

MCHENRY TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MINUTES – NOV. 20, 2019

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

**BOARD MEETING
NOV. 20, 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. In addition, attending the meeting was Clerk Aylward, Attorney Militello, Road Commissioner Condon, Account Manager Macrito and 15 Public. Assessor Mary Mahady absent.

Public Comment –

Linda Tauler - Wonder Lake IL. – Expressed her disappointment in the board’s actions and mannerisms. You have only shown that you are out to prove Townships don’t work and all have you have shown is that you don’t work. I ask are going to make a decision to be a hero, a footnote, or a stain in this township.

Jamie Rous - McHenry IL. – Spoke in regards to the McRide IGA on the agenda and was interested in hearing constructive discussion. She then spoke in regards to a letter in the herald on November 9th stating cronyism once again in came to light with the McHenry Township Road Commissioner, and explained that they did not understand the meaning of cronyisms . Our Road Commissioner is a professional engineer and voted into office. An Example of cronyism would be say an appointed Trustee without consideration of all applicants after losing in the prior election but his friends all won. The article also stated the fervourless lawsuit that questions the constitutionality of the law for only in McHenry County. In the last meeting, the Township lawyer stated is was not a political conflict. Township code already gave residents the ability to dissolve or consolidate. Why create a new law for just McHenry County. Let us be forward thinkers and find a way to keep our services and lower our taxes.

Julie Thomas - Wonder Lake IL. – As a bus rider who also uses Pace. While using the Pace bus recently I was amazed to find out the misinformation that is being put out into the public. While talking to people who were misinformed I was able to correct the information, since I attend the meetings and knew what is really going on. I also found out that the one bus that goes to McHenry, Crystal Lake to Fox Lake is looking to be stopped. The one bus we could use. How

is Pace going to be good for us while losing the township bus, when no one really truly knows the facts of what is going on, just wondering.

Steve Verr – Wonder Lake, IL – I would like to answer your question, Mr. Adams did terminate the Sunday bus without the board's approval, so don't put all on the three board members who are looking out for the taxpayers for running a duplicate program. In case you haven't noticed, a lot of people are being taxed out of their homes in McHenry County I worry about those people. So there are two sides to the argument, it is not all one-sided. To hear some of the disgusting comments in public comment, like that we don't care from these ultra-leftists who are upset about the last presidential election are upset about the last township election. That's what it amounts to.

Jim Condon – McHenry, IL – Mr. Verr you mentioned people being taxed out of their homes. Let me remind the portion of the tax goes to the township, also that we have kept our levy flat and cut it by 10% for many years. If you look at the tax bill you would see that county is much higher and that their staff would be unable to do our job cheaper. When you talk in circles like that, you are dead wrong. Secondly, your comment about ultra-leftist I am not an ultra-leftist and have been a republican my whole life and quite frankly I'm not upset about the presidential election I'm just disappointed to know that you are dead wrong and not open-minded.

Mike Tauler – Wonder Lake, IL – Mr. Verr I would also like to address your ultra-leftist comments. Mr. Verr would care to read what is on my shoulder. What does that say? "Don't Tread on Me, Liberty or Death." Does that sound like the motto of an ultra-leftist? Mr. Verr asked if Mr. Tauler was in charge of Our Revolution McHenry. Mr. Tauler said yes I am. Mr. Verr stated that is completely a Soros back front. Mr. Tauler I would like to see that proof since I have never seen any of Soros' money. I have not seen any money from anywhere or anyone other than what we have raised ourselves. Mr. Tauler offered Mr. Verr to come look at his books at any time and show him where there is Soros money. Mr. Verr said it is a Soros front, Mr. Tauler doesn't that usually come with money, Mr. Verr you bet it does. Mr. Tauler we have zero dollars. Mr. Verr I would like to see the books. Mr. Tauler I would be happy to show you. Mr. Verr bring them next meeting. Mr. Tauler I will, unlike you, I know how to do read the books and numbers; you didn't even seem able to follow a simple budget. If you want to sling stones and arrows, you started this don't forget that.

Dorthea King, McHenry, IL – On Veterans Day weekend which was a holiday, our McHenry Township road district was out laying pipe and doing work to help keep the road clear and safe. All of the neighbors were impressed that McHenry Township was doing this work, knowing that the county would never have done this. I am very proud of all of the McHenry Township Road District. I also wanted to thank the VFW for the wonderful service on Veterans Day to honor the Veterans, which has not been done in over 50 years. Thank you.

