

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

September 9, 2008

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 9, 2008, for the audit of town bills followed immediately by a business meeting.

Board Members Present: Supervisor O. Chris Heidorn - Trustees James D. Flickinger, Sal Falbo, Robert L. Larsen, and Leonard Sanchez (7:50 p.m.). Board Members Absent: Town Clerk Gail P. Hinkle. Other Elected Officials Present: Highway Commissioner Gary Muehlfelt and Assessor Robert Earl. Also Present: Acting Clerk, Gaby Guerrero, Chris Edwards, Bob Jacobsen, Dianna Nagra, Paula McGowen, and Marie Jensen.

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

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

Trustee Flickinger moved, seconded by Trustee Falbo, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 12, 2008, 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, Chairman Heidorn 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, Larsen, , and Chairman Heidorn. 0 Nays.

Public Forum – None.

Chairman's Report:

- General Assistance/Food Pantry - Chairman Heidorn read a thank you note from Catholic Charities thanking Jackie Jones, Senior Caseworker, for helping with the Back to School Fair. There were over 1,057 families involved and over 2,000 school age children being assisted.
Chairman Heidorn commented on the two articles from the magazine, TOI Township Perspective, relating to the retirement of Arlene DeMotte as Town Clerk and Jackie Jones having had received the award for Township caseworker for the year 2007.
Food Pantry recipients increased in number for the month of September. We received food from a local food drive.
- Citizen Corps/Homeland Security – Chairman Heidorn read a thank you note to Ralph Hinkle thanking him for his assistance in placing a cross at the Veteran's Memorial in DuPage County in honor of their foster child, Capt. Eric Terhune who had died in the Iraq War this year.
- Mosquito Abatement & West Nile Virus – There was a report of West Nile Mosquitoes located at Pan Fish Park in Glen Ellyn. This area was sprayed. There was one complaint from a Wheaton resident regarding mosquito spraying from a helicopter. The Clark Mosquito Company was not to blame for the spraying.
- Weeds – The weed program is progressing well.

Highway Commissioner Muehlfelt reported that the State bid will increase the price of salt for our Township roads this year. The price will be \$120.45 a ton as compared to \$40.00 a ton from last year. Mr. Muehlfelt is suggesting combining the salt with a liquid beet juice and possibly mixing the salt with sand. Liquid sprayers may have to be purchase. The entire Midwestern states are all affected from the salt shortage. There are continued traffic problems at the Divine Polish Church in Lombard and the Wheaton Christian Church with traffic entrance problems. The road projects will be completed soon. The Wheaton Park District is willing to submit, on our behalf, an application for a grant to help the Township in developing a 1200 foot sidewalk along Pleasant Hill Road. The CERT class held a "search and rescue" exercise at the Highway Department. The program was very successful despite the rain.

Chairman Heidorn announced that the DuPage County Election Commission has decided not to use our Township Office as a facility for early voting. There was no explanation for their decision.

Assessor Earl announced the publication date for the 2008 Assessments will be September 10, 2008.

Cemeteries Authority - Committee Chairman Jacobsen reported that Ms. Carol Lee Jenkins, from the DuPage Genealogy Society, has volunteered to print pictures of the tombstones from the Jewell Grove and Pleasant Hill Cemeteries. Eventually there will be pictures from St. Stephens as well. Bill Kooser has developed a new format with the pictures of the tomb stones for the Milton Township Cemetery web-site. Mr. Jacobsen encouraged those who are not members to join the Friends of Pioneer Cemeteries. They now have 200 members. The County had sprayed herbicide along the Great Western Trail by St. Stephens Cemetery. The Trail and prairie looks beautiful. Six to seven trees were planted at Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Unfinished Business:

The audit was completed by Miriani & Associates, LTD. The audit will be on file for Trustees to view. The 2007 audit will also be posted on the Milton Township web-site.

Ride DuPage is still under negotiations in finalizing the intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Glen Ellyn, Wheaton, and Milton Township.

New Business:

Health Insurance - Michael Leach from Langan, Haeger, Vincent & Born, announced a reduction of 4.36% in our Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance rate. Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Falbo to renew our health insurance coverage with Blue Cross Blue Shield as proposed. The motion passed by voice vote (5 Ayes).

A concern Township citizen had asked the Township to demolish a piece of property that has been vacated. The property, located on Geneva and Darling roads, is in foreclosure and has been red tagged by the County as unsafe. Council had informed Heidorn that it is in the Township's power to request the County to commence the demolition of the property. This problem may rectify itself without our intervention.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Larsen that the meeting stand adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Gail P. Hinkle, Township Clerk

By _____
Gaby Guerrero, Acting Clerk

Date minutes were approved _____.