

MCHENRY TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MINUTES – June 13, 2019

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

BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
June 13, 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, Assessor Mary Mahady, Account Manager Macrito and 26 Public.. Absent Road Commissioner Jim Condon.

**Trustee Anderson asked Supervisor Adams to comment on the agenda. Granted**

Trustee Anderson stated he was disappointed and that he thought that there was to be discussion and possible action on the Senior Bus Program.

Trustee Anderson then asked for a special meeting concerning the Senior Bus Program, he asked Attorney Militello if the language was ok.

Attorney Militello recommended him to give a copy of the request to the Clerk for said request.

**Motion by Trustee Anderson** for a special meeting, second by Trustee Verr. Special Meeting set for Tuesday at 7:00pm June 18, 2019.

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**PRESENTATION** internet freedom for Mchenry County by Mike Tauler.

Mike introduced himself as advocate for the McHenry Township area. Mr. Tauler went into detail of how McHenry County is way behind in the digital age for infrastructure. This is important for today and the future.

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**Public Comment** –.

**Carol Perschke of McHenry, IL** – Asked the Trustees to “think of what the seniors need not what you want.” This senior bus service is a lifeline for most. The bus program should be asked of the electors and let them decide if the bus service should be kept or eliminated.

**Beverly Meuch of Wonder Lake IL.** – Spoke in favor of the Senior Bus Program. Stated that this senior bus provides services that no other bus service provides in the county.

**Judy Anderson of McHenry IL.** – Had concerns about a marijuana farm in Pistakee Highlands and asked that the township look into this matter.

**David Gutowski of Woodstock, IL** - He spoke in regards to the impact of Fiber Optics to the senior population.. He also was concerned about anti senior agenda in McHenry and said the seniors bus program is critical for the seniors and “they should not be shit on. “

**Robert Beltran of McHenry, IL** – I am very dismayed that I need to make these comments and that a special meeting is being called in regards to the elimination of the senior bus program.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A.) . Review of the Regular Mchenry Township Board Meeting Minutes held last month on May 9, 2019 Discussion, Motion to approval of minutes.**

**Discussion ensued**

**Motion to approve** by Trustee Anderson, second by Trustee Rakestraw.

All ayes, one nays

**Motion carries**

**B.) Review of Budget Workshop meeting minutes held on May 6, 2019. Discussion, Motion for approval of minutes.**

**Motion to approve** by Trustee Anderson, second by Rakestraw.

All ayes, no nays

**Motion carries**

**C.) Review of Budget Workshop minutes held on May 13, 2019. Discussion, Motion for approval of minutes**

**Motion to approve** by Supervisor Adams, Second by Trustee Anderson,

All ayes, no nays

**Motion carries**

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**Review of Executive Session Minutes -**

**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	\$296.36
Total Bills to be approved	\$59,094.62
Total Bill paid prior to Audit	\$39,936.47
Total to be approved	\$99,327.45
Total Receipts	\$21,719.34

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

**Discussion Ensued**

**All ayes, Motion carries**

**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	\$632.80
Total Bills to be approved	\$87,266.80
Total Bill paid prior to Audit	\$12,081.33
Total to be approved	\$99,980.93
Total Receipts	\$19,563.08

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

**Discussion Ensued**

**All ayes, Motion carries**

**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 Trustee Rakestraw.

Total reimbursements to be approved	\$00.00
Total Bills to be approved	\$151,900.88
Total Bill paid prior to Audit	\$16,635.16
Total to be approved	\$168,536.04
Total Receipts	\$19,082.56

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

**Discussion Ensued**

**All ayes, Motion carries**

**Fund transfers** (if necessary)

**New Business**

**A.) Discussion on the Mchenry Township Senior Bus Program and its future**

Supervisor Adams stated that he gave some incorrect information at the last meeting. Pace will pick up seniors only through McRide if the Township is affiliated with McRide program. If the general public wants to be picked the city and villages would need to be associated with the McRide Program. Supervisor Adams asked for further discussion and Trustee Anderson said he would have no comment until the special meeting. Supervisor Adams asked the board to be open and transparent to put this question out to the voters on a referendum to see if they want to fund the program. Trustee Wojewski stated that when this board ran for office we went to a senior luncheon and promised the seniors we were not after them or their services. He stated he wanted to remind this board of that promise. Trustee Verr asked Supervisor Adams if McRide was in existence when the bus program started which he stated no and when the Sunday service will end. Supervisor Adams stated the end of June. Trustee Anderson asked if the referendum to get the bus program. Supervisor Adams explained this was started through a senior advisory committee and then was brought to an annual meeting, to the best of his recollection. Trustee Anderson said his point is that this board has the right to take away a service just as well as it has the right to give a service and does not have to go to referendum. This board has a different idea of what services are necessary.

