

MCHENRY TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES June 18, 2019

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

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES,  
June 18th, 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, Adams here, Rakestraw here, Wojewski here, Verr here.  
Also attending the meeting was Attorney Militello, Clerk Aylward, Accounting Manger Macrito, Highway Commissioner Condon and 101 Public.

**Public Comment** - John Macrito, Pat Diederich, David Erk, Terry Wilson, Jamie Wilson, Don Kinsala, Doris Kappel, Barbara Burke, Rhonda Sporer, Lynne Sweig, Marciann Bock, Barb Williams, Terry Kappel, Robert Beltran, Janet Michel, Cindy Jacob, Bobbi Baehne, Brain McCafferty, Susan Low Meyer, Steve Murgatroyd, Carol Perschke, Laraine Kubiak, Marti Swanson, Ronnie Reber, Tim Lavin, Mike Tauler, Kerri Barber, Dave Frost, Jenny Farley, Jamie Rous, Suszan Worzala, Mary Mahady, Diane Reber, Craig Adams, Geri Condon, Diane (McHenry Vets), Lee Jensen-Maggioncalda, Beverley(WL), Jerry (Johnsburg), Dorthoy (McHenry), RANA (Ringwood), Dan Aylward.

All 42 speakers above stated they were in favor of keeping the Senior Transportation program and were willing to have their taxes pay for this program. They pleaded with the board to not eliminate this program. They all spoke of the different needs for the Seniors, Disabled and Vets. They also spoke to the inability of other transportation filling the need of the people who use this service. The entirety of all of the public comments lasted for over 1.5 hours. Not one person was against keeping the Senior Transportation service.

- For more in depth details go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) – type in: mchenrytownshiplive
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## New Business

### **A) For the elimination of the McHenry Township Senior Bus Program and the refusal of McHenry Township Bus Program Grants. Discussion, Motion and Possible action.**

Trustee Anderson made a motion to stop the Senior Bus Service July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and return all senior bus grant. Second by Trustee Verr.

**Discussion Ensued – Supervisor Adams** stated that not one person in this room has suggested we should eliminate this service and you as a board are not representing the public which you were elected to do, for those who were elected. I suggest that this board should have a referendum to put this question on the ballot and let the voters decide. As this board has always told me, we should do.

**Trustee Wojewski** stated that the board just completed the budget process, which a lot of time was spent on the bus program and we made cuts and increased fares so we could keep the service and evidentially it was waste of time. The federal and county grants believe this is a worthwhile program and this money going back will not save us any money it will just be spent somewhere else.

**Trustee Anderson** stated that the elimination of the senior bus program is doing what this board was elected to do reduce taxes and stick to the mandated services of General Assistance, property assessments and road maintenance. This is the will of the people. Trustee Verr stated that the information being put out is incorrect and not the actual cost. He stated that the insurance and fuel is incorrect and they just do not match up. He stated he was doing what was the will of the people.

**Trustee Rakestraw** Stated that the electors needed to go out and figure out how they could help or assist those in need. In addition, stated the electors cannot ask this board to pay for a service that most people do not use.

As the Trustees spoke, a great number of electors were angry, shouted out the disagreements, and left the meeting.

**The Attorney Militello** explained the agreements that the township has with the grants should be adhere to till November 30, 2019. This is due to the grievances and hold harmless section of these agreements. He encouraged the board to amend the motion to November 30, 2019.

**Trustee Anderson amended the motion as follows:** Trustee Anderson made a motion to eliminate the McHenry Township Senior Bus Service effective at the close of November 30, 2019 and this board not to enter into any new McHenry Township senior bus grants

and that McHenry Township contact all relevant granting authorities of the termination of the McHenry Township Senior Bus program. Second by Trustee Verr.

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

**Voice Vote** Anderson aye, Rakestraw aye, Adams Nay, Wojewski Nay, Rakestraw aye. Three ayes, Two Nays - **Motion carries**

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**Executive Session** (if necessary)

None

**Motion to Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 9:30pm. By Wojewski, second by Trustee Adams.

**All in favor signal by aye.**

All aye's **motion carriers**

**Next meetings:**

July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 7:00pm – Regular Township Board Meeting



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Daniel R. Aylward, McHenry Township Clerk.

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