MCHENRY TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MINUTES – AUGUST 13, 2020

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REVISED

BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2020

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, Verr here, Adams here, Wojewski here, Rakestraw here.
Also attending the meeting was Clerk Aylward, Attorney Militello and Account Manager Macrito, 13 Public and 1 Public call in.

Public Comment –

Patty Boyd, McHenry IL – You were elected to represent the Township, these meetings are beyond ridiculous, and you go out of your way to do what the Township does not want to do. Mr. Verr, you can't censor the clerk you can only censure the clerk. Mr. Anderson the statue you read last meeting does not state what you said and you need to read it again. All of these minutes to be approved are not wrong. Stop trying to make something out of nothing.

Michael Guy, McHenry, IL - This agenda has no old business and only two new business items, both are frivolous and have nothing to do with helping the citizens of McHenry Township. Mr. Rakestraw, last month you showed some independent thoughts and some integrity and compassion, now, I'm not surprised you fall to peer pressure from the other two Trustees. Mr. Verr and Anderson's only agenda is to dismantle the Township in a total disregard of the wishes of the voters of McHenry Township. We need at least one of you to show some integrity.

Mike Tauler, Wonder Lake, IL – Stated there are two interesting comparisons to Mr. Verr. One being Arthur Butzs who published "The Hoax of the Twentieth Century": The Case Against the presumed Extermination of European Jewry" Which argues that the Holocaust was a propaganda Hoax. Second, Oswald Spengler who assailed modern medicine for interfering with natural selection and for accelerating racial decay. The Nazi's based much of their platform on the ideas put forth in his book "The Decline of the West." Very Interesting comparisons. To Mr. Anderson and Rakestraw, is this the type of person you choose to ally with? A man who was praised and defended by a disgusting and racist publication, I implore this board to denounce Mr. Verr and demand his resignation.

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Linda Tauler, Wonder Lake, IL - Mr. Verr please put your mask on. I have tried to be nice, I have tried being mean, I have tried pleading, begging, and demanding. All have fallen on deaf ears. Here are some definitions of Theft, Sadism, Willful ignorance, Coercion, Cronyism, dereliction of duty, Insanity, Megalomania, Altruistic, Egocentric, Obstinate since a lot of things needs to be spelled out for you. Linda stated all of the definitions, because she wanted to make sure the board understood what she was saying. The theft of our voice as members of this township against sadism, willful ignorance, coercion and cronyism of the township board, comprised of so called trustees, needs to be addressed. Your dereliction of duty is at this point a sure sign of insanity. The megalomania exhibited by this board is shocking. Perhaps one day we'll be blessed with an altruistic set of trustees, instead of the egocentric group we have now. I'm not trying to be mean here, I'm trying to make you look at yourselves and decide if this is the man you want to be remembered as. But you're not listening, you never do.

Robert Beltran, McHenry, IL – Stated to Mr. Rakestraw that he commended his decision last month to not defund emergency assistance. This protects our township citizens and provides food, shelter and medication when someone is in dire need. This is temporary assistance while the township helps them navigate getting state or county assistance. This program is vital to our citizens to help keep them in their homes. Before you reconsider your decision to defund the program please talk to those who have needed this bridge funding. The emergency assistance a cheap insurance policy that protects all of us during economic hardships.

Judith Gotlieb, McHenry, IL. - Mr. Rakestraw, I was glad that you voted to keep the energy assistance last month. I would ask you to reconsider keeping the emergency assistance during this time of Covid and economic collapse that has accompanied this pandemic. We are going through what I call our own great depression.

Jamie Rous, McHenry, IL - Tonight's agenda Censure the Clerk, For what? Making one mistake? Because he isn't 100% perfect in his job? Mr. Rakestraw left one time and forgot to sign the receipts and bills, did you censure him for that? Mr. Verr constantly asks questions about the Board Packet, did you censure him for that? I can't remember who types up the agenda but should you censure them for putting censor instead of censure? Are we really going to bring up the emergency assistance again? Why do you even bother having discussion and voting if you are going to change your mind when you go home? I cannot stand hypocrites and liars. I am completely in support of separation of church and state, but since you three claim to be of a religious persuasion, I want to point out your hypocrisy. Emergency assistance is there because of an emergency. The small amount of funds received from the township could be the difference between a roof over their head or sleeping in their car. When Jesus gave his sermon on the mound and was told the people were hungry, did he berate them for not planning ahead? Did he tell them to go eat rocks since its vastly superior and a more cost-effective way to fill their bellies? Did he call them thieves? Not a blunt enough example? How about the fact that you claim that having the questions to dissolve the Township on the ballot in March was a blatant attempt to suppress the vote when you use the same type of election to support your claim of being elected by the people to do what you are doing. You lied to voters back then, hiding your true intentions of eliminating the township. Tax payers told you to keep the Township in March, yet you hired a proven loser lawyer who charges almost double our Township attorney, since he did not agree with your idea. $10,900 later you are no closer to getting your way. $10,900 of Township money to fund you own personnel vendetta. Who are the thieves now?

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Sue Rose, Wonder Lake, IL - I am very disappointed in you; don't you know that they (Anderson and Verr) are using you as their pawn? Emergency assistance is there to help our neighbors who find themselves in need. Whether it may be food, shelter, medication, etc. How could you of all people, who is also disabled not understand that sometime others need help? You needed help paying your taxes; you got help, well they need help too. You say this is all to save the taxpayers money, then why hire Attorney Hanlon that charged $10,900.00, to put on the November Ballot to dissolve the township which has already been decided by the township to keep. You are wasting the taxpayer's money. Mike, please keep the emergency assistance program because it is the right thing to do.

