

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

December 8, 2009

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, December 8, 2009, for the audit of town bills followed immediately by a business meeting.

Board Members Present: Supervisor O. Chris Heidorn - Clerk Gail P. Hinkle - Trustees James D. Flickinger, Sal Falbo and Christopher Edwards. Trustee Robert Larsen arrived late. Other Elected Officials Present: Highway Commissioner Gary Muehlfelt and Assessor Robert Earl. Also Present: Phyllis Chapman, Ralph Hinkle and Cpl. Mike Shehee.

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

Trustee Falbo moved, seconded by Trustee Edwards, to approve the agenda with the addition of adding DuPage County Sheriff Cpl. Shehee to the Agenda. The motion passed by voice vote.

Trustee Flickinger moved, seconded by Chairman Heidorn, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 10, 2009, 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, Edwards, and Chairman Heidorn. 0 Nays.

Public Forum – None.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Heidorn introduced Cpl. Mike Shehee, the liaison officer from the DuPage County Sheriff's Department. Cpl. Shehee introduced to the Board various programs that the Sheriff's Office is offering to the public in DuPage County.

- General Assistance/Food Pantry - Chairman Heidorn reported on receiving a donation of \$5,000 for the Food Pantry plus Christmas toys for the needy from R.I. Johnson & Associates.
- Citizen Corps/Homeland Security – Prior to the Board meeting this evening, we had our quarterly meeting of the Milton Township Citizen Corps Council combined with the City of Wheaton and the Village of Glen Ellyn Citizen Corp Councils. There was a debriefing of a call out on November 11, 2009 to assist in finding a lost autistic child in the Morton Arboretum. Fifty CERT members responded to the callout with a successful ending in finding the child.

Highway Commissioner Muehlfelt informed the Board of the great working relationship that the Highway Department has with the DuPage County Sheriff deputies. Commissioner Muehlfelt highly praised their efforts in serving the residences in the unincorporated areas in Milton Township. Commissioner Muehlfelt had suggested to the Board changing the hours for a few of the deputies in order for them to enforce the no parking ordinance on the unincorporated streets of the Township. Commissioner Muehlfelt is patiently waiting to receive the Grant money that has been promised the Highway Department from the State of Illinois.

Assessor Earl presented to the Board the 2009 DuPage County Assessment Status and the Estimate of 2010 Level of Assessment. As it stands today, there will be a decrease of 3.6% in assessed value of homes within Milton Township for the 2010 year. The numbers may change depending on sales in the fourth quarter.

Clerk Hinkle – No Report.

Seniors Committee – No Report.

Cemeteries Authority – No Report.

Unfinished Business - Chairman Heidorn reported on the Dental Insurance renewal. Our current dental carrier, MetLife, is requesting a rate increase of 5%. Elden Brauer, our Township insurance advisor, had suggested Standard Insurance as our new dental carrier. The coverage would include a 22% reduction in premium with better dental coverage. After discussion, Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Larsen to accept the proposal from Standard Insurance to realize a 22% savings pursuant to the letter from Elden Brauer, our Township insurance agent, dated December 2, 2008. The motion passed by voice vote (5 Ayes). Trustees Falbo, Flickinger, Larsen, Edwards and Chairman Heidorn. 0 Nays.

Pace Contract Renewal – Chairman Heidorn had received a renewal contract for the Pace Local Share Agreement for Ride DuPage. Pace had sent the Township the wrong agreement to sign. Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Falbo to authorize Chairman Heidorn to sign an identical agreement to last year's

contract with the exception to a slight increase in the amount of our subsidy. Following discussion, the motion passed by voice vote (5 Ayes).

Weed Ordinance – Chairman Heidorn had asked the Board members to review and submit their input regarding the Weed Ordinance. This Ordinance will be placed on the Agenda in the near future.

New Business –

Adoption of 2009 Levies:

The Highway Department 2009 Tentative Levy was presented for adoption. No changes were made to the 2009 Road District Tax Levy Ordinance since the Tentative Levy was passed at the November Board Meeting. Trustee Falbo moved, seconded by Trustee Larsen, to adopt Ordinance No 0-09-4 entitled “*Tax Levy Ordinance Milton Township Road District*” for 2009 in the amount of **(\$3,047,562.59)**, subject to final correction as determined by the DuPage County Clerk. The motion passed on the following roll-call: 4 Ayes: Chairman Heidorn, Trustees Flickinger, Falbo and Larsen. 1 Nay: Trustee Edwards.

The Tentative Levies for the Town and General Assistance were presented for adoption. No changes were made since the Tentative Levies were passed in November. Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Larsen, to adopt the 2009 Tax Levy Ordinance for the Town Fund **(\$1,565,256.98)**, and the General Assistance Fund **(\$259,000.00)** totaling **(\$1,824,256.98)**, Ordinance No 0-09-5 entitled “*Tax Levy Ordinance Milton Township General Town and General Assistance*,” subject to final correction as determined by the DuPage County Clerk. The motion passed on the following roll-call vote: 4 Ayes: Chairman Heidorn, Trustees Flickinger, Falbo and Larsen. 1 Nay: Trustee Edwards.

The Tentative Levies for the Special Police District were presented for adoption. No changes were made since the Tentative Levies were passed in November. Trustee Edwards moved, seconded by Chairman Heidorn, to adopt the 2009 Tax Levy Ordinance for the Special Police Fund **(\$214,340.91)**, Ordinance No 0-09-6 entitled “*Tax Levy Ordinance Milton Township Special Police District*,” subject to final correction as determined by the DuPage County Clerk. The motion passed on the following roll-call vote: 5 Ayes: Chairman Heidorn, Trustees Flickinger, Falbo, Larsen and Edwards. 0 Nays.

The Mosquito Abatement District 2009 Tentative Levy was presented for adoption. No changes were made to the 2009 Mosquito Abatement District Tax Levy Ordinance since the Tentative Levy was passed at the November Board Meeting. Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Larsen, to adopt Ordinance No 0-09-7 entitled “*Tax Levy Ordinance Milton Township Mosquito Abatement District*” for 2009 in the amount of **(\$61,740.97)**, subject to final correction as determined by the DuPage County Clerk. The motion passed on the following roll-call: 4 Ayes: Chairman Heidorn, Trustees Flickinger, Falbo, and Larsen. 1 Nay: Trustee Edwards.

Chairman Heidorn moved, seconded by Trustee Larsen, to adopt the Milton Township Road District Amended Budget and Appropriation Ordinance in the total sum of \$2,300,338.00 for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2009 and ending March 31, 2010. After discussion, the motion passed on the following roll-call: 5 Ayes: Chairman Heidorn, Trustees Flickinger, Falbo, Larsen and Edwards. 0 Nays.

Town Clerk, Gail P. Hinkle, administered the Oath of Office to the elected Township Officer, Assessor Robert Earl. Mr. Earl’s new term begins January 1, 2010.

Trustee Falbo had suggested digitalizing the Milton Township cemetery records. The Cemetery Authority should look into this matter.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Larsen moved, seconded by Chairman Heidorn that the meeting stand adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Gail P. Hinkle

Gail P. Hinkle, Township Clerk

Date minutes were approved _____.