

MCHENRY TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MINUTES February 8, 2018

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF MCHENRY S.S.
TOWNSHIP OF MCHENRY**

**BOARD MEETING
MINUTES,
February 8, 2018**

Supervisor Adams called the meeting to order in the McHenry Township Hall at the published and posted time of 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Anderson here, Cunningham here, Adams here, Rakestraw here, Wojewski here
Also attending the meeting was Road Commissioner Condon, Assessor Mahady, Attorney Militello, Administrator Macrito and 15 Public.

Public Comment

Robert Beltran - 2814 Regner Road, McHenry IL, - Spoke in favor of Road Commissioner Jim Condon.

Judith Gottlieb - 2814 Regner Road, McHenry, IL, - Asked for the board to prove the savings of abolishment of Road District.

Eric Floden – 2038 Kennedy Drive McHenry, IL, - Talked about how government works from firsthand knowledge.

Sandra Salgado - 3711 Maple Ave. McHenry, IL – Thinks that the people should decide on whether or not the Road District should be abolished without proof.

Jim Condon - 4813 Loyola Drive McHenry, IL – Asked Mike Rakestraw to explain why he changed his vote one day later.

Steve Verr – 4911 Flanders Rd. McHenry, IL – Spoke about big government. He agreed with Mr. Condon and Adams that McHenry Township is the smallest part of the tax bill, but this is a starting point where the abolishment of Road District can save money. “Let the voters, vote.”

Thomas Webb – 1806 Cassandra Lane Wonder Lake, IL - Talked about wanting proof of cost savings if the Road district abolished.

Georgianna Faso – 4609 E. Lakeshore Drive Wonder Lake, IL – Asked the trustees why they don't look at consolidating schools as this is the biggest part of the tax bill.

John Shiel – 4707 Winnebago Drive Wonder Lake, IL – Spoke in Favor of keeping the Road District. Just would like to see cost effective necessary services. I don't like the current set-up with one person having control.

Steve Kroll – 5912 Giant Oaks Wonder Lake, IL – Spoke about how his taxes have doubled every five years.

Steve Rooney – 2101 Coolidge Road McHenry, IL – Spoke on the high taxes and we need more people on the school board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A.) Review of the Regular McHenry Township Board Meeting minutes held on January 11, 2018. Discussion, Motion for approval of Minutes.

Motion made by Anderson, second by Cunningham

Voice Vote Anderson aye, Cunningham aye, Rakestraw aye, Wojewski aye, Adams aye

All aye's **Motion carries**

B.) Review of the McHenry Township Budget Workshop Meeting minutes held on February 5, 2018 @ 10:30am. Discussion, Motion for approval of Minutes.

Motion made by Anderson, Second by Wojewski

Voice Vote Anderson aye, Cunningham aye, Rakestraw aye, Wojewski aye, Adams aye

All aye's **Motion carries**

Review of Executive Session Minutes - none taken

Motion for approval of receipts and bills for the Town Fund

Trustee Anderson Motion to approve receipts and pay bills of the Town Fund, second by Trustee Cunningham

Total reimbursements to be approved	\$348.41	Training
Total Bills to be approved	\$ 27,587.56	
Total Bill paid prior to Audit	\$ 42,165.99	
Total to be approved	\$ 70,101.96	
Total Receipts	\$ 5,962.17	

Voice Vote Anderson aye, Cunningham aye, Adams aye, Rakestraw present, Wojewski aye

Four ayes, one present - **Motion carries**

Motion for approval of receipts and bills for General Road and Bridge fund

Trustee Cunningham Motion to approve receipts and pay bills of the General Road and Bridge Fund, second by Trustee Wojewski.

