

MCHENRY TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MINUTES – May 9, 2019

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

BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
May 9, 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, Rakestraw here, Adams here, Wojewski here, Verr here.  
Also attending the meeting was Clerk Aylward, Attorney Militello, Assessor Mary Mahady, Road Commissioner Condon absent, Account Manager Macrito and 16 Public.

**Presentation of the Whispering Hills Community Center, Temporary Homeless Shelter –**

Supervisor Adams asked Katherine Violet the chair of the Continuum of Care to come up to speak. Katherine Violet read a letter that submitted by the CoC to our board thanking McHenry Township for stepping up and addressing the emergency need during the Polar Vortex. Supervisor Adams recognized the volunteers and donors in the community that gave their time during the 2019 Polar Vortex. Supervisor Adams explained what had transpired during the week of January 25 through February 2, 2019. It was brought to Supervisor Adams attention by Debbie Macrito through a phone call she had received from Sue Rose of the McHenry County Housing Authority, inquiring about any places that homeless could go who were not able to use other sites. Supervisor Adams stated that we could open up the Whispering Hills Community Center and the 24/7 shelter came to life by the end of day on Friday January 25. Supervisor Adams gave out certificates of appreciation to those in the audience who had given their time. This could not have been successful without the help of the community at large. Trustee Rakestraw wanted to say thank you to Sue Rose and Debbie Macrito and the volunteers for stepping up and helping those in need within the community it probably saved lives.

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**Public Comment –**

**Dorthea King** – McHenry, IL – Stated how brilliant and informative the Newsletter was that she received. Due to the cuts, she did not know about this year's annual meeting and not sure what other events she has missed by not having this information. She really hopes that they bring the newsletter back.

**Robert Beltran** – McHenry, IL – He stated he has concerns on two issues on the agenda. Setting up a 501C3 for friends of the park. Great idea but concerned on the advertising. Concerns on IGA resolutions for the road district. He believes that this could become a legal battle.

**Mike Tauler** – Wonder Lake, IL – He stated that the board has no right to say what IGA's the Road Districts participates in. according the attorney general opinion S1083 May 12, 1976. The only control the board has is the Road District budget.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Review of the regular Mchenry Township Board Meeting Minutes held last month on April 11, 2019, Discussion, and Motion for approval of minutes.**

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

All ayes, no nays

**Motion carries**

**Review of Budget Workshop meeting minutes held on April 8, 2019. Discussion, Motion for approval of minutes.**

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

All ayes, no nays

**Motion carries**

**Review of Budget Workshop minutes held on April 9, 2019. Discussion, Motion for approval of minutes**

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

All ayes, no nays

**Motion carries**

**Review of Budget Workshop minutes held on April 29, 2019. Discussion, Motion for approval of minutes**

**Discussion Ensued** – In regards to leaving the comment in between Assessor Mahady and Trustee Verr. The board voted by voice vote, Adams nay, Anderson aye, Rakestraw aye, Wojewski nay, Verr aye.

**2 nay, 3 ayes**

**Motion carries** – To leave in the comment.

Motion for approval of B,C,and D minutes, made by Trustee Anderson second by Rakestraw.

**All ayes, no nays**

**Motion carries.**

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**Review of Executive Session Minutes** – Supervisor Adams asked that we move this to the end of the meeting.

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**Motion for approval of receipts and bills for the Town Fund**

**Discussion Ensued** - 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	\$51,681.76
Total Bill paid prior to Audit	\$33,833.25
Total to be approved	\$85,515.01
Total Receipts	\$10,660.00

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

**All ayes, Motion carries**

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

**Discussion Ensued** - Trustee Wojewski Motion to approve receipts and pay bills of the General Road and Bridge Fund, second by Anderson.

Total reimbursements to be approved	\$00.00
Total Bills to be approved	\$175,719.27
Total Bill paid prior to Audit	\$15,796.41
Total to be approved	\$191,515.68
Total Receipts	\$15,401.35

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

**All ayes, Motion carries**

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

**Discussion Ensued** - Trustee Verr Motion to approve receipts and pay bills of the Permanent Hard Road Fund, second by Trustee Anderson

Total reimbursements to be approved	\$00.00
Total Bills to be approved	\$85,131.19
Total Bill paid prior to Audit	\$15,616.52
Total to be approved	\$100,747.71
Total Receipts	\$6,921.11

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

**All ayes, Motion carries**

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**Fund transfers** (if necessary)

### New Business

Review of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Mchenry Township Road District for use of non-dedicated subdivision roads. Motion for approval. Possible action.

