

MCHENRY TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MINUTES – September 10, 2020

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

**BOARD MEETING
September 10, 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, 11 Public and 3 Public call in.

Public Comment –

Michael Guy, McHenry, IL - In my hand is the November ballot and the referendum, your second attempt to get rid of the township is not on it. As elected officials stop your crap and do your job to represent the citizens of McHenry Township.

Robert Beltran, McHenry, IL – This board claims they want to save taxpayers money, you have an odd way of showing it. You have spent money on a cost study that was done after the drop dead date, paid for an overpriced attorney on suits that were deemed “absurd” by a McHenry County judge and looking into a forensic audit with no evidence of alleged wrong doing. All of this at the expense of the township taxpayers of their reserve fund. The decision to file suit against the McHenry County Clerk was never done in open session. According to the Northwest Herald Mr. Verr instructed Mr. Hanlon to proceed on the matter to file against the decision by the McHenry County Courts. When and where was Mr. Verr authorized to indecently instruct Mr. Hanlon to proceed? No vote was taken by this board in an open meeting. I believe this is a violation of the Open Meeting Act. McHenry Township has no business paying Mr. Hanlon’s bill. When will we have the statutorily required annual meeting?

Rhonda Sporer, McHenry, IL – I just want to say you are wasting a lot of resources that could be used to help people. Instead of taking away funds that are setup to help people. Senior services has been a great help to me, my mom and family. Without them I’m not sure I could handle it all. The senior bus was a great program for my mom. It gave her something to look forward to every week. Instead taking money for all the law suits why don’t you use it to help other people in need? Instead of taking funds away from the programs that are meant to help others. I have no respect for elected officials who do this.

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Mike Tauler, Wonder Lake, IL – Stated the response from the McHenry County courts in regards to the lawsuit to have an injunction for the referendum to eliminate the township put on the November 2020 ballot. He pointed out that every argument brought to the courts was deemed invalid and was dismissed with prejudice. He was interrupted by Trustee Verr. Supervisor Adams told the speaker to continue. Mr. Tauler stated that the tax revolt group was now wasting taxpayers' dollars in attempt to appeal when the voters clearly don't want to eliminate the Township.

Judith Gotlieb, McHenry, IL. – I would like to thank the Township Road District for recognizing that those who live on private roads in subdivisions. For 100 years we have paid into the Road and Bridge fund and did not receive any benefit. This year under the guidance of Jim Condon the road district was able to rebuild our roads, with help from McHenry County. Jim Condon, was instrumental in negotiating with the residence on all the issues that came up. We are very grateful for the professionalism of Jim Condon.

Linda Tauler, Wonder Lake, IL – Spoke to Mr. Verr in regards to his cronyism, hiring an overpriced attorney who has a terrible track record, to help his friend with a 30 year vendetta. Instead you eliminate Emergency Assistance to those who are affected by the coronavirus, not their taxes. You could be using this money to help them to help those to stay in their homes. Blatant cronyism got you on this board, so much fun to say but not so much fun to watch.

David Trost, McHenry, IL – Over the weekend of the 28th I Noticed a vehicle in my neighborhood that had an anti-township sticker. Then I noticed in the mailboxes brochures from citizens for tax relief. These brochures had a lot of misinformation, particularly the fact that the referendum would be on the November ballot. I also noticed that there is no postage on these and I believe that is a federal violation and I will be contacting the postmaster to report it.

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A motion to approve the regular McHenry Township Board meeting minutes of August 13, 2020

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

Discussion Ensued – Trustee Anderson has a correction for the minutes on page 6 line two. That it should state that Dan did miss one posting of the agenda. Trustee Rakestraw asked that we add more detail to the discussions on township business from the Trustees.

Roll Call Vote: Anderson aye, Rakestraw aye, Wojewski aye, Adams 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, with the additional split of the Prime Law bill with the General Road and Bridge.

Total Reimbursements to be approved:	\$ 753.64
Total Bills to be approved	\$ 9,389.63
Total Bills paid prior to Audit	\$ 33,078.86
Total Bills to be approved	\$ 43,222.13
Total Receipts	\$ 6,125.11

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

Discussion Ensued – Trustee Verr asked about the Prime Law bill. The board decided that the bill in questions should be split with the Road District.

5 ayes, 0 nay– 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, with the additional split of the Prime Law bill with the General Town Fund.

Total reimbursements to be approved	\$ 00.00
Total Bills to be approved	\$ 83,444.91
Total Bills paid prior to Audit	\$ 19,324.96
Total Bills to be approved	\$ 102,769.87
Total Receipts	\$ 11,523.91

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

Discussion – None

5 ayes, 0 nay - 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 Rakestraw

Total reimbursements to be approved	\$ 00.00
Total Bills to be approved	\$ 717,950.72
Total Bills paid prior to Audit	\$ 15,315.75
Total Bills to be approved	\$ 733,266.47
Total Receipts	\$ 3,551.50

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

Discussion – None

5 ayes, 0 nay – Motion carries

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Supervisor Adams made a motion to adopt the resolution for the sexual harassment training model policy from the State of Illinois.

Discussion Ensued - Supervisor Adams explained about the change in the law requirement. Attorney Militello addressed the trustee’s questions in regards to the resolution and the requirements from the state and the requirements as a township board.

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

4 ayes, a nay – Motion carries

Old Business – None

Proposed Agenda Items for the Next Monthly Board Meeting –

None

Discussion ensued in regards to the annual meeting. The attorney stated that after September 19, 2020 the governors’ order will expire and then the annual meeting could be done as early as October 20, 2020 if there are no changes.

REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES - None

Fund transfers - (if necessary) – None

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

Trustee Verr why does Algonquin Township have twice as many parcels to assess but the same number of employees as McHenry Township?

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – See packet

Trustee Verr why did we pay Nunda Township 34,000.00?

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Trustee Wojewski asked for an executive session in regards to ongoing legal matters of a lawsuit, information on what was filed with the Johnsburg Police, who authorized the law suit and the Attorney General matter. Attorney Militello cited 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1) (11)

Recessed to executive session at 8:04 pm

Reconvened at 8:29 pm.

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BOARD MEMBER'S COMMENT - None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion for adjournment at 8:30 pm, made by Supervisor Adams, second by Trustee Anderson

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

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Daniel R. Aylward, McHenry Township Clerk

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