Total reimbursements to be approved	\$ 00.00	Jim Condon Training
Total Bills to be approved	\$ 82,082.30	
Total Bill paid prior to Audit	\$ 19,769.39	
Total to be approved	\$ 101,851.69	
Total Receipts	\$ 84,140.50	

Voice Vote Anderson aye, Cunningham aye, Adams aye, Rakestraw present, Wojewski aye

Four ayes, one present - **Motion carries**

Motion for approval of receipts and bills for Permanent Hard Road Fund

Trustee Wojewski Motioned to approve the receipts and pay the bills of the Permanent Hard Road Fund, second by Trustee Anderson

Total reimbursements to be approved	\$ 00.00	None
Total Bills to be approved	\$ 2,286,485.57	
Total Bill paid prior to Audit	\$ 24,723.91	
Total to be approved	\$ 2,311,209.48	
Total Receipts	\$ 2,271,086.29	

Voice Vote Anderson aye, Cunningham aye, Adams aye, Rakestraw present, Wojewski aye

Four ayes, one present - **Motion carries**

Fund transfers (if necessary)

There are no fund transfers

New Business – Supervisor Adams asked that discussion on the Utilities Inc.’s, Water Company increase that will affect our township residences be added to next month’s agenda for discussion and a possible letter be sent on behalf of the township residence.

All in Favor 4 ayes, 0 nays – Motion carried

Old Business

A.) Review and discussion on a sample letter with revisions submitted regarding McHenry Townships Boards opinion on how the Illinois Township Electoral Board should be changed. This letter will be sent to our Illinois State Local Legislators. Possible Action.

Motion to approve the letter with changes to the Illinois Electoral Board made by Anderson, Second by Rakestraw.

All in Favor 4 ayes, 0 nays – Motion carried

B.) Discussion as to when McHenry Township acquired the Lake Street Park, Fox Lake Road Hilltop Park and the Whispering Hills Community Center property. Review minutes from past meetings where property was accepted by McHenry Township. Discussion.

Discussion ensued – Trustee Anderson asked for more information on how to get rid of the parks and Whispering Hills Community Center. Attorney Militello explain this can only happen at an annual meeting and has to be voted on by the electors. The board cannot make that decision.

II. Proposed Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- A.) Trustee Rakestraw Proposal: **“Resolution to add to the November 6, 2018 General Election Ballot a Referendum Question; Should the McHenry Township Road District be Eliminated *All Road District Duties would be taken over by the McHenry Township Board of Trustee’s.”** Discussion. Motion to place on next month’s meeting agenda.

Discussion ensued – Attorney Militello explained to trustee Rakestraw how to proceed to have a special meeting on Tuesday February 13th, 2018 at 6p.m. to accept the resolution to be added as a referendum question to the General election ballot for November 6, 2018.

Supervisor’s Report See attached

Assessor’s Report See attached

Highway Commissioner’s Report See attached

Executive Session (if necessary)

Board Member Comments - None

Public Comments

Robert Beltran – Stated that the board should bring the Parks and Community Center to the public for their input.

Steve Verr – Commented on big government and how this board is saying enough is enough.

John Shiel – Stated that cost studies can be made to look any way you want. Sometimes you just need to take a risk of the unknown.

Anthony Gerstad – Wanted to know where the proof of savings is in eliminating the Road District. No one would give him an answer.

Jim Condon – Stated that everyone needs to get the facts and talk and work together for the residences of McHenry Township.

Craig Adams – Asked that the record reflect the Trustee Cunningham was out of order. Mr. Cunningham responded again “to stick it up your ass”.

Eric Floden – Can the referendum be brought to the people continually? Can the board bring this Elimination/consolidation up continually? Attorney Militello stated he would answer the question and stated yes, yes and yes.

Motion to Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:45pm. By Trustee Rakestraw, second by Trustee Cunningham

All in favor signal by aye.

Voice Vote Anderson aye, Cunningham aye, Rakestraw aye, Wojewski aye, Adams aye.

All aye’s motion carriers

Next meetings:

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Daniel R .Aylward, McHenry Township Clerk.

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