Discussion Ensued -

Motion to approve made by trustee Anderson, Second by Supervisor Adams

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

5 Ayes, 0 nays - Motion carries.

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Discussion on selling advertising for Mchenry Township Athletic Fields to help pay for upkeep of fields. Discussion of the formation of Friends of Mchenry Township Parks, a 501(3)C organization to sell advertising provide advisory committee to Mchenry Township Parks, Provide donations to the Mchenry Township parks to defray expenses. Possible Action.

Discussion Ensued – Supervisor asked for permission from the board to go ahead and approach other organizations in regards to doing a 501C3.

Voice vote – all ayes

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Discussion on the drafting of a resolution that requires Mchenry Township Board approval for all intergovernmental agreements by the Township and the Road District. Possible Action.

Discussion Ensued – Supervisor Adams explained that all town IGA already have to be approved by the board. Attorney Militello explained that the Highway Commissioner does not need board approval.

No Action needed.

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Discussion of McHenry Township applying for McHenry County 2020 Senior Services Grant Funding for the McHenry Township Senior Express Transportation Program Letter of intent due by Thursday, June 6, 2019 @ 4:00pm Grant would run from Dec. 1, 2019 to Nov. 30, 2020. Funding request would be for \$20,000.00. Possible Action.

Motion made by Trustee Wojewski, second by Rakestraw, with the wording added to the grant application that the township has a right to refuse grant if no program is running.

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

5 Ayes, 0 nays - Motion carries.

Discussion of McHenry Township applying for the Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging FY 2020 Grant application for Mchenry Township Senior Express Transportation Program Monies. Then Grant requested would be for \$30,000.00 (this is Federal Transportation Dollars.) The grant time would be 10/01/2019 through 9/30/2020. Grant Application is due May14, 2019 by 4:30pm. Possible action.

Motion made by Trustee Wojewski, second by Rakestraw, with the wording added to the grant application that the township has a right to refuse grant if no program is running.

Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Adams aye, Trustee Wojewski aye, Verr aye, Rakestraw aye, Anderson ayes.

5 Ayes, 0 nays - Motion carries.

Discussion Ensued – The attorney suggested that wording be added to the grant that if the Senior Bus Program ends the Township has the right to refuse the awarded grant.

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### Old Business

Discussion Ensued on the Senior Bus program.

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### Proposed Agenda Items for Next Meeting

None at this time.

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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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BOARD MEMBER'S COMMENT - Trustee Anderson stated that there only needs to have one public comment.

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## PUBLIC COMMENT –

**Robert Beltran – McHenry, IL** – Stated that this board decided that it would be useful to have public comment before and after the meeting to get feedback to the board from the electors. Told a story of how increasing the fare of the transportation service does make a difference to the riders and my limit how some may get to work and contribute to the community. In addition, if the Bus Service is discontinued it will have an impact down the road for all.

**John Macrito – McHenry, IL** – Stated that being on the former park advisory committee; they were unable to do the advertising. You should eliminate township people from maintaining the park and let this group maintain the fields.

**Mary Mahady – McHenry, IL** – Stated that at the April 29<sup>th</sup> budget workshop Trustee Verr made disparaging remarks about her staff that had nothing to do with the budget meeting and since the board has voted to keep the incorrect accusations in the official minutes she would request that Mr. Verr make a public apology to her staff, so that may also be on official record.

**Steve Verr – McHenry, IL** – I would requested that Mary Mahady to apologize to my wife for what her staff said and did. Whether this was some type of intimidation on her part to grant more money to the assessor's office to layoff, I find this very intriguing. She has never said she talked to her people. She confronted me and said we were idiots. She referred to the board members as "idiots" and left the budget workshop. She confronted me in the Hallway and said her people did not talk to anyone at the residence. Did she even bother to talk to the so-called employee's, no. Therefore, if there were an apology to be made, it is from her office. Every taxpayer has a right to be treated fairly and with dignity from her staff. As many comments that were made, to my

wife by two employees, there is something very wrong with that picture. It is disgusting that a public official throws away all decorum to call every board member an idiot. I think an apology should be made Mary.

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### EXECUTIVE SESSION –

Motion to move to executive session at 8:55pm made by Trustee Rakestraw, second by Anderson.

All in favor signal by aye.

All Ayes, Motion carries

Motion to reconvene at 10:00pm made by Trustee Anderson.

Supervisor Adams explained the Executive Session was in regards to Business Matters 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5). Apologized for not stating before.

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### ADJOURNMENT

Motion for adjournment at 10:05pm, made by Trustee Rakestraw, second by Anderson.

All in favor signal by aye.

All ayes, Motion carries

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Daniel R .Aylward, McHenry Township Clerk.

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