

MCHENRY TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MINUTES – DEC. 12, 2019

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

**BOARD MEETING
December 12, 2019**

Clerk Aylward 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 absent), Wojewski here, Rakestraw here. Also attending the meeting was Clerk Aylward, Attorney Militello, Road Commissioner Condon, Account Manager Macrito and 19 Public. Assessor, Mary Mahady absent.

In the absence of Supervisor Adams, the Township Attorney Militello asked the Board to nominate a substitute. Motion by Anderson for Trustee Verr, second by Rakestraw

Discussion ensued - Road Commissioner Condon recommended that a senior Trustee be chosen in the absence of the Supervisor and asked to reconsider their motion.

Voice vote - Anderson aye, Rakestraw aye, Wojewski nay, Verr nay.

2 ayes, 2 nays - Motion Fails

Motion by Trustee Verr to nominate Trustee Anderson second by Trustee Rakestraw.

Voice vote - Anderson nay, Rakestraw aye, Wojewski aye, Verr aye.

3 ayes, 1 nay - Motion Carries

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Public Comment –

John Macrito - McHenry IL, - Spoke in regards to the board signing the BAO, which he wanted to point out the monies in committed funds and restricted funds for the next three years. Talked about the meeting of the Electors and that all 208 voted to transfer \$100,000.00 to keep the Senior Bus Program going,

Mike Tauler - Wonder Lake IL. - Was interested to see the reasons for all of the agenda items that really did not make sense. Seems that when the cat is away the mice will play. It seems that

this board is taking advantage of the missing board member. Very interested in the start of invocation and how it will be opened up to all faiths.

Jamie Rouse - McHenry IL. – Wanted to talk about Trust. She stated that she does not trust this board to make the best decision for the community. They have showed they cannot be trusted to do the right thing for the community by taking away the senior bus program and undermining the destruction of the township. You have abused our trust with ulterior motives. I will ask you again if you are here for the good of the township please resign.

John Sarff - McHenry IL. – Stated he believed the only reason this board wants an invocation is to trigger the people. We know your game and we will outplay you every time. Don't be surprised to the groups who want to give their invocation.

Dave Trost - McHenry IL – I find it ironic that the board member who wanted this on the agenda is the one who has done the most harm to the vulnerable people in the township.

Robert Beltran - McHenry IL. – I'm interested, why we would want to take away health benefits for elected officials when this will only harm three specific people and will only save the taxpayers pennies.

Mary Ann Piker - Johnsbury IL. – Stated her concerns with the consolidation/elimination of the township without a cost study. Asked that the board take a step back, get a study done and let the voters be educated.

Dorothea King - McHenry IL. – Gave the definition of invocation and explained she hopes that this board will appreciate the many diverse religions. The state of defense recognizes 221 faith in belief systems. Just beware of the trouble that could be had if this board does not welcome all. We have so many other important matters and costs that need to be considered.

Rhonda Sporer - McHenry IL. – Read a text from Julie Ann Thomas, She is very concerned about the elimination of Senior Services. She wanted to thank the township for the medical equipment she was able loan. She also wanted to thank the road District for the wonderful job they are doing. She stated that this board is dissolving the community not political powers.

Rhonda Sporer – McHenry, IL. – She is very concerned about the services that will be taken away, since she will be in need of them and the majority of this community are seniors.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Review of the Regular McHenry Township Board Meeting minutes on October 10, 2019 with changes. Discussion, Motion for approval of the minutes.

Trustee Rakestraw made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Wojewski.
Discussion Ensued – Trustee Verr asked what prompted the changes to the minutes and who requested them. The clerk stated that Trustee Anderson and Verr asked for the revisions.

Roll call vote – Rakestraw Aye, Anderson Aye, Wojewski Aye, Verr Nay
3 Ayes, 1 Nay – Motion Carries

B. Review of the Regular McHenry Township Board Meeting minutes held on November 20, 2019. Discussion, Motion for approval of the minutes.

Trustee Wojewski made the motion to approve the minutes, second by Rakestraw.
Discussion Ensued – None

Roll call vote – Verr Nay, Wojewski Aye, Anderson Aye, Rakestraw Aye
3 Ayes, 1 Nay – Motion Carries

C. Review of the Amended Budget and Appropriations Hearing for the Town fund held on November 20, 2019. Discussion, Motion for approval of the minutes.

Trustee Wojewski made the motion to approve the minutes, second by Verr.
Discussion Ensued – None

Roll call vote – Wojewski Aye, Anderson Aye, Rakestraw Aye, Verr Nay,
3 Ayes, 1 Nay – Motion Carries

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REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES. – None

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 Wojewski.

Total reimbursements to be approved	\$00.00
Total Bills to be approved	\$30,725.73
Total Bill paid prior to Audit	\$39,888.58
Total to be approved	\$70,614.31

Roll call vote Anderson aye, Verr aye, Wojewski aye, Rakestraw 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, Rakestraw, second by Anderson

Total reimbursements to be approved	\$00.00
Total Bills to be approved	\$46,2244.23
Total Bill paid prior to Audit	\$18,025.13
Total to be approved	\$64,269.36
Total Receipts	\$63,185.98

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

Discussion Ensued – Highway Commissioner explained APWA Invoice to Trustee Verr. Highway Commissioner explained that APWA is a group that helps communities in need during times of distress.

