

MCHENRY TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MINUTES

Sept 14, 2023

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Supervisor Barla 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:

Supervisor Barla Present

Trustees

Shaver Present

Macrito Present

Jaeger Present

Bindenagel Present

Also attending the meeting was Clerk Aylward, Administrator Macrito and 10 public.

Public Comment

Motion to move 8.1 by Supervisor Barla second by Trustee Macrito

All ayes Motion carries

8.1

#1 Sheila Thomas of McHenry

Sheila stated that she had brought her Grandson to the playground and noticed some of the equipment was unsafe. Sheila handed out pictures of the playground and pointed out what she felt was unsafe and was concerned about the safety of the children.

Supervisor Barla pointed out that we are aware of the situation and that we have been working on it, looking at replacing it with a new up to date Playground.

#2 Robert Beltran of McHenry

He spoke on the community gardens. He asked if it was possible to get a few signs made as to the rules and regulations and suggested cameras.

Supervisor Barla respond that he would talk to Jim about it and put-up signs (please do not pillage our vegetables)

#3 Stephanie Tesner of Mchenry

She spoke about the Gravel Pit being on the agenda tonight and what she thought about the possible negative effect it could have on the environment.

#4 Steve Mormino of Mchenry

He stated that he does not understand how three gravel pits can surround his little subdivision. He said he does not understand how this pit would not affect his neighborhood unincorporated. He worried about the health issue. He went on to say that Mr. Pease does not have a very good reputation.

#5 Tim Kuraszek of Mchenry

He had a map of the proposed Gravel Pit and the surrounding area he pointed out 470 homes surrounding it within one half mile and a new subdivision adding another 180 homes. He is asked the Mchenry Township to file a formal protest with the County and that would trigger a super majority vote.

Supervisor Barla asked if he had the law that he was referring to, Tim Luraszek answered no but would try to find it and share it with Supervisor Barla.

Supervisor Barla made a Motion to move 8.1 up to the next item second by Trustee Macrito

All ayes Motion carries.

Supervisor Barla turned it over to Trustee Macrito who read a speech he had prepared (the letter is available to the public on request) pointing out three of 10 conditions that would make the passing of the gravel pit fail.

Trustee Macrito pointed out his concerns and that the Township is the smallest form of Government and the closest to the people also that not listening to the Electors as the last board did cost them to be voted out.

Trustee Jaeger stated that he has heard about the concern of truck traffic and that he agrees with Trustee Macrito on this and many other issues on this matter.

Supervisor Barla stated that with the new information brought tonight from Tim that he would like to look at those laws. Kelly Wagner, a county Board member stated that if the Board, Mchenry Township objects that it would force a Super Majority Vote by the County. Discussion ensued.

Trustee Shaver added that Trustee Macrito has done more research than he has, that he agrees with everything that Trustee Macrito, Trustee Jaeger, has said, and that he believes that it is important that we support and represent the people of the Township.

Supervisor Barla stated that he needs to get more information.

Trustee Macrito made a Motion to agree with the City of Mchenry decision against the gravel pit second by Trustee Shaver

Voice vote 4 ayes one abstain.

Motion carries

Motion to take a 5-minute brake by Supervisor Barla second by Trustee Shaver

All ayes Motion carries.

Motion to reconvene @ 7:34pm by Supervisor Barla

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the McHenry Township Regular Meeting Minutes on August 10, 2023 by.

Trustee Shaver second by Trustee Macrito

All ayes Motion carries

Supervisor Barla wanted to point out one thing before we go into the bills from the Town Fund there were some money put in as to the hail damage and a parcel payment to the Contractor.

Motion for approval of receipts and bills for the Town Fund by Trustee Shaver, second by Trustee Bindenagel

Total reimbursements to be approved	\$91.92
Total Bills to be approved	\$29,067.09
Total Bill paid prior to Audit	\$508,365.51
Total to be approved	\$537,524.52
Total receipts	\$1,009,854.51

Roll Call Vote

Supervisor

Barla aye

Trustees

Shaver aye

Macrito aye

Bindenagel aye

Jaeger aye

All ayes Motion carries

Motion to approve receipts and pay bills of the General Road and Bridge Fund by Trustee Macrito, second by Trustee Jaeger

Total reimbursements to be approved	\$284.25
Total Bills to be approved	\$249,956.12
Total Bill paid prior to Audit	\$12,338.87
Total to be approved	\$262,579.24
Total Receipts	\$9,782.67

Roll Call Vote

Supervisor Barla aye

Trustees

Shaver aye

Bindenagel aye

Macrito aye

Jaeger aye

All ayes Motion carries.

