MCHENRY TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MINUTES April 12th, 2018

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

BOARD MEETING
MINUTES,
April 12th, 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.

Attending Trustee Anderson, Cunningham, Rakestraw, Supervisor Adams. Trustees Wojewski absent. Also attending the meeting was Assessor Mahady, Attorney Militello, Road Commissioner Condon, Administrator Macrito and 19 Public.

Public Comment

John Macrito – 1733 Pine St. McHenry, IL

Question was in regards to the annual meeting for the board to do a cost study of the elimination/consolidation and how they plan to proceed. There was a vote 76 aye 0 nay. Supervisor Adams explained that this will be addressed in Old Business.

APPROVAL OF MINUNTES

A.) **Review of the Regular McHenry Township Board Meeting minutes held on March 8, 2018. Discussion, Motion for approval of minutes.**
Motion to approve by Anderson, second by Rakestraw.
All Ayes 0 Nays 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 Rakestraw

Total reimbursements to be approved	$ 1,844.57	Assessor classes certification
Total Bills to be approved	$ 50,561.98	
Total Bill paid prior to Audit	$ 53,136.14	
Total to be approved	$ 105,542.69	
Total Receipts	$ 29,319.27	

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

3 Aye's 1 Nay Motion carries

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

Trustee Rakestraw Motion to approve receipts and pay bills of the General Road and Bridge Fund second by Trustee Anderson

Total reimbursements to be approved	$ 4,963.56	Employee Training
Total Bills to be approved	$ 127,026.18	
Total Bill paid prior to Audit	$ 16,043.72	
Total to be approved	$ 148,033.46	
Total Receipts	$ 121,346.01	

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

3 Aye's 1 Nay Motion carries

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

Supervisor Adams Motion to approve the receipts and pay the bills of the Permanent Hard Road Fund, second by Trustee Rakestraw

Total reimbursements to be approved	$ 00.00	None
Total Bills to be approved	$ 1,343.34	
Total Bill paid prior to Audit	$ 27,935.07	
Total to be approved	$ 29,278.41	
Total Receipts	$ 36.68	

Voice count Anderson aye, Cunningham nay, Adams aye, Rakestraw aye, Wojewski absent

3 Aye's 1 Nay Motion carries

Fund transfers See attached

Motion to approve Town fund Transfers by Anderson, second by Cunningham.

Roll Call vote: Anderson Aye, Cunningham Aye, Adams Aye, Rakestraw aye.

All Ayes Motion Carries

Motion to approve General Assistance fund transfers by Cunningham, second by Rakestraw.

Roll Call vote: Adams Aye, Rakestraw Aye, Anderson Aye, Cunningham aye.

All Ayes Motion Carries

Motion to approve General Road and Bridge fund Anderson, second by Cunningham.

Roll Call vote: Cunningham Aye, Adams Aye, Rakestraw Aye, Anderson aye.

All Ayes Motion Carries

Motion to approve Permanent Hard Road fund Transfers be Anderson, Second by Adams.

Roll Call vote: Cunningham Aye, Adams Aye, Rakestraw Aye, Anderson aye.

All Ayes Motion Carries

New Business

A.) **Citizens against Solar Complex** (C.A.S.C.) request to address the Board regarding a proposed Solar complex across Ringwood Road from Windy Prairie Acres located in McHenry Township. Discussion.

Presentation was made by John Huemann a representative of the Citizens against Solar Complex. Asking the board to submit a letter against the Solar Complex. Tom Liston also discussed the issues involved.
The board agreed to call a special meeting for Monday April 16th, 2018 at 1:00pm. To send a letter to the county.

B.) Discuss the Elected Officials salaries. Review information provided and discuss variables as to differences in Township Elected Officials Salaries.

Discussion Ensued.

Old Business

A.) Review regarding McHenry Township out properties, which include Lake Street Park, Fox Lake Road, Hilltop Park and the Whispering Hills Community Center property from Attorney Militello regarding case law and statues in how the board may go about donating or selling of these properties.

Discussion Ensued. – Attorney Militello gave his finding and explained what the board can and cannot do and the electors can and cannot do.

Proposed Agenda Items for Next Meeting

A.) Other agenda items for next month meeting. Discussion, Motion to include on next month's meeting agenda.

Motion to add to the next meeting's agenda To Discuss and possible action of the Elected Officials salaries.