All ayes, 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	\$13,871.54
Total Bill paid prior to Audit	\$11,990.28
Total to be approved	\$25,861.82
Total Receipts	\$56,703.46

Roll call vote - Anderson aye, Verr aye, Wojewski aye, Rakestraw aye.

Discussion Ensued – Trustee Anderson asked Highway Commissioner about an Inv. for \$77, 062.00. Highway commissioner Condon explained this was for the payment program on Ringwood Rd.

All ayes, Motion carries

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Fund transfers (if necessary)

New Business

- A. **Review of the proposed 2019 McHenry Township Levy Ordinance # 191212-A or # 191212-B collectible in 2020.** Discussion, Possible Action.

Motion to approve – Motion to approve made by Trustee Wojewski 191212-A, second by Trustee Anderson. Motion was withdrawn

Discussion Ensued – Attorney Militello explained the differences between 191212-A and 191212-B. 191212-A is an increase of 2.8% and 191212-B is keeping the flat with no increase.

Trustee Wojewski motioned to accept 191212-B, second by Trustee Anderson

Discussion ensued – Mr. Verr asked for a 10% cut in the levy. Attorney Militello cautioned the board that they should approve the levy and make their cuts during the budget process.

Roll call vote – Verr Nay, Wojewski Aye, Anderson Aye, Rakestraw Aye
3 Ayes, 1 Nay - **Motion carries**

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- B. Discussion of starting the Monthly board meeting with invocation. Discussion, Possible Action. (Agenda item requested by Trustee, Verr)

Motion to approve Made by Verr, second by Anderson.

Discussion Ensued – All the trustees respected the thought of Trustee Verr's opinion, but didn't think this was the venue for invocation. Trustee Verr called the board members cowards.

Roll call vote - Verr Aye, Wojewski Nay, Anderson Nay, Rakestraw Nay
1 Aye, 3 Nays – Motion Fails

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- C. Discussion of Authority for elected township officials' household members'. Township – paid health and all other insurance coverages. Discussion, Possible Action for termination of same. (Agenda item requested by Trustee, Verr)

Motion to approve, made by Trustee Verr, second by Rakestraw.

Discussion Ensued – Trustee Verr stated that this was not part of the resolution. Attorney Militello explained that it is part of the resolution. That they can only effect the next term for elected officials. Trustee Wojewski stated this would only effect three people. He was corrected that it will effect four people. The board discussed putting this on the next agenda. No action was taken at this time.

Roll call vote – None

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D. Discussion of authority and funding source(s) of continued operation of the McHenry Township Senior Express bus service, after the township's resolution that the bus service was to be terminated on November 30, 2019. Discussion, Possible Action. (Agenda item requested by Trustee, Verr)

Motion to approve, made by Trustee Verr, second by Anderson.

Discussion Ensued – Trustee Verr wants to know the coverage of the insurance, and where is this funding coming from? The Trustees decided to ask a TORIMA representative to come to the January meeting.

Roll call vote – None

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E. Discussion of the adoption of written standardized format for all future McHenry Township elected officials and employee expense reimbursement. Discussion, Possible Action. (Agenda item requested by Trustee, Verr)

Trustee Verr withdrew this agenda item.

Discussion Ensued – None

Roll call vote – None

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F. Discussion of the ability and legality of absent board member has to vote by phone. Discussion, Possible Action. (Agenda item requested by Trustee, Verr)

Trustee Verr stated this was not an agenda item.

Discussion Ensued – None

Roll call vote – None

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J. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion of the approval of the McRide Intergovernmental Agreement between, the County of McHenry and McHenry Township. Discussion and Possible Action.

Motion to approve, made by Trustee Anderson, second by Verr

Discussion Ensued – Attorney Militello explained.

Roll call vote – Verr Aye, Wojewski Aye, Anderson Aye, Rakestraw Aye

All Ayes – Motion Carries

B. Discussion on Letters Trustee Anderson presented at the last board meeting for review by the supervisor. Discussion and Possible Action

Motion to approve made by Trustee Anderson, second by Verr

Discussion Ensued – Trustee Anderson stated he wanted to move on and have the letter signed and sent out.

Roll call vote – Verr Aye, Wojewski Nay, Anderson Aye, Rakestraw Aye

3 ayes, 1 Nay – Motion Carries

- C. Discussion and review of the recommendation from the Cost Study Benefit Analysis Committee. Discussion and Possible Action.

Motion to approve made by Trustee Anderson, second by Trustee Verr to continue the Investigation under the cost study of analytics, Inc.