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A motion to approve the revised regular McHenry Township Board meeting minutes of June 11, 2020, with the signed and filed resolution 170521 attached.

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

Discussion Ensued – Trustee Verr asked multiple questions and Supervisor addressed his questions.

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

4 ayes, 1 nay - Motion carries

I need a motion to approve Special Board Meeting minutes on July 6, 2020

Motion to approve made by Anderson, second by Adams

Discussion Ensued – Trustee Verr stated that the editorial of the clerk is not a fair synopsis of what he stated.

Roll call vote Anderson aye, Rakestraw aye, Adams aye, Wojewski aye, Verr nay

4 ayes 1 nay - Motion Carries

I need a Motion to approve regular McHenry Township Board Meeting Minutes on July 9, 2020

Motion by Anderson second by Wojewski

Discussion- None

Roll call vote Anderson aye, Rakestraw aye, Adams aye Wojewski aye, Verr nay.

4 ayes 1 nay - Motion Carries

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I need a Motion to approve regular McHenry Township Board meeting minutes on July 13, 2020

Motion by Anderson second by Wojewski

Discussion- None

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

4 ayes 1 nay - Motion Carries

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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:	$ 00.00
Total Bills to be approved	$ 24,827.31
Total Bills paid prior to Audit	$ 41,527.58
Total Bills to be approved	$ 66,354.89
Total Receipts	$ 5,857.19

Roll Call Vote: Adams aye (except Hanlon), Anderson aye, Rakestraw aye, Wojewski aye (except Hanlon), Verr nay (Except State & Federal taxes, salaries and insurance, Hanlon and Prime Law).

Discussion Ensued – Trustee Verr asked about the Prime Law bill. Attorney Militello answered his concerns and stated he would add more detail. Trustee Wojewski asked about a bill for $10,900.00 to Robert Hanlon, he was given a copy of the detail.

4 ayes (with exceptions), 1 nay (with exceptions) – Motion carries

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

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

Total reimbursements to be approved	$ 00.00
Total Bills to be approved	$ 75,115.05
Total Bills paid prior to Audit	$ 23,110.57
Total Bills to be approved	$ 98,225.62
Total Receipts	$ 16,738.77

Roll Call Vote: Adams aye, Anderson aye, Rakestraw aye, Wojewski aye, Verr nay (Except State & Federal taxes, salaries, insurance and Prime Law).

Discussion – None

4 ayes, 1 nay (with exceptions) - Motion carries

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

Trustee Wojewski Motion to approve receipts and pay bills of the Permanent Hard Road Fund, Second by Supervisor Adams.

Total reimbursements to be approved	$ 00.00
Total Bills to be approved	$ 37,730.68
Total Bills paid prior to Audit	$ 18,380.44
Total Bills to be approved	$ 56,111.12
Total Receipts	$ 211,003.54

Roll Call Vote: Adams aye, Anderson aye, Rakestraw aye, Wojewski aye, Verr nay (except State & Federal taxes, salaries and insurance).

Discussion – None

4 ayes, 1 nay (with exceptions) – Motion carries

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Trustee Verr made a motion to censure the clerk, second by Anderson.
Discussion Ensued - Supervisor Adams stated that mistakes have been made from time to time and when pointed out have been corrected, we all make mistakes. He doesn't believe that this is necessary.

Trustee Verr then changed his motion to reprimand the clerk, second by Anderson.

Discussion Ensued – Trustee Wojewski asked what the difference was between censured and reprimand. Trustee Verr stated it is a lessor sanction. I, Clerk Aylward stated that in three and a half years I have never missed posting the agenda, I also made changes so that would never happen again. I admit to my mistakes unlike you Mr. Verr who lies about yours. Trustee Rakestraw again asked what the difference is and what does this mean for the clerk. Attorney Militello addressed the board to explain. Potato, Potato, other than the board publically making it known they are disappointed in the clerks job. All this is doing is making a record of the event. Trustee Anderson asked to add that Clerk Aylward missed posting the agenda one time in three in half years.

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

3 ayes, 2 nay – Motion carries

Trustee Rakestraw made a motion to eliminate Emergency assistance with a sunset date, second by Anderson.

Discussion Ensued - Supervisor Adams voiced his concerns with elimination of Emergency Assistance and since the board already budgeted for this and then cut that budget, to just let it run out and eliminate next year, if that is what this board wants. Trustee Verr stated that this is just another thing that Townships do to make themselves important and it is not required and it is not a cost effective program. Trustee Wojewski stated so you want to cut Emergency assistance and instead pay a fancy lawyer. Trustee Anderson stated that this not a statutory requirement.

Trustee Rakestraw made a motion to eliminate Emergency assistance on December 30, 2020 with board reviewing at the November 2020 meeting to possibly extend the elimination date, second by Anderson.

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

3 ayes, 2 nay – Motion carries

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Old Business – Trustee Verr asked about the procedures in place during the pandemic. The Supervisor stated that it is on the website and Terry Wagner – Operations manager is on top of it.
Trustee Verr also asked about the Clerk appointing a Deputy Clerk. The Supervisor stated that no deputy clerk has been appointed.

Proposed Agenda Items for the Next Monthly Board Meeting – None

REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES - None

Fund transfers - (if necessary) - None

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SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

A.) Park Report - see packet
B.) General Assistance Report - see packet
C.) Senior Center Report - see packet

ASSESSOR'S REPORT - See packet

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – See packet

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

BOARD MEMBER'S COMMENT - None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion for adjournment at 9:10 pm, made by Supervisor Adams, second by Trustee Wojewski

All in favor signal by aye - **All ayes, Motion carries**

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Daniel R. Aylward, McHenry Township Clerk

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