

MCHENRY TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MINUTES – August 8, 2019

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

**BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
August 8, 2019**

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, Road Commissioner Condon, Assessor Mahady, Account Manager Macrito and 112 Public.

Public Comment –

Terry Kappel - McHenry IL , Doris Kappel - Wonder Lake IL, Bob Heinrich - Wonder Lake IL, Diane Carl - McHenry IL, Don Petrie - McHenry IL, Judy Wals Smith - Wonder Lake IL, Ed Hetterman - Johnsburg IL, Joe Maney - Wonder Lake IL, Brain MacCafferty - Wonder Lake IL, Brian Arnold - Wonder Lake IL, Julie Ann Thomas - Wonder Lake IL, Mike Tauler - Wonder Lake IL, Jamie Grubich - McHenry IL, Robert Beltran - McHenry IL, Judy Gotllieb - McHenry IL, Michael Hagy - McHenry IL, Tim Lavin - Wonder Lake IL, Barb Klasen - Wonder Lake IL, Connie Huff – McHenry, IL, Eric – McHenry, IL, Kelly – Pistakee Highlands, Rhonda Sporer – McHenry, IL, David Trost – McHenry, IL, Shelly Unger – Wonder Lake, IL, Lynn Sweig

We had 25 public comments made, which were all in favor of keeping the McHenry Township Senior Bus Program. Many points were made in regards to the cost of reinstating the eliminated program. The value of the service loss/gain. Allowing the public to vote and make the decision on a referendum. Pleading with the board to reconsider. Many personal stories of use of the bus program and how other services cannot provide this type of service. This is keeps seniors and the disabled with the ability to be independent and a healthy lifestyle. It helps with their dignity and self-worth. This is an important and vital service. Confusion on why the board is not listening to the people/voters on what they want. It was also mentioned to fundraise to help support the Bus Program. This is not a political matter; this is about keeping the elderly and disabled active and give them the ability to contribute to the community and their self-worth. The trustees were asked to do the jobs they were elected to do and represent the people; this is not about saving money this is about eliminating the township. All of the commenters were in favor of keeping the McHenry Township Senior Bus Program and pleaded with the board to reconsider.

I would also like to add a few quotes that were made.

“When an honest man finds out he is mistaken, he either ceases to be mistaken or ceases to be honest. “

“What you do for the least of us you do to me. “

“We don’t dislike people, we dislike policies.”

“With Malice hurt none, with charity toward all, Let us bind up – I’ll paraphrase here the Townships wounds.”

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Review of the regular Mchenry Township Board Meeting Minutes held last month on July 11, 2019 at 7:00pm Discussion, Motion for approval of minutes.

Discussion Ensued – Trustee Verr asked that board member comments for himself be stricken from the record and stated, “These are not my quotes and I do not know where Mr. Aylward got them from. This is not going to be on the actual record because if he will not change to conform of what was actually said instead of making things up, I ask that the ethics officer look at that what the comments were and resolve this. “

Trustee Anderson also stated that on item E, it was incorrectly stated that the board wanted to eliminate public comment he just wanted it moved on the agenda. He also stated he supports public comment.

Trustee Verr questioned why a resolution to have the township only enter into contracts with the board’s approval was not on the agenda. Attorney Militello he asked that it be taken off the agenda so that he could put a plan together to address what types of contracts and bring it back to the board at the next monthly meeting.

Motion to table minutes to next month’s meeting made by Supervisor Adams, second by Trustee Anderson

Voice Vote: Anderson aye, Verr aye, Adams aye, Wojewski aye, Rakestraw aye.

All ayes, no nays - **Motion carries**

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Review of Executive Session Minutes - None at this time.

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	\$33,499.81
Total Bill paid prior to Audit	\$37,563.26
Total to be approved	\$71,063.07
Total Receipts	\$9,249.90

Voice Vote Anderson aye, Verr aye, Adams aye, Rakestraw aye, Wojewski aye.

All ayes, Motion carries

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

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

Total reimbursements to be approved	\$00.00
Total Bills to be approved	\$31,597.83
Total Bill paid prior to Audit	\$20,117.62
Total to be approved	\$51,715.45
Total Receipts	\$43,305.96

Voice Vote Anderson aye, Verr aye, Adams aye, Rakestraw aye, Wojewski aye.

All ayes, Motion carries

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

Trustee Verr Wojewski 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	\$45,252.33
Total Bill paid prior to Audit	\$14,918.89
Total to be approved	\$60,171.22
Total Receipts	\$5,402.25

Voice count Anderson aye, Verr aye, Adams aye, Rakestraw aye, Wojewski aye.

All ayes, Motion carries

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Fund transfers (if necessary)

None

New Business

- A. Request by Township Electors from August 5, 2019 Special Town Meeting (247 Ayes, 2 Nays, 0 Abstains) that the McHenry Township Board of Trustees reconsider their vote to eliminate the McHenry Township Senior Express Bus Transportation Program. Discussion and Possible Action.**

Motion to have discussion made by supervisor Adams, second by Wojewski.

Discussion ensued –

Trustee Wojewski stated that by eliminating the bus service, all we are doing is causing anguish and that we will be thrown out on our ear at the next election the new board would just bring the service back. He also stated that since the county, the federal government and Pace supports the service and they see the niche that not being met.

Mr. Anderson and Mr. Verr had several questions and comments of the bus service. **Mr. Adams and Attorney Militello** addressed these questions and comments.

Motion made by Supervisor Adams to call a vote for reconsideration of the McHenry Township bus service at least through end of March 31, 2019. Second by trustee Wojewski.