Discussion Ensued – Trustee Anderson stated we have two options. First, we can ask that John Macrito rescind his ballot question for the March 2020 election. Second, Hire Urban Analytics to do the cost study. Highway Commissioner Condon stated that he is not in favor of Urban Analytics doing the study and will not be contributing to the cost of the study.

Roll call vote – Verr Aye, Wojewski Nay, Anderson Aye, Rakestraw Aye
3 ayes, 1 Nay – Motion Carries

Motion to form a committee to interview Urban analytics and to Make Trustee Anderson the point person, made by Trustee Verr, second by Anderson.

Discussion Ensued – The board decided to have Trustee Anderson and Verr as the committee.

Roll call Vote - Verr Aye, Wojewski Aye, Anderson Aye, Rakestraw Aye
All Ayes – Motion Carries

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Old Business

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Proposed Agenda Items for Next Meeting

1. Trustee Rakestraw asked to have Discussion and possible action on the amount charged for the bus service and who is eligible to ride.
2. Trustee Verr asked to have Discussion and possible action to the configuration of the board table and who is at this table.

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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

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EXECUTIVE SESSION –

Trustee Verr aske to have executive session, for possible criminal misconduct by an elected township official. Along with the status of the pending litigation.

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BOARD MEMBER’S COMMENT - one at this time

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Jim Condon – McHenry, IL – Pointed out that Mr. Macrito wanted this ballot question in March to focus on the local issues, Mr. Verr you can Giggle laugh and make your cat call, but that is the facts.

Mike Tauler – Wonder Lake, IL – Stated that he finds it interesting that Mr. Verr is so insistent that the minutes be up to standard of Roberts Rules, but he is consistently out of order and fails to follow Roberts Rules. Secondly, Mr. Verr, I did bring with me the documents you wanted to look at. Lastly, I was very disappointed that the invocation didn’t move forward I was looking forward to it.

John Sarff- McHenry, IL – What I saw tonight was a flashback to when I was at school and the kids were given a test. What they said was where is this information, why didn’t I get this, what is going on? You are a prime example of how men over 50 you all act like fifteen year olds. By the way, when Mr. Anderson talks about having this ballot question on the November election because more people vote, maybe we should move the township election to November’s presidential election so that way you will not get voted back in.

Robert Beltran – McHenry, IL – I am not sure what you are going into executive session for other than stated criminal charges, but I suggest you consult with the attorney, I am not sure this falls into what is allowed.

Linda Tauler – Wonder Lake, IL - The study only became important once you thought you could get what you want in the November election. I find people outsmarting each other funny. I would be fine with you moving public comment before executive session if you would guarantee that no other discussion about township other than closing the meeting would happen. Do not use it as a way to hide from our response. Whom are you going to play god kings with once the township is through with you? “Sad little Kings on sad little hills”. Mr. Verr I am still waiting for proof that you care about anything that doesn’t benefit you directly.

David Trost – McHenry, IL - I wanted to second the thoughts that Mr. Condon stated. People think during a primary people pay more attention to the local issues that in the general election.

Jamie Rouse – McHenry, IL – Thank you for doing your job tonight in passing a levy. Just an FYI Iowa has 1599 townships; they are just classified differently and not recognized as a township. When the road district was to be eliminated, you didn't care about a study, so then you asked to abolish the township you just wanted it put on the ballot, you stated there was no time for a study, did you ask for a study no? Your first step should have been to ask for study and not put it on the ballot, so don't try to blackmail us with a 50,000 study to make us push back to the November election when voters don't know what is going on. We see you, we know what is going and don't think we don't have a plan about it.

John Macrito – McHenry, IL – I would like to make a correction. Steve you said we wanted the ballot in March to get democrats vote. I have been a republican all my life; I am the Vice president of the McHenry township republican committee. You would know that if you came to a meeting. No reason why we cannot do the study in house. I was able to get all the information on every person in the county, at no cost. There is no reason to spend 50,000.

Mike Guy – McHenry, IL – Seating at these meetings the last couple of months as a taxpayer, I am disgusted with this board; it is so dysfunctional you all should be embarrassed. Most of you don't deserve the title of Trustees. I cannot wait until the next election. Mr. Verr as a Republican I am offended that you are making the senior busses and the dissolution of the township a political issue; you should be ashamed of yourself.

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ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion for adjournment to executive session made by Trustee Verr, second by Wojewski at 9:38pm.

All in favor signal by aye.

All ayes, **Motion carries**

Motion to resume at 10:19pm by Trustee Wojewski, second by Anderson.

All in Favor – **Motion carries**

Motion for adjournment at Wojewski at 10:21pm, second by Anderson

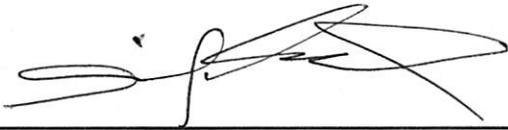
All in favor signal by aye.

All ayes, **Motion Carries**

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thursday, January 9, 2020 @ 7:00pm Monthly Board Meeting at McHenry Township Hall.

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Daniel R .Aylward, McHenry Township Clerk.

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