

**MCHENRY TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MINUTES May 10, 2018**

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

**BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES,  
May 10, 2018**

**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, Cunningham here, Adams here, Rakestraw here, Wojewski here  
Also attending the meeting was Clerk Aylward, Assessor Mahady, Attorney Militello,  
(Road Commissioner Condon absent) , Administrator Macrito and 21 Public.

**Public Comment**

**Jamie Grubich of 3214 golf view, McHenry**

Spoke about Illinois being the second highest tax in the Country with too many units of government. She stated Illinois has 6,969 units of government which is twice the units in Texas in which has twice the population of Illinois. She stated she is for consolation and salaries reductions.

**Steve Verr - 4911 Flanders McHenry IL.**

Spoke of the high taxes and the salaries cuts for the next term of elected officials. He compared them to other counties, he asked the board to cut the salaries. He stated that people are being taxed out of their homes and cannot sell their homes because of the high taxes.

**Anthony Gurske - 814 South Dr. Mchenry IL.**

Spoke in support of the salaries of the elected officials. He also stated the county would cost more and not do as good of a job. We will be paying someone to do the job and it won't be for less.

**Darius Draper -7125 Barnard Mill Rd. Wonder Lake IL.**

Said that it is important to point out that Illinois is a failed state with over 6,500 employees making over \$100,000. He stated he wanted to thank Mr. Anderson and the other Trustees for exposing our local officials.

**Mary Mahady - 207 N Creekside Trail McHenry IL.**

**Spoke in regards of agenda item # 10 about elected official salaries, which Trustee Anderson had previously announced publicly. She stated that the trustees have no idea of what is done by the assessor. She stated that the assessor is the only position that has to be certified. This position in this township is fulltime and sometimes more than 40 hours a week. She asked for the board to reconsider when they vote on # 10 of the agenda and prove her wrong that this was not predetermined and there will be actual discussion and facts provided.**

**Eric Floden - 2038 Kennedy Dr. McHenry IL.**

**He has lived in the Township for 15 years talked about what the job and the duties are and how Mary Mahady set a goal to visit all 25,000 properties in the township. This is not a part time job. When you have someone who doesn't know how to fight for fairness in property assessments and fight the big box corporations, who would like more exemptions who is going to pay, you the taxpayer remember that.**

**Judith Gotlieb - 2814 Regner Rd. McHenry**

**Stated she would like to make a change to the minutes, she clarified what she intended to say, was deed restrictions on the outlying park properties. Secondly, of the salaries that if there were none it would save \$26.00 on her tax bill, and if you go after these full time officials salaries, you will get part time officials.**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A.) Regular McHenry Township Board Meeting minutes held on April 12, 2018.**

**Discussion, motion for approval of minutes.**

Motion by Trustee Rakestraw, Second by Wojewski

Voice Vote: Anderson aye, Cunningham aye, Rakestraw aye, Wojewski aye, Adams aye

All Ayes 0 Nays - **Motion Carries**

**B.) McHenry Township Special Board minutes held on April 16, 2018.**

**Discussion, motion for approval of minutes.**

Motion to approve with corrections by Trustee Rakestraw, seconded by Anderson

Voice vote Anderson aye, Cunningham absent, Wojewski absent, Rakestraw aye

Adams aye

3 ayes, 0 nays - **Motion carries**

**Review of Executive Session Minutes - none taken**

**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	\$ 140.95	
Total Bills to be approved	\$73,485.75	
Total Bill paid prior to Audit	\$ 43,235.84	
Total to be approved	\$116,862.54	
Total Receipts	\$ 10,303.60	

**Voice Vote** Anderson aye, Cunningham aye, Adams aye, Rakestraw aye, Wojewski aye

All aye's - **Motion carries**

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

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

Total reimbursements to be approved	\$1,036.82	
Total Bills to be approved	\$91,105.28	
Total Bill paid prior to Audit	\$14,131.22	
Total to be approved	\$106,273.32	
Total Receipts	\$12,758.45	

**Voice Vote** Anderson aye, Cunningham aye, Adams aye, Rakestraw aye Wojewski aye

All aye's - **Motion carries**

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

Trustee Wojewski Motioned to approve the receipts and pay the bills of the Permanent Hard Road Fund, second by Trustee Rakestraw

Total reimbursements to be approved	\$ 00.00	None
Total Bills to be approved	\$41,939.41	
Total Bill paid prior to Audit	\$22,404.76	
Total to be approved	\$64,344.17	
Total Receipts	\$2820.26	

**Voice Vote** Anderson aye, Cunningham aye, Adams aye, Rakestraw aye, Wojewski aye

All aye's - **Motion carries**

**Fund transfers** (if necessary)

There are no fund transfers at this time.

