

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

February 11, 2025

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 11, 2025.

Board Members Present: Chairman John Monino, Clerk Yadav "Nick" Nathwani, Trustees, Jeff Castle, Drew Ellis, and Dan Milinko.

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

Trustee Castle moved, seconded by Trustee Ellis to approve the minutes from the Regular meetings from January 14, 2025. 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 Chairman Monino. The motion passed.

Public Forum

- A. Erica Nelson, Wheaton – Commended the new township accountant for responding to her questions regarding the budget presented last month. She noted that missing from the budget was capital funds and project reserves. She plans on submitting a FOIA on these line items. Also, asked why the highway budget was not discussed at the town meeting. She also thanked Clerk Nathwani for following up on her questions regarding the electoral board. She doesn't believe the electoral board was a good use of taxpayer dollars.
- B. Paula McGowan - Paula mentioned she was at the township building this afternoon to speak to the assessor. Trustee Castle inquired why she was in the building. Paula stated that Trustee Castle intimidated her.

Chairman's Report:

- A. Newsletter - Chairman Monino announced that the newsletter will be delivered to households within the township this week.
- B. Food Pantry - Chairman Monino mentioned that the Wheaton Library hosted an event. The township food pantry benefited with food and donations as a result.

- C. Dr. Martin Luther King "I have a Dream" - Pastor Shannon missed the meeting so this was skipped.
- D. Misc/Other - Trustee Ellis led a discussion regarding a financial opportunity for the township. Currently, the 708 board uses unspent capital to generate interest income. Trustee Ellis mentioned he would like to adopt the same model for the township. He plans on requesting a RFP from financial institutions in the area. He will ensure all proposals conform with township fiscal policy.

Officials & Committee Reports:

- A. Trustees - Trustee Castle stated that the doors should be closed around the township to prevent random people from wandering the township.
- B. Town Clerk – Clerk Nathwani announced his office has been very busy hosting electoral board hearings. The last objection was heard by an electoral board last week. Clerk Nathwani submitted an amended certification of ballot to the election commission. He also stated that he is updating the list of individuals required to submit a Statement of Economic Interest, he swore in a board member at the last 708 board meeting. And he filed a contract with the county which the town board approved.
- C. CERT - Dave S announced that CERT held a successful event on January 29th, the annual homeless count. CERT worked in cooperation with the Sheriff's office and law enforcement community. CERT already has over 60 events planned for 2025 and a new class will be starting March 6th. Also, Wheaton Park District awarded CERT for all they do for the community.
- D. Food Pantry - Dave S. mentioned that the pet pantry has been a huge success. The pet pantry is now receiving cat litter from grocery stores in the area. He mentioned that foot traffic is slightly down, and that the food pantry passed a inspection without any issues.
- E. SALT- Chuck Smith reported that unfortunately a lot of seniors in the area are getting scammed. For example, one senior's computer was hacked and scammers committed financial crimes using her email. A second example was a senior who was scammed after spending over \$100,000 for a golden retriever.
- F. Transportation - Marty Keller reported that Ride DuPage will revert to the existing program, where rides are available from 8-4, and a Pace bus picks you up within 15 minutes of a phone call. The bus will drive an individual to anywhere within the township limits.
- G. 708 Board – Shannon mentioned they had their first meeting in January 2025. Clerk Nathwani swore a new board member in. Also, the board passed its annual budget at this meeting. Trustee Castle commended the board for its mission and is happy to see that mental health is being addressed within the township.
- H. Cemeteries Authority – None.

Unfinished Business

- A. Website Redevelopment Agreement (Board Action) - Chairman Monino passed out an outline comparing bids from companies that will redevelop the township website. Trustee Castle recommended accepting a bid from Revize. He liked their experience of working with over governmental entities. Trustee Castle also stated that he would like to see the new website include videos from township meetings and receipts of bills that are paid. Trustee Ellis asked if staff as OK with accepting the Revize proposal. Trustee Milinko stated that he also liked Revize's work history with other governmental entities. Trustee Castle moved, seconded by Trustee Ellis to accept the proposal from Revize. On a roll call vote, Trustee Castle, Milinko, and Ellis, and Chairman Monino voted in favor. The motion passed.
- B. Increase the 708 Board from 7 to 9 members - Trustee Castle moved seconded by Trustee Ellis to increase the 708 board from 7 to nine members. On a roll call vote, Trustee Castle, Milinko, and Ellis, and Chairman Monino voted in favor. The motion passed.
- C. Appointment of Christine Plat and Rita Brosman to the 708 board. Trustee Castle moved, seconded by Trustee Ellis to accept the appointment of Christine Plat and Rita Brosman. On a roll call vote, Trustee Castle, Milinko, and Ellis, and Chairman Monino voted in favor. The motion passed.

New Business

- A. Discussion & Adoption of Tentative Budgets for FY 2025-2026 for the Road Fund (HW O-25-1). Trustee Castle moved, seconded by Trustee Milinko to table discussion of the Road fund to the next meeting. On a roll call vote, Trustee Castle, Milinko, and Ellis, and Chairman Monino voted in favor. The motion passed.
- B. Discussion and Adoption of Tentative Budgets for FY 2025-2026 for the Town Fund, General Assistance fund, Special Police District, and Mosquito Abatement District Fund (O-25-2). Trustee Castle moved, seconded by Trustee Milinko to table discussion of the Ordinance 25-2 to the next meeting. On a roll call vote, Trustee Castle, Milinko, and Ellis, and Chairman Monino voted in favor. The motion passed.
- C. Set Public hearing date on Tentative Budgets (March 31, 2025). Trustee Castle moved, seconded by Trustee Milinko to table setting the public hearing on the budget to the next meeting. On a roll call vote, Trustee Castle, Milinko, and Ellis, and Chairman Monino voted in favor. The motion passed.
- D. Resolution R-25-4: Authorizing Remote Participation of the 708 Community Health Board - the 708 passed a resolution allowing members to participate in meetings electronically. The resolution was presented to the township board for adoption. Trustee Castle moved, seconded by Trustee Milinko to adopt Resolution R-25-4. On a roll call vote, Trustee Castle, Milinko, Ellis, and Chairman Monino voted in favor of adopting the resolution. The motion passed.

E. Misc/other - None

Having concluded the Regular Meeting, Trustee Ellis, seconded by Castle, to executive session to: 1. Semi-annual review of Executive Session minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 C 21 and 2. For the purpose of discussing the appointment employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of a specific employee of the public body in accordance with 5ILCS 120/2 C 1. On voice vote all those present voted ayes. The motion passed.

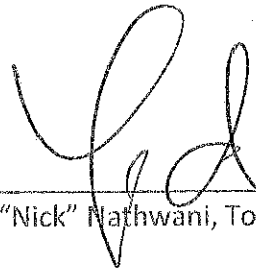
The board went into executive session at 7:29 PM.

The board came back to open session at 8:21, no action was taken.

Trustee Ellis moved, seconded by Trustee Milinko to adjourn the February 11th Regular board meeting. On a roll call vote, all those present voted yes, the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

The meeting stands adjourned.



Yadav "Nick" Nathwani, Township Clerk

Date minutes were approved March 17, 2025