Rhonda Sporer, McHenry, IL – I am so angry at you (Mr. Verr). We are trying to save the township and the township buses it is non-partisan. There are republicans, democrats, Our Revolution and for you to accuse us of being radicals, leftist or even mention our president, you are dead wrong. We are trying to keep the township and the senior buses, because that is what we think is right. So, if you think that by us stating our opinions is somehow this revolution and we are trying to overthrow the government you're nuts. I'm so mad at you for thinking we are trying to get rid of Trump or the Republicans. That's not true, you are just slandering our group and you should be ashamed.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Review of the Regular McHenry Township Board Meeting last month, held on October 10, 2019.

Motion to table the minutes with changes requested made by Trustee Verr, second Trustee Anderson.

All Ayes - Motion carries

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 Rakestraw.

Total reimbursements to be approved	\$00.00
Total Bills to be approved	\$21,894.63
Total Bill paid prior to Audit	\$43,593.09
Total to be approved	\$65,587.72
Total Receipts	\$16,873.05

Discussion Ensued

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

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, second by Anderson

Total reimbursements to be approved	\$00.00
Total Bills to be approved	\$57,871.72
Total Bill paid prior to Audit	\$18,155.60
Total to be approved	\$76,027.32
Total Receipts	\$22,909.97

Discussion Ensued

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

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 Anderson.

Total reimbursements to be approved	\$00.00
Total Bills to be approved	\$350,672.89
Total Bill paid prior to Audit	\$10,753.53
Total to be approved	\$361,426.42
Total Receipts	\$11,409.36

Discussion Ensued - None

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

All ayes, Motion carries

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Fund transfers (if necessary)

New Business

A. Review of Intergovernmental Agreement for McRide between, the County of McHenry and McHenry Township. Discussion, Motion for Approval.

Motion to approve made by Trustee Anderson, Second by supervisor Adams

Discussion ensued – Trustee Verr asked to have article A added along with entire contract. In addition, to have the 3600.00 for the call center taken out.

Motion by Supervisor Adams to table until the next meeting, Second by Anderson.

All in Favor aye – Motion carries

B. Review of the proposed 2019 McHenry Township Levy Ordinance # 192011, collectable in 2020. Discussion, Possible Action.

Discussion Ensued – Supervisor explained his reason for the increase in the levy and how the levy has been kept flat for nine years along with an abatement, while spending down the fund balance. The attorney explained the budget and Levy process.

Motion to table Levy Ordinance # 192011 to the December 12, 2019 board meeting by Trustee Anderson, second by Trustee Verr.

Roll Call Vote – Anderson Aye, Rakestraw Aye, Adams aye, Wojewski aye, Verr aye.

Motion carries

C. Review of the proposed 2019 McHenry Township Road District, Road and Bridge Fund and Permanent Hard Road Fund Levy Ordinance # 112019, collectable in 2020. Discussion, Possible Action.

Discussion Ensued – Highway Commissioner Jim Condon explained they are keeping the levy flat at this time.

Motion to approve Levy Ordinance # 112019 by Rakestraw, second by Wojewski.

Roll Call Vote – Anderson aye, Rakestraw aye, Adams aye, Wojewski aye, Verr nay
4 Aye's, 1 Nay – Motion carries

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Trustee Anderson has drafted a few letters to Senator Craig Wilcox and State Representative Steve Reick and would like the board to consider sending letters in regards to the electors having the ability override the board's actions by a simple majority. Townships are the only government that has to follow the directives of the electors. Would like to change the powers of the electors at an annual meeting or a special annual meeting. Mr. Condon stated that the other side to this matter is that it is a check that no other government has to keep the elected officials in check. This is just another side to look at while considering these types of changes.

Supervisor Adams stated he would look over the letter and bring it to the next board to see if the board would like to send it out.

Trustee Anderson presented a second letter looking for support from the board and the Highway Commissioner, stating that he would like to change HB348 to apply to all 82 counties in the state of Illinois to have the same ability to consolidate as McHenry County currently has. Trustee Anderson asked Highway Commissioner to ask the Nunda Township Highway Commissioner if he would be willing to sign the letter also. Supervisor Adams will look over the letter and bring it to the next meeting.

Trustee Verr asked that we begin every monthly meeting with an invocation. Supervisor Adams will add to the agenda for December's meeting.

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Old Business

Report by Supervisor Adams on the progress of the Cost Benefit Analysis Study and to where RFP's were e-mailed directly.

Supervisor Adams stated that six different Universities were sent the RFP's. In addition, Next Monday is the deadline and then he will call for a meeting.

