

MCHENRY TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MINUTES
April 13, 2023

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

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

Roll call and Other Attendance

- **Trustee M. Bindenagel: Absent**
- **Trustee M. Jaeger: Present**
- **Trustee J. Macrito: Present**
- **Trustee Shaver Present**
- **Supervisor G. Barla: Present**

Also attending Clerk Danielle Aylward, Administrator Debbie Macrito and 3 public.

Public Comment None

Approval of Meeting Minutes

3.1 Motion to approval of the McHenry Township Revised Regular Board Meeting Minutes on February 9,2023 By Trustee Macrito second by Trustee Shaver
All ayes Motion carries

3.2 Motion to approval of the McHenry Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes on March 9, 2023 by Trustee Shaver second by Trustee Macrito with correction, by Trustee Shaver that the words (community garden) be replaced with (damage).

All ayes Motion carries

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Motion for approval of receipts and pay bills for the Town Fund was made by Trustee Shaver seconded by Trustee Macrito.

Total reimbursements to be approved	\$1,288.67
Total Bills to be approved	\$15,946.68
Total Bill paid prior to Audit	\$45,385.79
Total to be approved	\$62,621.14
Total Receipts	\$32,289.24

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Jaeger, aye; Trustee Macrito, aye; Trustee; Supervisor Barla
All ayes Motion carries –

Motion for approval of receipts and pay the bills for General Road and Bridge fund was made by Trustee Jaeger, seconded by Trustee Macrito.

Total reimbursements to be approved	\$1,153.00
Total Bills to be approved	\$79,658.72
Total Bill paid prior to Audit	\$21,149.26
Total to be approved	\$101,960.98
Total Receipts	\$28,841.58

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Jaeger, aye; Trustee Macrito, aye; Supervisor Barla aye-
All ayes - Motion carries

Motion for approval of receipts and pay the bills for Permanent Hard Road Fund by Trustee Macrito, second by Trustee Shaver

Total reimbursements to be approved	\$00.00
Total Bills to be approved	\$3,660.18
Total Bill paid prior to Audit	\$25,437.89
Total to be approved	\$29,098.07
Total Receipts	\$9,224.61

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Jaeger, aye; Trustee Macrito, aye; Supervisor Barla –
All eyes - Motion carries

Fund transfers none

New Business

8.1. - Approval of the MFT Expenditure Spreadsheet for the County 2023-2024.

Discussion and possible action.

Trustee Macrito made a motion for approval second by Trustee Jaeger.

Supervisor Barla asked if there were any Discussion, hearing none called for a Roll vote.

Supervisor Barla	Aye
Trustee Macrito	Aye
Trustee Jaeger	Aye
Trustee Shaver	Aye

All ayes Motion carries.

8.2– Motion for discussion on the recording of the public meetings and possible action, second by Trustee Macrito

Trustee Shaver asked why this was on the agenda, of how we record public meetings.

Attorney Militello explained the recording of the meetings act 2.5

Trustee Macrito added the reason it was brought up was weather we could use the recording as permanent record.

Clerk Aylward stated that she has done some research on devices that would take a recording and convert it to print. Recommended by ABT in Glenview and the head of Geek squad from Best Buy both recommended the software Dragan.

Trustee Macrito reminded Clerk Aylward that was not the reason for Discussion

Trustee Shaver agreed but asked if we could use the transcript for permanent record

Trustee Macrito stated that the Board should approve the software for the accuracy of the minutes.

Supervisor Barla asked if you are asking that they become the meeting minutes

Clerk Aylward explained that it would go along with the minutes, not replace them.

Trustee Shaver asked are you then going to take that document and make as the minutes or in addition to the minutes to help to prepare the minutes

Trustee Macrito stated that it then could be an aid to the minutes.

Trustee Macrito asked how much does the software cost; Clerk answered \$700.00

Administrator Macrito added that YouTube could print a transcript

Clerk Aylward stated that we have seen those transcripts and they are useless.

Supervisor Barla we would need a demonstration on how it works and all other expenses that would acquire

Robert Beltran, (public) made a comment as to his experience with the Dragon software and that he was pleased with it and it could be an aid to the Clerk, it is much easier to scan a transcript then a recording.

Trustee Macrito added He is all in favor of giving the Clerk all the tools she needs

Administrator Macrito agrees.

Supervisor Barla asked Trustee Shaver if he would amend his motion to table this.

Motion to Table second by Trustee Macrito

All ayes motion carries.

