

MCHENRY TOWNSHIP Budget Workshop April 27, 2020

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**Budget Workshop Meeting
MINUTES,
April 27, 2020**

Supervisor Adams called the meeting to order in the McHenry Township Hall at the published and posted time of 9:00 am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Supervisor Adams here Trustee Anderson here, Trustee Rakestraw here, Trustee Wojewski here, Trustee Verr here. In addition, attending the meeting was Attorney Militello, Clerk Aylward, Accounting Manager Macrito and call in Public.

Trustee Anderson asked to be recognized, which Supervisor Adams agreed. Trustee Anderson was taken off guard in regards to the publication of the BAO hearing. Attorney Militello explained and Supervisor Adams explained it was discussed at the prior meeting. Highway Commissioner Jim Condon joined the conference and answered the questions in regards to the hearing he has stated he has complied and went beyond what the board asked for. He will not continue to engage with Trustee Verr. I will not further reduce my budget I have already reduced my staff and added more miles and I will not reduce more staff. You have my budget and that is all I have. Attorney Militello stated he represents the board not the Road District other than the ongoing issues with easements and culverts.

Approval of the Revised April 13, 2020 minutes.

Motion to approve made by Supervisor Adams, second by Trustee Wojewski

Discussion ensued –

Roll Call Vote: Anderson aye, Rakestraw nay, Supervisor Adams aye, Verr nay, Wojewski aye.
3 ayes, 2 nays – Motion Carries

Approval of the April 20, 2020 meeting minutes.

Motion to approve made by Supervisor Adams, second by Trustee Anderson

Discussion ensued – Trustee Verr stated that John Macritos' public comment was not correct and needed to be an exact quote.

Roll Call Vote: Anderson aye, Rakestraw aye, Supervisor Adams aye, Verr nay, Wojewski aye.
4 ayes, a nays – Motion Carries

New Business – Review and Discuss Tentative Town Fund Budget Draft #8.

Discussion ensued – Attorney Militello explained the email sent to everyone explaining Trustee Verr question in regards to the budget Statue for the board and Trustee Anderson’s in regards to maintain parks and non-mandated services.

Trustee Anderson made a statement in regards on how the township has evolved since 1984 here in McHenry and statewide. Attorney Militello explained the process of eliminating the parks altogether.

Supervisor Adams state we can make cuts to Capital Outlay under parks:

Remove Front desk Safety glass 4,000.00

Remove new 8’ folding Tables 1,000.00

Remove 15” Breakfast bar cabinets 5,000.00

Remove New Bathroom counter tops 4,500.00

Remove cyclone KB4 Debris Blower 8,000.00

Supervisor Adams stated that we have now gone over the entire town budget and we have eliminated and reduced as much as possible. Let’s now move on to the General Assistance budget.

Trustee Anderson asked again for Attorney Militello how to get rid of the parks. Attorney Militello explained by annual meeting Special meeting. Trustee Anderson will bring this up for a future meeting later.

Discussion ensued – Trustee Anderson wanted to eliminate all together, Trustee Verr stated that it was not necessary. Trustee Wojewski asked that we should leave it be for now, he stated for the record that Mr. Verr is a heartless person. Trustee Verr stated for the record people are being taxed out of their homes. Attorney Militello stated that the Supervisor not the board have the authority to change emergency or General assistance.

A Motion to keep Emergency Assistance as is, made by Supervisor Adams, second by Trustee Wojewski.

Roll Call Vote: Anderson nay, Rakestraw aye, Supervisor Adams aye, Verr nay, Wojewski aye.

3 ayes, 2 nays - Motion Carries

Discussion ensued – Trustee Verr asked to make emergency assistance coterminous with the Governor’s Covid19 order.

A motion to reduce Emergency Assistance from \$85,000.00 to \$50,000.00, made by Supervisor Adams, second by Trustee Anderson

Roll Call Vote: Anderson aye, Rakestraw aye, Supervisor Adams aye, Verr nay, Wojewski aye.
4 ayes, 1 nay – Motion Carries

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Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes per speaker) –

Rhonda Sporer – McHenry, IL – I don't understand why this board would now raise the fares for the seniors and handicap. Especially at this time, it is ridiculous. You are the devil Mr. Verr and should apologize for your tone of voice. .

Dan Alyward – McHenry, IL – Mr. Verr you have been called heartless, I don't know how you could possibly deny that. You have raised the bus fare to \$5 a ride and these people don't have that. Some go to dialysis 3 times a week and then need to go shopping. People are not being taxed out of their homes from the township or the bus service. It's the schools. You constantly interrupt and never ever ask to be recognized, but you butt in on everyone who says what you don't want to hear. Get a life.

Steven Robert Verr – Wonder Lake, IL – We are the top 100 counties in the state for taxes. If people need to go to dialysis, the dialysis people will call and make arrangement or they can call the McRide program. It would definitely be cheaper. I am tired of this duplicate bus service. The township is already paying for the McRide service. If the attorney would look in the packets, the McRide program counts seniors as 60 years of age. For some reason the township has a 55 years of age. I believe we were given false information again. I would ask the board members to put our program into parody with the McRide program. I fight for the ordinary person. This is not a board that just lets everything go. This board actually looks at things. Look at how much we eliminated this morning of needless expense. I think we are faced with a situation where we can cut a lot further on the Road District and the township. In this crisis situation, I think we should be proactive and relieve the burden on the taxpayers. Gladermier laden and other communist have interrupted me quite a bit. Rhonda are you threatening me. No, I have not threatened you I told you to stop calling people names. If Stan Wojewski really cared about the people who elected him, he would do his job.

Jim Militello- Attorney for the Township – This is my first time responding in public comment. In regards to Trustee Verrs comment about the age group for the senior bus program vs McRide program I want to clarify where this information came from. The age is found under the Township Statue 60ILCS-1/220-50, the specific section where I stated the 55 or older is in section 60ILCS-1/220-50/10.

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Adams, second by Anderson at 10:52am.

Roll Call Vote: Anderson aye, Rakestraw aye, Supervisor Adams aye, Verr aye, Wojewski aye.
All in favor aye – Motion Carries

Attorney Militello explained the next steps for the budget process.

Trustee Anderson said we should publish the notice for the budget hearing by Supervisor Adams, second by Anderson.

Roll Call Vote: Anderson aye, Rakestraw aye, Supervisor Adams aye, Verr nay, Wojewski aye.
All in favor aye – Motion Carries

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Adams, second by Rakestraw at 11:00am.

Roll Call Vote: Anderson aye, Rakestraw aye, Supervisor Adams aye, Verr aye, Wojewski aye.
All in favor aye – Motion Carries

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Daniel R .Aylward, McHenry Township Clerk.

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