Voice Vote: Anderson nay, Verr nay, Adams aye, Rakestraw present, Wojewski aye.

2 Ayes, 2 Nays, 1 present - Motion Fails

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B. A Resolution Certifying One Question Adopted at the Special Town Meeting for the March 17, 2020 Election. Discussion and Possible Action.

Attorney Militello explained the resolution and what the board needs to do.

Supervisor Adams made a motion to certify this resolution, second made by Wojewski

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

4 ayes, 1 Nays – Motion Carries

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C. McHenry Township Park Shelter Deposit and Shelter Fees, Discussion.

Supervisor Adams explained that an outside entity was questioning shelter fees and deposits. Attorney Militello explained the FOIA request what the township can and cannot do.

Motion to discuss made by Supervisor Adams, second by trustee Anderson.

Discussion Ensued

Motion to table to next meeting by Trustee Verr, second by Trustee Anderson for possible action and information on what the costs are to maintain the shelters on a an annual basis.

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

4 ayes, 1 nay – Motion Carries

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Old Business

A. Jessup Manufacturing, McHenry, IL. Request for Real Estate Abatement and Incentive Agreement by McHenry Township and the McHenry Township Permanent Hard Road Fund and the McHenry Township Road District Fund. Discussion and Possible Action.

Attorney Militello explained the agreement received and certified that content reflects the boards concerns.

Motion to approve the Real Estate Abatement and Agreement for Jessup Manufacturing with the amendment of 652950 Item C, made by Supervisor Adams, second by Wojewski.

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

3 ayes, 2 nays – Motion Carries

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B. Fox Water Ways Request for funds for water shed development plan. Discussion and Possible Action.

Supervisor Adams explained that he has not had any communication at this time. I would recommend we vote no at this time.

Motion for request of funds for the water shed development made by Trustee Rakestraw, second by Supervisor Adams

No discussion

Roll call Vote: Anderson nay, Verr nay, Adams nay, Rakestraw nay, Wojewski nay.

All Nays – Motion Fails

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Proposed Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Contracts that are unique that are not recurring. Discussion, possible action.

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SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

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

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ASSESSOR'S REPORT - See packet

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – See packet

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EXECUTIVE SESSION –

- A. Miscellaneous Exceptions: Discussion of minutes of previous closed session meetings for purposes of approval by the body. Section 2.06 C51LCS 120/2(c)(21)
- B. Business Matters: Consideration of the sale of real estate owned by the Township. C51LCS 120/2(c)(5)and(6)
- C. Legal Matters: Probable Litigation Matters (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)

Motion to recess to executive session at 9:50pm, made by Trustee Rakestraw, Second by Supervisor Adams.

All in favor signal by aye.

All ayes, Motion carries

Motion to reconvene at 10:29pm, by Supervisor Adams, second by Trustee Wojewski.

All in favor signal by aye.

All ayes, Motion carries

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BOARD MEMBER'S COMMENT –

Trustee Rakestraw stated that public comment needs to be addressed.

Motion to discuss the public time limit and the second Public comment on the agenda at the next board meeting made by Trustee Rakestraw, second by Trustee Anderson.

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

3 ayes, 2 nays – Motion carries

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Leon Van Every, Ringwood, IL – Discussed how prior board meetings were efficient and cost effective. If this board could get along with the public and each other, they could save a lot of Attorney fees and save the taxpayers money.

Mike Guy, McHenry, IL – Stated former Mayor Lowe expressed the responsibilities and duties of the elected board. I think from the last few meeting they have failed. Now I am going to say to you as voters you now need to do your duty and responsibility, get out, vote, and know whom you are voting for.

Kelly Unger, Pistakee Highlands, IL – On Monday meeting I had to show my driver's license to prove my ability to vote. In addition, abstaining your vote does not remove judgement.

Ed Hetterman, Johnsburg, IL – I just want to know the logic in stopping the bus service in November and have a vote in March to see what the people want after you have already approved the budget through the end of March and the Appropriations have already been made. I believe these people deserve an answer. What you have done her tonight makes no sense.

Jamie Grubich, McHenry, IL – My suggestion to Mr. Adams is to project the numbers for the meeting on the wall so you don't have to make copies and it cost nothing. Mr. Adams I would be happy to implement that. With 17 townships and only 2 having two bus services, why can't we have one service for the whole county? Just out of curiosity.

Mike Tauler, Wonder Lake, IL – Mr. Anderson I would like to address your social media. Since you post official township business, you need to unblock me, start another page on township talk or face a possible lawsuit.

Linda Tauler, Wonder Lake, IL – My personal opinion. Township government is supposed to be the will of the people. I did not witness this tonight. You gentleman had a chance tonight to extend the bus service for four month and give a little goodwill and no extra cost and did not. I hope you enjoy the ramifications of your actions here tonight gentleman.

Brain McCafferty, Wonder Lake, IL – I also with others is sorely disappointed in this board. Mr. Verr you have been very demining in your remarks. I don't appreciate and neither do others. Bob I know you a long time and you are a changed man, you are not the same person.

Eric - The ADA, states that any public transportations cannot be prohibited by state and local government. Mr. Anderson, Verr and Rakestraw good luck with the Attorney General.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion for adjournment at 10:30pm, made by Supervisor Adams, second by Trustee Verr.

All in favor signal by aye.

All ayes, Motion carries

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thursday, September 12, 2019 @ 7:00pm Monthly Board Meeting at McHenry Township Hall.



Daniel R .Aylward, McHenry Township Clerk.

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