

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

September 12, 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, September 12, 2006, 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 at 7:55 p.m.). Board Members Absent: None. Other Elected Officials Present: Assessor Robert Earl and Highway Commissioner Gary Muehlfelt. Also Present: Ken McNatt, Ralph Hinkle, Bill Kooser, Geraldine Lollino, Kasi Steinhilber, Dennis Choyeski, Kenneth Choyeski, Jose Ocasio, Jim Mauerman, and Mike Leach.

The business meeting was called to order by Chairman Heidorn at 7:30 p.m. Dennis Choyeski led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present and acting, and due notice had been mailed.

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

Trustee Falbo moved, seconded by Trustee Flickinger, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 8, 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 Larsen moved, seconded by Trustee Falbo, 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, and Larsen, and Chairman Heidorn. 0 Nays. 1 Absent: Trustee Sanchez.

Public Forum Comments - Dennis Choyeski stated that he and other employees of the Highway Department were attending tonight's meeting because health insurance was on the agenda. Kasi Steinhilber requested that the Board keep the same insurance or choose a company with the same benefits. Ralph Hinkle mentioned that no one was at the Wheaton Prayer Breakfast to represent Milton Township.

Chairman's Report:

- General Assistance/Food Pantry - The Food Pantry's cash balance is dropping since food has to be purchased almost weekly to replenish the Food Pantry. A written report of the General Assistance Department activities was not available tonight as Caseworker Pat Ryan did not have the time to complete a report with Senior Caseworker Jackie Jones off on maternity leave.
- Citizen Corps/Homeland Security - The largest class yet (40) is meeting at Wheaton College. After this class, 240 will have graduated from the program. Ralph Hinkle attended a seminar in Springfield, and will be managing a booth at Wheaton's Autumnfest.
- Mosquito Abatement/WNV - The last installment of the contract with Clark Environmental has been paid. A Glen Ellyn woman was reported to have died from the West Nile Virus, but this has yet to be confirmed.
- Miscellaneous - None.

Highway Commissioner Muehlfelt reported that his department has been trimming trees and removing dead trees. Brush pickup will start on Monday. 29 members of the Sheriff's SWAP Team helped at the Highway Department for three days doing miscellaneous jobs around the site. A newsletter from the Highway Department will be sent to the unincorporated households in Milton Township. Sample copies were distributed to the Board.

Assessor Earl reported that his department expects to close their books next week.

Town Clerk DeMotte did not have a report.

Seniors Committee - S.A.L.T. Chairman McNatt reported that the Committee met yesterday with a speaker on home care. The Committee is still seeking grants to help with expenses.

Committee on Youth - No report.

Cemeteries Authority - Bill Kooser gave a short report on the activities of the Cemeteries Authority this month.

Unfinished Business - None.

New Business - Health Insurance:

Chairman Heidorn recognized Mike Leach from Langan, Haeger, Vincent & Born who reported on his research for rates for Milton Township's health insurance coverage. He reported that the current carrier, BlueCross BlueShield, is

not raising their rates this year. Applications were sent to Aetna Insurance Company, and their rates were the same as BlueCross. The Board discussed what options were available, including a possible health savings account, and possible other ways to lower the cost of health insurance to the Township.

After discussion, Trustee Falbo moved, seconded by Trustee Sanchez, to renew Milton Township's health insurance contract with BlueCross BlueShield. The motion passed by voice vote (5 Ayes).

Trustee Sanchez moved, seconded by Chairman Heidorn to meet in Executive Session (8:42 p.m.) to review the minutes of closed sessions as required by law. The motion passed on the following roll-call vote: 5 Ayes: Trustees Flickinger, Falbo, Larsen, and Sanchez, and Chairman Heidorn. 0 Nays.

Concluding discussion in Executive Session (9:05 p.m.), Trustee Flickinger moved, seconded by Trustee Falbo, to return to Regular Session. The motion passed by voice vote (5 Ayes).

Chairman Heidorn reported that as required by statute, the Board reviewed the minutes of all closed meetings to date.

After review of minutes of all sessions, a determination was made, and it is reported that the need for confidentiality no longer exists as to all or part of the minutes of the Executive Sessions held on February 21, 2006, and March 28, 2006. All Executive Session minutes to date have now been released for public inspection.

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 9:08 p.m.


A. Arlene DeMotte, Town Clerk

Date minutes were approved _____