Attorney Militello went over the Insurance allocations. He is still working with them and the person he working with will back from vacation on Monday and will bring in the updated information at the next meeting. He will also bring in the allocations for the proposed renewal.

Trustee Rakestraw inquired of the water on the field. Supervisor Adams stated that the highway commissioner is helping us with the matter. Highway Commissioner Condon explained the process to help solve this issue. In addition, he inquired on the facility in Johnsburg, Supervisor Adams stated it is 90% completed and will be finished by the end of the year.

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Proposed Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Trustee Verr would like to know the Road District's policy for non-employees to be given Road District materials, coats, uniforms and so on. It was explained that the clerk was given a Road District jacket and that he is the clerk for the Road District. Mr. Verr stated that how it is. Supervisor Adams stated the duties as the clerk. In addition, Mr. Verr asked if the board are employees of the Road District and was told definitely not by Supervisor Adams and Highway

Commissioner Condon. The Highway Commissioner stating nothing else is given to the clerk. Trustee Rakestraw inquired about a deposit for 3337.00. Highway Commissioner explained the sale of equipment and how the process works.

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SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Park report - see packet

General Assistance Report - see packet - Adopted as of November 8, 2019 by Supervisor Adams, the required increase set forth by the Illinois Department of Human Services. McHenry Township has elected to use the Flat Grant Allowance method providing a maximum of \$315.00 per month for any eligible McHenry Township resident's recipients. All current McHenry Township recipients will also be back paid the different from the month of October 1, 2019.

The different of \$315.00 the new flat grant allowance and \$305.00 the old flat grant allowance payment. Therefore, all eligible recipients as of October 1, 2019 will receive an additional \$10.00 payment as back pay. McHenry Township's General Assistance Program also uses the 2017, (last update version), of the Township Supervisors of Illinois General Assistance Handbook for determination of all McHenry Township General Assistance Applicants.

SENIOR CENTER REPORT - see packet

ASSESSOR’S REPORT - see packet

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER’S REPORT – see packet

Discussion ensued – Trustee Verr asked about the problems on Lincoln Road with the flooding and the Highway Commissioner answered all questions.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION –

Motion to recess to executive session made by Supervisor Adams, second by Trustee Rakestraw at 8:50pm.

All in Favor – Motion carries

BOARD MEMBER’S COMMENT – Trustee Verr said none at this time maybe later. Supervisor Adams stated now is the time.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

John Macrito, McHenry, IL – This is towards the whole board we have already sent letters to our representatives in regards to changing HB348 we also requested to change the state code to recall the township trustees. In addition, in the state code there is what is called Palpable omissions, which means if you do not follow the law, we can remove you from office. Look it up in the state code.

Jamie Rouse, McHenry, IL – Dan, the clerk can I suggest that maybe you can get the minutes done earlier and send them to certain board members for review prior to the meetings so we don't have to spend so much time here listening to the arguments. Secondly, I congratulate the board on the good constructive discussion on the McRide IGA it was good. The rest of the meeting was ridiculous. You guys need to understand what your jobs are and come prepared. In addition, we don't want a red township or blue township we want a McHenry township.

Linda Tauler, Wonder Lake – Thank you all for proving my point gentlemen. I don't care about lines, I care about people. In addition, by adding invocation to the meetings, remember it is for all faiths not just your own. Thank you for laughs, I don't believe I have ever been mistaken for my husband before tonight. I may not like you right now, but I still care.

Dorthea King, McHenry, IL – I have been coming to these meeting for two years and every time we go round and round in regards to the budget and levy process. After three rounds, I would think the people at this table would understand the process, I do, and I am not on this board.

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ADJOURNMENT

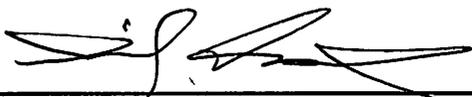
Motion for adjournment at 10:05pm, made by Trustee Rakestraw, second by Trustee Anderson.

All in favor signal by aye.

All ayes, Motion carries

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thursday, December 12, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m. Monthly Board Meeting at McHenry Township Hall.



Daniel R. Aylward, McHenry Township Clerk.

Any member of the public wishing to address the McHenry Township Board is invited to do so by signing in at the meeting entrance on the form Request for Public Comment Form and, when recognized, stepping to the podium and providing your name and town you reside in for the record. Opportunities for public comment are provided under Public Comment Agenda Item(s) listed on the Meeting Agenda.

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