

MCHENRY TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES September 6, 2019

STATE OF ILLINOIS
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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES,
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Supervisor Adams called the meeting to order in the McHenry Township Hall at the published and posted time of 6:00 pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Anderson here, Adams here, Rakestraw here, Wojewski here, Verr here.
Also attending the meeting was Attorney Militello, Clerk Aylward, 35 Public.

Public Comment -

Judy Walsh Smith – McHenry, IL – I really want to know why this board is so against the senior bus service. Trustee Verr said it was a duplicate service and Trustee Anderson did not reply. We really need this service

Sarah Drinnerberg – McHenry, IL - Read a letter she wrote stating she does not understand why this board wants to cut services and she does not know how to teach empathy to a board of grown men. She stated that if anyone dies because of their decision blood would be on their hands.

Jamie Rous – McHenry, IL – Wanted to know why this board could not wait until the next board meeting in six days to have this meeting. She stated that all this board wants is, to dismantle our township and that this board does not believe in the process of democracy. She stated that this board's fight to eliminate the township is getting old and that this needs to stop.

Julie Ann Thomas – Wonder Lake, IL – She explained how the Pace bus actually works when you try to use it. She has been stranded, late and unable to get places. She stated this board has no compassion and that they should be aware of Karma.

Mike Tauler – Wonder Lake, IL – Explained that he found in the Township code the ability for the township to fund a bus program and that this board is blind to the outpouring of people that see the need. He also stated that if the board wanted to unite constituents against them, then congratulations you have succeeded.

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New Business

A) Amending the McHenry Township Budget, Discussion.

(Special Meeting and Agenda Item called for by Trustees Anderson and Verr)

Trustee Anderson made a motion to remove the Senior Bus Program funding of \$303,343 from the 2019-2020 McHenry Township Budget, minus the operational cost to fund the Senior Bus Program until November 30, 2019. With remaining funds set aside, in a lock-box, for a future tax abatement distributed to McHenry Township taxpayers. And, that a Budget Hearing be held at 6:30P.M. On October 10, 2019 to amend the 2019-2020 McHenry Township Budget for the purpose so mentioned. Second by Trustee Verr.

Discussion Ensued – Supervisor Adams stated that there could not be any action at this time since it is not on the agenda, due to the request only asking for discussion. Mr. Verr inquired about the budget handout and Supervisor Adams explained this was the approved budget by the board. Trustee Anderson asked that this request be put on the next agenda with action, Supervisor Adams stated he would be happy to. Trustee Anderson stated this board was elected to make changes here in McHenry Township he said he would not be detoured by mob rules and comments.

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Board Members Comment

Trustee Wojewski stated why all of this could not just be decide after the election in March. The budget is already approved, run the bus service until End of March and decide the continuation after the voters speak. Supervisor Adams and I stated that we would back whatever the voters decided.

Trustee Anderson stated that is your choice but not mine or others on this board. Trustee Anderson read the Public Notice for the Electors Special Annual Meeting and Supervisor Adams responded that this is within the elector's ability.

Public Comment

Julie Ann Thomas – Wonder Lake, IL – Explained the difference between Township Bus vs McRide. The service is much more personable and needed from the Township. At 55 I didn't expect to need this service, so just remember guys you never know when it could happen to you.

Mike Tauler – Wonder Lake, IL – Asked the Trustees to have their supporters come to the meetings any of the meetings. Organize them and let us have a conversation. That is how democracy works.

Linda Tauler – Wonder Lake, IL – Mr. Verr you talk about personal attacks, yet you continue to attack every single person who speaks here against you. Mr. Anderson and Rakestraw you have shown no empathy, sympathy or decency when see pain in others. Keep in mind you are three men and we are hundreds.

Jamie Rous – McHenry, IL – Spoke in regards to the Illinois Township Code that states what they are supposed to do for the seniors. She stated it may be the board’s project to eliminate the Township, but her project is to eliminate three trustees’ board members from this office.

Johnsburg, IL - Just wanted to point out that you are asking supervisor Adams to come up with alternative after you eliminated the bus service. I do not believe more work needs to be done I believe this board should have done more work before they eliminated the service. It has been said repeatedly that is not a duplicate service.

Cindy Jacobs- Johnsburg, IL – Lets do the work and show people what the plan is and our future. As realtor, I can tell you that people are not looking in McHenry County to move to because of the political nonsense. That is just the facts

Joyce Story – McHenry, IL – Spoke in regards to people she is aware of that really need the bus service to get to and from church, doctors and just to be able to continue a like. Pace does provide a service but it does not service these people in need.

Motion to Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:04pm. By Supervisor Adams, second by Trustee Anderson.

All in favor signal by aye.

All aye’s motion carriers



Daniel R. Aylward, McHenry Township Clerk

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