

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

November 8, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the Milton Township Board was held in the Board Room of the Milton Town Hall, 1492 N. Main Street, Wheaton, Illinois, on Tuesday, November 8, 2005, for the audit of town bills followed immediately by a business meeting.

Board Members Present: Supervisor O. Chris Heidorn - Clerk A. Arlene DeMotte - Trustees James D. Flickinger, Sal Falbo, Robert L. Larsen, and Leonard Sanchez (arrived 7:45 p.m.). Board Members Absent: None. Other Elected Officials Present: Highway Commissioner Gary Muehlfelt and Assessor-Elect Bob Earl. Also Present: Township Attorney Mary Dickson, Bob Jacobsen, Daily Herald Reporter James Fuller, Bill Kooser, Ken McNatt, Ralph Hinkle, Richard Dunn, and Paula McGowen.

The business meeting was called to order by Chairman Heidorn at 7:35 p.m. Ken McNatt led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present and acting, and due notice had been mailed.

Trustee Larsen moved, seconded by Trustee Falbo, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed by voice vote.

Trustee Flickinger moved, seconded by Trustee Larsen, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 11, 2005, be approved as submitted. The motion passed by voice vote.

Having concluded their audit of the Township bills in the earlier segment of the meeting, Trustee Falbo moved, seconded by Trustee Flickinger, that the bills having been audited be paid and charged to the proper accounts, and the certificates of accounts be filed by the Clerk for inspection by the inhabitants of the Township. Following discussion, the motion passed on the following roll-call vote: 4 Ayes: Trustees Flickinger, Falbo, Larsen, and Chairman Heidorn. 0 Nays. 1 Absent for the Vote: Trustee Sanchez.

Public Forum - Paula McGowen had questions on the Jewell Grove Cemetery. Chairman Heidorn referred her to Cemetery Authority Chairman Jacobsen. Richard Dunn read three items of advice to the Board. He was asked by Trustee Larsen and Chairman Heidorn to present his suggestions to the Board in writing. Bob Jacobsen asked for a moment of silence in memory of former Congressman John Erlenborn who passed away this week.

The Highway Department's 2005 Tentative Levy as determined by Commissioner Muehlfelt was presented. Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Larsen, to accept the Highway Department's 2005 Tentative Levy in the amount of \$2,536,719.00. Trustee Sanchez arrived during discussion. Following discussion, the motion passed on the following roll-call vote: 5 Ayes: Trustees Flickinger, Falbo, Larsen, Sanchez, and Chairman Heidorn. 0 Nays.

Chairman's Report:

- General Assistance/Food Pantry - A written report of the General Assistance Department activities was distributed. Emergency Assistance is down slightly. Chairman Heidorn explained the Holiday Basket Program (adopt a family).
- Mosquito Abatement & West Nile Virus - The season will end with a hard frost. Cases were up slightly this year.
- Citizen Corps/CERT/Homeland Security - The tenth class has just started. Leon Nieuwenhuis, a past participant in the CERT class, passed away, and a moment of silence was held in his memory.
- Miscellaneous - Electric problems at the Town Hall were discussed, and the Board discussed going out for bid for the needed work.

Highway Commissioner Muehlfelt reported that the Highway Department is picking up some leaves in the flood prone areas of the Township. He also reported that he is soliciting comments from the public on the Highway Department's service. He informed the Board that his Department is planning to have their own web site for general information, forms, permits, etc.

The Clerk reported that Township meeting agendas, Township ordinances of general interest, and approved minutes are up to date on the Township web site. There is no further information on the early voting and absentee voting changes at this time.

Ken McNatt reported that the annual auto inspection was held last Saturday. Telephone number cards and help cards as distributed in Cook County were shown to the Board as a possible service to be provided to our Seniors in the future after they are updated for DuPage County. S.A.L.T. had a booth at the DuPage County Senior Fair with information about the S.A.L.T. Program. Sheriff Zaruba will be at the next meeting to report on drugs in DuPage County. The transportation survey has had 46 responses.

There was no report from the Committee on Youth. Chairman Hinkle asked for time at the next meeting to present a report on the Committee.

Cemeteries Authority - Authority Chairman Jacobsen reported that The Great Western Trail has been cleaned up by the County. Ground penetrating radar is being used by others to identify bodies. Garfield Farm in Kane County is using this technology to identify objects at the Farm from the past.