Motion by Trustee Anderson and second by Trustee Rakestraw.
All in Favor Motion carries.

Supervisor's Report See attached

Assessor's Report See attached

Highway Commissioner's Report See attached

Executive Session (if necessary)

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENT-(Remarks limited to three minutes per person)

Trustee Cunningham asked Highway Commissioner Condon about a FOIA request for phone records and times sheets for an employee and wanted to know why he didn't get all the information. Mr. Condon explained that the information was given to him based on the process told by the Attorney Militello in regards to the information requested. Attorney Militello went on to explain the process of the FOIA request and the information given. He also explained how Trustee Cunningham can ask for additional information in regards to time sheets. Assessor Mary Mahady also explained due to another FOIA request for employee phone records and the process she has now purchased phones for her staff at a cost to the tax payers of approximately 2000.00 a yr. Trustee Rakestraw asked how the employees are reimbursed for their phones.

PUBLIC COMMENT-(Remarks limited to three minutes per person) please clearly state you name and where you reside for the official record.

Judith Gotlieb – 2814 Regner Rd McHenry, IL - Had a question in regards to the out properties for the Township Attorney Mr. Militello. Do we know if there are and levies or conveyance at this point. The Attorney Mr. Militello stated that that information has not been obtained at this point.

John Macrito – 1733 Pine St. McHenry, IL - Asked about the timetable in regards to the Annual meeting for the board to do a cost study of the elimination/consolidation and how they plan to proceed. There was a vote 76 aye 0 nay. The supervisor advise the board that this will be put on the next meeting's agenda to discuss since the board does in fact need to respond to the electors and they do not have a choice.

Robert Beltran – 2814 Regner Rd. McHenry, IL - Stated he regrets that not all the board members were at the Annual meeting and that the board members that did attend did not stay for the whole meeting. He addressed the board in regards to their attitude not reflecting the will of the electors and asked that they start to show that they are in fact reflecting the will of the electors.

Steve Kroll – 5912 Giant Oaks Rd. Wonder Lake, IL - Asked Mr. Condon have you read the employee manual? Mr. Kroll stated that in the employee handbook it states that knowingly failing to report criminal or inappropriate activity to the Highway Commissioner according to the manual is grounds for termination. Mr. Kroll stated that this is occurring according to McHenry County Courthouse records. He also stated that the employees must have told him about these activities. Mr. Militello can you explain or convey your conversations with the State's Attorney in regards to the Township Facebook page? Mr. Adams Think Big Go Local is deleting negative or opposing views of the township on Facebook which is not allowing for debate. Attorney Militello explained what laws are in place in regards to using tax dollars for a Facebook page. He conveyed to the Supervisor and Highway Commissioner what can and can't be done and that they should approve what the third party is posting.
Mr. Kroll continued to accuse Highway Commissioner, its employees and the third party of wrong doing. Supervisor Adams expressed that he was out of line in his comments and enough was enough to file a lawsuit and it can be settled by the court. He stated again that Mr. Kroll was out of order.

Unknown lady – Stated she was very concerned about an employee's personal information being discussed and publicly broadcast. She would like to know who she could address her concerns to. She stated that this is not appropriate. If she was a township employee she would be very concerned and would like to see that the best people are working at the township. Township Attorney Militello explained how this unfortunate due to the FOIA request and the process some personal information is not kept private.

Jeff Speciale – 4612 Parkview McHenry, IL – Does the board know of the people following the employees around and what is being done to protect them. Also have the police been contacted? Township Attorney Militello stated that the situation is being looked at.

Mr. Rakestraw asked that the Johnsburg Police officers recognized that Mr. Speciale threatened the board. This started an uproar and it was stated that he was not threatening the board he was agreeing with their concern for their safety in today's world.

Melissa Gassman – 2712 Rose Ave. McHenry, IL - This is her second meeting and not sure who she voted for in the last election, shame on me but I am shocked and horrified be what I've seen in our community and this board. We should be more respectful and have actual conversation. Mr. Rakestraw stated that he always tries to be respectful.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:35 pm made by Supervisor Adams and second by Trustee Anderson.
All in Favor 5 ayes, 0 Nays – **Motion carries**

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thursday, May 10th, 2018 @ 7:00 pm McHenry Township Regular Board Meeting in the McHenry Township Hall.

Daniel R .Aylward, McHenry Township Clerk.

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