases a generator for the whole building it maybe covered by ARPA funds.
- C. Health Insurance – Chairman Monino will receive bids from 3 different brokers for the township's insurance. He asked if anyone from the board would like be part of this process.
- D. Wheaton Snow & Ice – Presented a new contract to the township, Chairman Monino mentioned they are doing a fantastic job. Trustee Soto moved, seconded by Trustee Ellis to approve the Wheaton Snow & Ice contract for 3 years. All those present voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- E. Ratification of Board Appointment – Linda Richmond – Chairman Monino mentioned that Robert Lyon resigned and will be replaced by Linda Richmond. Her term will expire December 31, 2027. Trustee Milinko moved, seconded by Trustee Soto to approve Linda Richmond to December 31, 2027. All those presented voted aye. The motion passed.
- F. Appointment of FOIA Officer – Trustee Soto moved, seconded by Trustee Ellis to table this item for discussion to the next meeting. All those present voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.
- G. Misc/Other – None.

Having concluded the Regular Meeting, Trustee Milinko, seconded by Ellis, to retire to executive session at 7:16 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 7:42, no action was taken.

Trustee Soto, seconded by Trustee Ellis to adjourn the October 8th Regular board meeting. On a voice vote the motion passed.



Yadav "Nick" Nathwani, Township Clerk

Date minutes were approved November 14, 2024