Unfinished Business: Access DuPage - Township Attorney Dickson informed the Board that it is her opinion that the General Assistance funds cannot be used to contribute to Access DuPage. Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Flickinger, that Milton Township participate in Access DuPage in the amount of \$5,000.00 using funds from the Town Fund "Contingencies" line item. Following discussion, the motion passed on the following roll-call vote: 5 Ayes: Trustees Flickinger, Falbo, Larsen, Sanchez, and Chairman Heidorn. 0 Nays.

New Business: Chairman Heidorn presented the 2005 Tentative Town Levies for the Board's consideration. Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Sanchez, to approve as presented the 2005 Tentative Levy for the Mosquito Abatement District Fund in the amount of \$50,000.00. Following discussion, the motion passed on the following roll-call vote: 5 Ayes: Trustees Flickinger, Falbo, Larsen, Sanchez, and Chairman Heidorn. 0 Nays.

Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Larsen, to approve as presented the 2005 Tentative Levy for the Special Police District Fund in the amount of \$179,000.00. Following discussion, the motion passed on the following roll-call vote: 5 Ayes: Trustees Flickinger, Falbo, Larsen, Sanchez, and Chairman Heidorn. 0 Nays.

Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Sanchez, to approve as presented the 2005 Tentative Levy for the General Assistance Fund in the amount of \$239,700.00. Following discussion, the motion passed on the following roll-call vote: 5 Ayes: Trustees Flickinger, Falbo, Larsen, Sanchez, and Chairman Heidorn. 0 Nays.

Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Larsen, to approve as presented the 2005 Tentative Levy for the Town Fund in the amount of \$1,374,396.00. Following discussion, the motion passed on the following roll-call vote: 5 Ayes: Trustees Flickinger, Falbo, Larsen, Sanchez, and Chairman Heidorn. 0 Nays. The Total of the General Corporate Levy (Town Fund) and General Assistance Fund Levy is \$1,614,096.

Chairman Heidorn presented a proposed Resolution listing the 2006 Township Holiday Schedule. Trustee Larsen moved, seconded by Trustee Flickinger, to adopt as presented Resolution No. R-05-9 entitled "2006 Milton Township Holiday Schedule." The motion passed by voice vote (5 Ayes). The Resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Chairman Heidorn presented a proposed Resolution listing the 2006 Board Meeting Dates. Trustee Larsen moved, seconded by Trustee Flickinger, to adopt Resolution No. R-05-10 entitled "2006 Milton Township Board Meeting Dates." The motion passed by voice vote (5 Ayes). The Resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

The PACE Contract for 2006 will be discussed at the December Board Meeting.

Line-Item Transfer - Chairman Heidorn requested a line-item transfer in the General Assistance Fund so that new computer software can be purchased. Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Flickinger, to transfer in the General Assistance Fund:

**\$5,000 from the line-item "Access DuPage Primary Care Participation" and
Transfer \$5,000 to the line-item "Computer Software"**

Trustee Falbo asked about the high minutes usage of the Township cell phones. Apparently, the number of call minutes has been high. Employees have been reminded that the cell phones for Township use have limited minutes and that the Township should be reimbursed for excessive usage.

Trustee Larsen moved, seconded by Chairman Heidorn, to meet in Executive Session (9:17 p.m.) to discuss pending or threatened litigation as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11). The motion passed on the following roll-call vote: 5 Ayes: Trustees Flickinger, Falbo, Larsen, Sanchez, and Chairman Heidorn. 0 Nays.

Concluding discussion in Executive Session (9:55 p.m.), Trustee Larsen moved, seconded by Chairman Heidorn, to return to Regular Session. The motion passed by voice vote (5 Ayes).

Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Sanchez, to adopt the Resolution entitled "A Resolution Authorizing the Settlement of Litigation Through Entry into a Consent Decree" (Resolution No. R-05-11). The Resolution authorizes settlement of the litigation captioned *Milton Township v. Heirs of Ira Jewell et al* on terms set forth in a Consent Decree to be entered by the Court, and the Resolution authorizes Chairman Heidorn to execute the necessary documents to fully compromise and settle the above named litigation. The motion passed by voice vote (4 Ayes). Trustee Falbo had recused himself from discussion of the Jewell case and had left the meeting before the Board entered the Executive Session; he did not vote on this motion. The Resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Flickinger moved, seconded by Trustee Larsen, that the meeting stand adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.


A. Arlene DeMotte, Township Clerk

Date minutes were approved _____.