

MCHENRY TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES August 14, 2019

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

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES,
August 14th, 2019

Supervisor Adams called the meeting to order in the McHenry Township Hall at the published and posted time of 6:00 pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Anderson here, Adams here, Rakestraw here, Wojewski here, Verr here.
Also attending the meeting was Attorney Militello, Clerk Aylward, and Accounting Manager, Macrito. Highway Commissioner Condon and 101 Public.

Public Comment - John Macrito- McHenry, Terry Kappel- McHenry, Carol Heuer- McHenry, Brian Arnold- Wonder Lake, Julie Thomas- Wonder Lake, Cheryl Markunas – Johnsburg, Mike Tauler- Wonder Lake, Jamie Raous - McHenry, Robert Beltran- McHenry, Kirk Donald- McHenry, Jim Condon- McHenry, Nancy Fike-, Rhonda Shorer- .

All 13 speakers above stated they were in favor of keeping the Township and all of its services. This includes Bus program, Parks, Road District, Senior Services, Food Pantry, and Emergency Assistance, etc. They stated their disappointment in the board wanting to eliminate the township and create bigger government at the county level taking away the local governments ability to address the needs of our community. . It was stated that they believe without any other proof that the only savings would be the 1st year 10% reduction then the costs will increase, as the county has to pay union wages and benefits. There was talk about the different group that are on social media that are planning their fight to Save the Township and to Save the Bus Program.

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New Business

- A. New Business – In regards to Governor Pritzker signing township bill into law that gives McHenry County voters ability to consolidate. Discussion & possible action.

Motion to have on the November ballot a referendum in accordance to House bill 348 by Trustee Anderson, second by Trustee Rakestraw

Discussion Ensued – Mr. Adams addressed that this bill would have to go on the March ballot not the November ballot.

Mr. Verr motioned to go into executive session, second by Anderson
Attorney Militello addressed the appropriate matter for executive session.

Voice Vote Anderson aye, Rakestraw aye, Adams Nay, Wojewski Nay, Verr aye.
Three ayes, Two Nays - **Motion carries**

Motion to recess at 6:35p.m., made by Verr, second by Anderson

All in Favor – 5 Aye

Motion to reconvene at 7:22p.m., made by Supervisor Adams, second by Anderson.

All in Favor – 5 Aye

Discussion Ensued

Anderson made motion to withdraw the motion on the floor, second by Wojewski

All in Favor – 5 Aye

Trustee Anderson explained that he withdrew the motion based on how the law is written. He would not be able to get this on the ballot for November 2020 and will bring it back after the March 2020 election. In Addition, I would like the Township to look into doing a study on Township consolidation.

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Old Business

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. (Remarks limited to three minutes per person) Please clearly state your name and what town you live in for the official record

Mike Tauler – Wonder Lake, IL – If your intention was to have this on the ballot why would have a special meeting with all the added cost, extra pay to each of you the attorney etc., two elections ahead of time. I would really like to know.

Brain McCafferty – Wonder Lake, IL – I hope we if this is on the ballot we see a study. Just because it is, a law does not mean we should do it. We have already been down this road. Here we go again. If the opposition fails you, guys should resign.

Cheryl – Johnsburg, IL – If this does not pass will we get the bus service back.

Jamie Rous – McHenry, IL – I will be at every meeting you call and remind you that township government is the oldest government and is closest to the people. Township are responsible for assistance for the indigent, assessment of property and maintenance of all roads and bridges within their jurisdiction. If you gentlemen cannot uphold these laws and positions I ask you to resign your positions.

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BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Wojewski stated there are two ways that this matter can be put on the ballot. By this board and the also by the public. He would like to see the public put it on the ballot not this board.

Trustee Wojewski made a motion to have on the agenda at the next regular board meeting the discussion and possible action for the reconsideration of the Bus program, second by Supervisor Adams. I will also keep putting this on the agenda until Humpty Dumpty falls of the wall.

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Motion to Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:30pm. By Rakestraw, second by Supervisor Adams.

All in favor signal by aye.

All aye's **motion carriers**

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Daniel R. Aylward, McHenry Township Clerk.

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