**8.3 Motion for discussion of the ongoing Emergency Assistance by Trustee Macrito
second by Trustee Shaver**

Trustee Macrito had some questions about where the loss comes from and who has the authority to spend it.

Attorney Militello stated that he could get all that information for the Board and bring them to the next meeting.

Supervisor Barla asked if there were any other Discussion on this subject, hearing none asked for a motion to table it until the next meeting.

Motion to Table it until the next meeting by Trustee Macrito second by Trustee Shaver

All ayes Motion carries

Motion for discussion on the elected official's salaries by Trustee Shaver second by Trustee Macrito

Trustee Shaver stated that it was my suggestion to bring this up at the last meeting, He also stated that it is time to compare our Elected Official's salaries compared to other Townships of ILL. In addition, he gave a copy of what he had found.

(This copy is available to the public on request)

Supervisor Barla asked Trustee Shaver if he could give us, The Board, another copy of the comparison he found of some other Townships salaries

Trustee Macrito asked how deep you want this Discussion to go.

Trustee Shaver stated, we should just start looking at what we should be comparing it to, the State and other County's

We must be competitive with other Township's so that we do not lose some talent.

Supervisor Barla asked, we are talking about elected Official's Correct.

Assessor Mahady, speaking for the assessors gave her suggestions as how to compare such as the size of the county and the number of parcels.

Trustee Shaver said that those are helpful tips and if she could give, some of those documentations to the board along with any other it would be helpful.

Robert Beltrin (public) wanted to remind the Board that two years ago the Electors wanted the reverse the Boards salary cuts.

Trustee Shaver asked if we should form a committee and if so what would be the correct way to proceed.

Attorney Militello gave the rules as that it would have to be in line with the open meetings act.

Trustee Jaeger said we should start by looking at the Electors request to reverse the last Boards decision, and that would be a good place to start.

Assessor Mahady wanted to thank the Board for looking into this early

Trustee Shaver suggested tabling this till, we get more information

Supervisor Barla called for a vote to table until the next meeting

All ayes Motion carries.

Motion by Trustee Macrito second by Trustee Shaver for discussion on the Clerk's request to have a deputy clerk. Discussion and possible action.

Trustee Macrito asked Clerk Danielle Aylward for the need for a Deputy Clerk.

Clerk Danielle explained that she has taken a position with a Christian Thrift Store and that there have been a few occasions where my hours have conflicted with an unexpected Board meeting.

She also stated that the possible of running for reelection are doubtful and in that case, the Deputy Clerk would be experienced enough to just walk in and take over unlike when I came into this position with no experience.

Clerk Danielle Aylward also stated that she has talked to three people and one was very interested in the position, Logan who works the front desk at the Township.

Supervisor Barla asked how he could, being a full time employee take this position.

Trustee Macrito stated that he and Adam have already discussed this matter with the Clerk.

Trustee Shaver is this something that we might make known to the public as an opportunity

Administrator Macrito asked if it was going to be a paid position

Trustee Macrito first we have to approve the request.

Trustee Shaver asked Clerk Danielle Aylward that when you stepped into the position had no help from the previous Clerk and that it makes sense in the possibility that you do not run for reelection that someone would have some knowledge of the job.

Clerk Danielle Aylward stated that she was very lucky that Administrator Macrito and the Supervisor Crag Adams where extremely helpful. She went on explaining all the duties of the Clerk.

Trustee Shaver I think that there is value

Attorney Militello explained the process that it is a two-step process, first the Board has to approve the need, second have to approve who would be appointed

Trustee Macrito is this something we vote on tonight or push it down the road like everything else.

Trustee Macrito made a Motion to vote to consider the appointment of a Deputy Clerk, second by Trustee Shaver

Supervisor Barla called for a vote

Two ayes two nays Motion fails

Old Business None

Proposed Agenda Items

#1 Discussion on the recording of the public meetings

#2 Discussion of the ongoing Emergency Assistance.

#3 Discussion on the elected official's salaries.

Supervisor Report see attached report

Assessor Report see attached reports.

Highway Commissioner Report see attached report.

Executive Session None

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENT

Trustee Macrito that it comes up again to appoint a deputy clerk; I see an opportunity to bring someone into the floe that would understand the Township Government. "My Dad always said two heads are better than one"

Trustee Shaver agreed fully with Trustee Macrito as to what Clerk Aylward said about coming in cold

ADJOURNMENT: by

Trustee Shaver second by Trustee Jaeger

All ayes Motion carries @ 8:15pm

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Next regular monthly board meeting on Thursday May 11, 2023 @7:00pm

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Danielle J. Aylward, McHenry Township Clerk

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