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## Old Business

None

## Proposed Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Trustee Anderson asked that we have on the next agenda the discussion and possible action to remove or change the public comment.

Trustee Verr asked that we have on the next agenda the discussion and possible action for a resolution that the township may not enter into a contract without board approval.

Trustee Anderson asked for Executive session at the next meeting to discuss Road District Personnel.

Supervisor Adams stated that Jessup MFG. wants to add addition to add more jobs and are asking all tax bodies for tax relief for approx. five years. This will be added to the next meeting agenda for discussion and possible action.

Trustee Verr asked that Attorney Militello look into the marijuana farm in the highlands so it can be discussed at the next meeting.

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## SUPERVISOR'S REPORT – Discussion ensued

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

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## ASSESSOR'S REPORT – Discussion Ensued

See packet

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## HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

- See packet

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## BOARD MEMBER'S COMMENT - None

## PUBLIC COMMENT –

**Bill Kingman of McHenry, IL** – I would ask the board to open their hearts to the needs of the community. I do not see this board being open to what the people want and need and your elected duty to serve the community.

**Mike Tauler of Wonder Lake, IL** – The importance of public comment at the beginning and ending is paramount. It gives immediate feedback on what is on the agenda and what was discussed during the meeting. This is a unique opportunity to address the governing body that is here to represent the people. In addition, I would ask that Mr. Verr apologize for throwing things during the discussion, I find it inappropriate and throwing a temper tantrum.

**Robert Beltran of McHenry, IL** - This board asked to have the follow up comments to see what the public had to say. I find this very useful; I believe that this should be kept. If this board does not want to hear, what the community has to say then vote to get rid of it. Secondly, I would ask that we are careful and not panic in regards to the assumed cannabis farm.

**Carol Perschke of McHenry, IL** – I object that the second public comments be taken off in conjunction with the special meeting being called to discuss the senior bus program. It appears that instead of being transparent it seems you are trying to hide. For the sake of transparency, leave everything open. I also stress the importance of the senior bus.

**Dan Aylward of McHenry, IL** – I want to thank Mr. Verr for making me a prophet. I predicted because of my support for the senior bus you would pick apart the minutes. You claim you do not have enough time of 48hrs to go over the minutes, but when you come in an hour before the meeting when you have 48hrs it's your fault you do not have enough time.

**Andy Glab of McHenry, IL** – I would like to say that the City of McHenry has public comment on each agenda item and the feedback from the community has been good. Secondly, I would like to point out I do not use the bus service but I know many seniors who do. There is more than the surface to look at. I pay for schools and have no children or grandchildren; we need to look at what is needed in the community. Sure, we can save 8 dollars, but we need to look at the bigger picture no matter what percentage of the community is in need of the service. We need to support the community as a whole.

**Mary Mahady of McHenry, IL** – Regarding the public comment, the city's format works very well. Tonight this board shut these people down and you scheduled a special meeting when it was on the agenda to discuss. You have refused to hear the public and have no transparency, another feather in your cap. As for the bus service, it cost taxpayers \$10 a parcel. This service is needed and should not be cut. This is a public service job and we should not be cutting service that are need.

**Dorothy King of McHenry., IL** – When I found out that the bus service was not going to be discussed I was embarrassed and humiliated. I put out a big notice that this was going to be discussed tonight. I do not understand how the can be put on the agenda and published and then not be discussed. I will not have to go back and tell my neighbors sorry, sorry they refused to discuss and will discuss on Tuesday.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Supervisor Adams call a recess to go into executive session at 8:26pm to discuss to sale of property. ILCS-120/2 section C6

Supervisor motioned to reconvene the regular meeting at 8:43pm

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion for adjournment at 8:44pm, made by Trustee Rakestraw, second by Trustee Anderson.

**All in favor signal by aye.**

**All ayes, Motion carries**

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**July 11, 2019 @ 7:00pm Regular Board Meeting, McHenry Township Hall**



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Daniel R. Aylward, McHenry Township Clerk.

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