

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

August 9, 2022

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 Wednesday, August 9, 2022.

Board Members Present: Chairman John Monino, Clerk Yadav “Nick” Nathwani, Trustees, Jeff Castle, Drew Ellis, and Dan Milinko, and Joe Soto. Guests Signed in: Shannon Harnett, Mary Fitzgerald Ozog, Larry Pitts, David Sezonov, Chuck Smith, Erica Nelson, and Paula Mcgowan.

The business meeting was called to order by Chairman Monino at 6:30 P.M. Shannon Harnett 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 Ellis moved, seconded by Trustee Milinko, to approve the minutes from the Regular meeting July 12, 2022. 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 Castle moved, seconded by Trustee Ellis that the bills having 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, Soto and Chairman Monino. The motion passed.

Public Forum

- a. Mary Ozog, Glen Ellyn – Mary Ozog read a letter on behalf of the Vertrees family. Ms. Vertrees was unable to attend the meeting due to a personal matter. Mary Ozog mentioned that the board should help Ms. Vertrees solve a flooding issue. She has tried reaching out to the Milton Township Highway Department several times. Only the township’s attorney has responded to her. Ms. Ozog mentioned that the highway department has intervened with several of her neighbors. She would like to hear from Mr. Muehlfelt and is trying to be collaborative not adversarial.
- b. Erica Nelson, Wheaton – Ms. Nelson mentioned that on April 6, 2021, the voters of Milton Township passed a referendum so that the township would provide mental health services to the community. The cost for this, for her house was \$17.39. She is happy to pay for this as it has a positive impact on the community, we live in. She thanked the Township Trustees along with members of the 708 board. She also mentioned that she was happy to see the new website was launched.
- c. Paula McGowen, Glen Ellyn – Read a sign in the township conference room and would like to know what time and day the audio was cut from the township

conference room. She asked why the audio cable was disconnected and if the individual received board approval.

Chairman's Report:

- General Assistance Dept & Food Pantry – Chairman Monino mentioned that he is very happy with the new services provided by GA and the food pantry. Over the past month, GA helped 3 residents with their electric bill. ComEd cut services despite payment being made in a timely manner.
- Introduction of prospective Ethics Board Members – Chairman Monino introduced members of the ethics committee to the township board.
- Dedication of new Well at St. Stephan's Cemetery Thursday August 18th 11:00am – Chairman Monino mentioned that the newly designed well at St. Stephen will be dedicated on Thursday, August 18th. Trustee Castle recognized that the well was dangerous and posed a threat to the community. He volunteered his time to update the well and give it some curb appeal.
- Misc./Other – None.

Officials & Committee Reports:

- A. Town Clerk – Clerk Nathwani mentioned that him and Andrea updated the FOIA log and that he filed the Treasurer's report with the County. He also asked the Supervisor to leave a copy of the audit with the Deputy Clerk which needs to be filed with the county.
- B. CERT – David S. mentioned that the team has been active in 15 different events since the last meeting. Tomorrow, CERT is participating in a Back to School event. Next week the team will be participating in a active shooter simulation at a movie theater. The simulation will be held in concert with local law enforcement. There will be a new CERT class starting August 25, 2022. Also, residents can sign up for CERT using the Township's new and improved website.
- C. Seniors Committee – Chairman Smith mentioned that SALT is preparing for its largest event, the Senior Auto Inspection on October 8, 2022. The event will be held at the fire station behind Target. He also mentioned that he is receiving more inquiries regarding LIHEAP and that Glen Ellyn senior services is now trained to accept LIHEAP applications.
- D. Cemeteries Authority – Trustee Ellis commended Trustee Castle's work at the well in front of St. Stephen Cemetery. He also mentioned that he is planning the next event which will be held over Labor Day weekend.
- E. Food Pantry – Barry Kolanowski mentioned that things are going very well for the township food pantry. The township food pantry provided food for 350 people since the last board meeting. He also said that the township food pantry could use more space. A walk in cooler would extend the shelf life of donations.
- F. 708 Board Role out Funding Application – Shannon H. passed out a application and guidelines that are used to determine if a 708 grant will be funded or not. The board

anticipates funding 3 \$100,000 grants and a handful of \$50,000 grants. The applications will close August 31, 2022. As of August 9, 15 organizations created an account, and 5 applications are in progress. The 708 Board will decide around November/December and fund the grants in January 2023. The board members will follow up with each organization to measure each grants performance.

G. Trustee comments – None.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Budget Workshop – Chairman Monino mentioned that he would like to meet with the board to update the township’s budget and long-term plan in regards to a building. He will email a few dates in September out to the entire group.
- B. Town Hall Security – Chairman Monino mentioned that the township will be going out to bid to update the security mechanics on the back door of the building.
- C. Approval of Milton Assessor’s Cost of Living increase approval for Assessors employees – Chairman Monino briefly summarized a proposal to the township board regarding raises. Trustee Castle asked which line items we would be transferring from to account for the raises. Having concluded discussion, Trustee Soto moved, seconded by Trustee Ellis to approve the Cost of Living increase for Assessors employees. On a Roll call vote those votes yes, Trustee Castle, Milinko, Ellis, Soto, and Chairman Monino. The motion passes.

New Business:

- A. New Website Launched – Chairman Monino was happy to announce that the township launched a new and improved website.
- B. American Mechanical Systems – Chairman Monino passed out a bid and contract from American Mechanical Systems to the board. This expense was previously budgeted by the board. After discussion, Trustee Ellis moved, seconded by Trustee Milinko to approve the contract with American Mechanical Systems not to exceed \$115,000. On a roll call vote, Trustee Castle, Milinko, Ellis, Soto and Chairman Monino votes yes. The motion passes.

Having concluded the Business Meeting at 7:17 P.M., Trustee Soto moved, seconded by Trustee Ellis to adjourn the August 9, 2022, Township Meeting. On a voice vote, all those present voted ayes. The motion passed.

The meeting retired at 7:17 P.M.

The meeting stands adjourned.

Yadav "Nick" Nathwani, Township Clerk

Date minutes were approved _____