

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

March 14, 2006

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, March 14, 2006, for the audit of town bills followed immediately by a business meeting.

Board Members Present: Supervisor O. Chris Heidorn - Deputy Clerk Gail P. Hinkle - Trustees James D. Flickinger, Sal Falbo, Robert L. Larsen, and Leonard Sanchez (arrived 8:15 p.m.). Board Members Absent: Town Clerk A. Arlene DeMotte. Other Elected Officials Present: Highway Commissioner Gary Muehlfelt and Assessor Robert Earl. Also Present: Jeanne Pitra, Jim Hatcher, Joe Vanest, Bill Kooser, Bob Jacobsen, Richard Dunn, James Fuller, Ralph Hinkle, Patricia Doerfler, Randy Groh, Jack Dellinger, Denise Wipert and Kasi Steinhilber.

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

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

Trustee Larsen moved, seconded by Trustee Flickinger, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 14, 2006, 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 Chairman Heidorn, 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: Trustee Sanchez.

Public Forum - Patricia Doerfler and Denise Wipert reported on a neighborhood meeting with Bob Jacobsen and Bill Kooser regarding the Jewell Grove Cemetery. Their concerns regarding the cemetery were as follows: not to reactivate the cemetery, restore the shrubbery surrounding the cemetery, no lights, fencing or flag pole on the premises and to create an ancillary committee of neighbors to work with the Township and the Cemetery Authority. Mr. Dunn encouraged the Board to reduce the tax burden on homeowners and businesses. He wants to submit additional suggestions to the Board regarding this matter. Joe Vanest spoke on behalf of Ken McNatt asking the Board for an increase in the S.A.L.T. tentative budget. Jim Hatcher requested an increase of \$10,500 in the S.A.L.T. tentative budget bringing the total to \$30,500.00.

Chairman's Report:

- General Assistance/Food Pantry - A written report of the General Assistance Department was distributed to the Board. The General Assistance office has received their new software program. There was one fraudulent client case reported to the police. An appeal to the public regarding the Food Pantry has brought in food and over \$10,000 in donations.
- Citizen Corps/Homeland Security - Chairman Heidorn distributed a copy of an e-mail from the City of West Chicago Police regarding a call to the Milton Township CERT Organization for assistance in finding a missing person. The organization had responded well to the request.
- Miscellaneous/Other - none.

There was no report from the Highway Commissioner.

The Assessor reported he is looking for an Informational Technology person for the Assessor's Office.

Deputy Clerk Hinkle requested approval of the Agenda for the Annual Meeting to be held on April 11, 2006. Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Flickinger, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed by voice vote.

Seniors Committee - S.A.L.T. Committee Vice Chairman Joe Vanest reported on the improving condition of Ken McNatt recovering from surgery. The topic of the March S.A.L.T. meeting was security frauds and how to avoid them. The April meeting's guest speaker will be Bobbie O'Leary, from the DuPage County States Attorney's Office. She will be speaking on the Community Protection Program.

There was no report from the Youth Committee.

Cemeteries Authority - Committee Chairman Jacobsen reported on the successful burning of the St. Stephen's prairie. The meeting with the Jewell Grove Cemetery neighbors went well. Both parties are committed to the restoration of the cemetery.

There was no unfinished Business.

New Business:

Chairman Heidorn asked for a motion to approve the Tentative Budget for FY 2006-2007 for the Road Fund. Trustee Larsen moved, seconded by Chairman Heidorn, to approve as presented the Tentative Road District Budget for FY 2006-2007. The motion passed on the following roll-call vote: 4 Ayes: Trustees Falbo, Larsen, Flickinger, and Chairman Heidorn. 0 Nays. 1 Absent: Trustee Sanchez.

Chairman Heidorn asked for a motion to approve the Tentative Budget for FY 2006-2007 for the Mosquito Abatement Fund. Trustee Falbo moved, seconded by Trustee Larsen, to approve as presented the Tentative Mosquito Abatement Fund Budget for FY 2006-2007. The motion passed on the following roll-call vote: 4 Ayes: Trustees Falbo, Larsen, Flickinger, and Chairman Heidorn. 0 Nays. 1 Absent: Trustee Sanchez.

Chairman Heidorn asked for a motion to approve the Tentative Budget for FY 2006-2007 for the Special Police District Fund. Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Falbo, to approve as presented the Tentative Budget for FY 2006-2007 for the Special Police District Fund. The motion passed on the following roll-call vote: 5 Ayes: Trustees Falbo, Larsen, Flickinger, Sanchez, and Chairman Heidorn.

Chairman Heidorn asked for a motion to approve the Tentative Budget for FY 2006-2007 for the General Assistance Fund. Trustee Larsen moved, seconded by Trustee Sanchez, to approve as presented the Tentative Budget for FY 2006-2007 for the General Assistance Fund. The motion passed on the following roll-call vote: 5 Ayes: Trustee Falbo, Larsen, Flickinger, Sanchez and Chairman Heidorn.

Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Sanchez, to approve as presented the Tentative Budget for the Town Fund for FY 2006-2007. During discussion, Trustee Falbo moved, seconded by Chairman Heidorn, to increase the line item under S.A.L.T. from \$20,000 to \$30,500. After much discussion, the motion to increase the S.A.L.T. tentative budget passed on the following roll-call vote: 3 Ayes: Trustees Falbo, Larsen, and Chairman Heidorn. 1 Abstention: Trustee Flickinger. 1 Nay: Trustee Sanchez.

Trustee Flickinger moved, seconded by Trustee Larsen, to decrease the line item for the Youth Scholarship Budget from \$20,000 to \$9,500. After discussion, the motion was defeated on the following roll-call vote: 2 Ayes: Trustees Flickinger and Sanchez. 3 Nays: Chairman Heidorn, Trustees Falbo and Larsen.

After discussion, the motion to adopt the Tentative Budget for the Town Fund for FY 2006-2007, as amended and now totaling \$1,544,343.00, passed on the following roll-call vote: 3 Ayes: Trustees Falbo and Larsen and Chairman Heidorn. 2 Nays: Trustees Flickinger and Sanchez.

After a brief recess, Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Sanchez, to hold a Public Hearing on the Tentative Budgets on April 25, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. The motion passed by voice vote.

There was no Executive Session.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Larsen moved, seconded by Trustee Sanchez, that the meeting stand adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

A. Arlene DeMotte
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By *Gail Hinkle*
Gail Hinkle, Deputy Town Clerk

Date minutes were approved 4/4/06