**New Business**

**A.) HEALTH INSURANCE PRESENTATION**

Mr. Adam M. Lensten, Resource Insurance Advisors, Inc. Broker for McHenry Township. Review of Health Insurance Bids. Discussion. Motion to approve of Health insurance Carrier for June 1, 2018 through May 31 2019 for McHenry Township and Mchenry Township Road District. Possible Action.

**Discussion ensued** - Anderson asked that in the future that the Board have more time with information to view before Board Meeting and to have a committee make a recommendation for renewals.

**Motion to approve** - Trustee Anderson, second by Cunningham

**Voice vote:** Anderson aye, Cunningham aye, Wojewski aye, Rakestraw aye, Adams aye.

All ayes - **Motion carries**

**B.) Discussion as to a timeline to conduct a cost study regarding elimination/consolidation of the McHenry Township Road District and the financial effect that it would have on McHenry Township Taxpayers as requested by the electorate at the April 2018 Annual Meeting. Motion to go out to bid for such a cost study. Possible Action.**

**Discussion ensued**

Motion for bid on cost study made by Supervisor Adams, no second

**Motion Fails**

**C.) Review of Motor Fuel Tax Fund for Mchenry Township Road District for use by non-dedicated subdivision roads. Motion for Approval, Possible Action.**

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

**Voice Vote:** Adams aye, Rakestraw aye, Wojewski aye, Cunningham aye, Anderson aye.

All ayes - **Motion carries**

### **Old Business**

**A. Discussion on the Elected Officials salaries and benefits beginning after the next Mchenry Township General Election in November 2021 Possible Action.**

Supervisor Adams handed out to the Trustees a comparison of other pay for comparable Jobs.

Discussion ensued

Motion by Trustee Anderson on salaries as stated.

Supervisor	\$ 45,000.00
Supervisor as Road District Treasurer	\$ 100.00
Highway Commissioner	\$ 45,000.00
Assessor	\$ 35,000.00
Clerk	\$ 10,000.00

Assessor Mary Mahady corrected numbers that Anderson reported and that he was comparing part time jobs to full time jobs.

Trustee Rakestraw commented, 10 years ago the Real Estate had dropped 50% to 60% but the cost did not, agreed that the Assessor's salaries should be the same as the Supervisor's salary of \$45,000.00.

Motion by Rakestraw to amend the stated salaries to reflect Assessor increase, second by Anderson.

Supervisor	\$ 45,000.00
Supervisor as Road District Treasurer	\$ 100.00
Highway Commissioner	\$ 45,000.00
Assessor	\$ 45,000.00
Clerk	\$ 10,000.00

**Voice Vote:** Adams nay, Anderson aye, Cunningham aye, Rakestraw aye, Wojewski aye.

4 ayes, 1 nay - **Motion carries**

**Proposed Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

A.) Trustee Anderson asked to have added to the next meeting’s agenda, to discuss drafting a letter to send to Governor Rauner’s office in support of bill HB 4637 to eliminate road district.

No motion made by Trustee Anderson no vote at this time.

B.) Trustee Rakestraw asked to have added to the agenda to discuss the consolidation of surrounding townships and send a letter to them in regards to consolidation with possible action.

Also noted Trustee Anderson stated that he would be returning his laptop to the clerk and would like a receipt, he will continue to use the website.

**Supervisor’s Report** See attached

**Assessor’s Report** See attached

**Highway Commissioner’s Report** See attached

Discussion Ensued in regards to the drainage project in Pistakee Highlands. All board members agreed that the High Commissioner should proceed as planned. Supervisor Adams stated he would let Mr. Condon know they are all for him to proceed.

**Executive Session** (if necessary)

**BOARD MEMBERS COMMENT-**

None at this time

**PUBLIC COMMENT-**

Robert Beltran – 2814 Regner Rd. McHenry, IL – Stated he probably should have spoken earlier. He addressed the board stating if you want competent people doing these important jobs you need to compensate them to get quality people. You can't expect to pay them at a fraction of what is being paid. If these jobs are so overpaid why are there not more people running for them. I see none of you trustees ran for these offices and the pay is much more than a trustee. As the saying goes you get what you pay for.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn** - at 9:05pm made by Trustee Rakestraw, second by Anderson.  
All in Favor 5 ayes, 0 Nays – **Motion carries**

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

May 23rd through May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – “The Wall That Heals “will be on display at the township with ongoing events each day.

**Next meetings:**

June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:00pm – McHenry Township Hall – Town Budget

June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:15pm – McHenry Township Hall – General Road and Bridge Budget

June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30pm – McHenry Township Hall – Permanent Hard Road Budget

June 14, 2018 at 7:00 pm – McHenry Township Hall – Monthly Meeting



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Daniel R .Aylward, McHenry Township Clerk.

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