Approval of receipts and bills for Permanent Hard Road Fund

Motion by Trustee Macrito to approve the receipts and pay the bills of the Permanent Hard Road Fund by Trustee Macrito second by Trustee Bindenagel

Total reimbursements to be approved	\$00.00
Total Bills to be approved	\$125,426.81
Total Bill paid prior to Audit	\$19,117.86
Total to be approved	\$144,544.67
Total Receipts	\$6,033.00

Roll Call Vote

Supervisor Barla aye

Trustees

Macrito aye

Shaver aye

Bindenagel aye.

Jaeger aye

All ayes, motion carries.

Fund transfers there are no fund transfers

New Business

8.1 was moved to the beginning.

8.2 motion to table till the next meeting the Discussion on Natural Vegetation, second by Supervisor Barla second by Trustee Bindenagel

All ayes Motion carries.

Old Business.

Motion to review of benefits of the elected officials by Trustee Shaver second by Trustee Bindenagel

Discussion Ensued Trustee Shaver brought what we talked about as to their pay, the question now about benefits on insurance, whether to include spouses or not, Discussion continued with Supervisor Barla explaining coverages and deductibles.

Supervisor Barla stated that the Attorney would be at the next Board Meeting and better advise us at that time. Discussion Ensued

Motion to table until the next meeting by Trustee Shaver second by Trustee Bindenagel

All ayes Motion carries.

Motion by Supervisor Barla to review the Radio control car track second by Trustee Shaver

Trustee Shaver went over what he has been doing and he has not been able to acquire any outside finance, he has thought of having it indoors through the winter he stated that he has received \$2,000.00 donations for kits, tools and batteries.

Trustee Shaver went on saying all we would need from the Township is to donate the hall.

Supervisor Barla stated that that would be fine but to keep in mind that the Township would not be responsible for any damage or theft of any items left here.

Supervisor Barla also stated that it would be good for the kids.

Discussion Ensued Trustee Shaver asked Trustee Macrito if he could ask his connection at Home Depot.

Proposed Agenda items

#1 Discussion and possible action on the Playground equipment

#2 Discussion review on the bus driver's salaries.

#3 Discussion on defensive driving

Supervisors report.	See packet
Assessor is Report.	See packet
Highway Commissioner's Report	See packet.
Executive Session.	None.

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENT-

Trustee Macrito stated that he attended the McHenry County advisory council meeting. He noted that a couple things came out there, a tour of a gravel pit on October 12 contact me if you are interested. He was asked if he would like to be on the Council and is asking the Boards feelings before he decides. Supervisor Barla recommended that he talk to the Road Commissioner and ask if there is any benefit to it also encourages Trustee Macrito to join the Committee.

Supervisor Barla also stated that your opinions might not reflect the entire.

Trustee Jaeger, it was noticed by Algonquin Township at the parade that we were unified as a group.

Trustee Shaver talked about the upcoming TOI meeting in November and that some of the other Townships have a flag and thought that maybe we could get the schools involved in designing one for us.

Supervisor Barla stated that has been on his agenda and with everything going on right now it will have to wait.

Clerk Aylward stated that her Grandson is really into flags and has designed some and would be extremely interested in this.

Supervisor Barla, I would like to make one comment regarding the travel down State remember we are all part of the open meetings act and if you travel together you are not supposed to be speaking about Township business.

Robert Beltran (part of the public) recommended only two in a car.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Trustee Bindenagel second by Trustee Macrito @8:20pm.

All ayes Motion carries

DATES TO REMEMBER: October 12, 2023 @ 7:00pm, Board Meeting



**McHenry Township Clerk.
Danielle J. Aylward**

Dates to remember October 12, 2023 Township Board Meeting

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