

**SOUTH MOLINE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

November 09, 2016

PRESENT — Tracy Best, Supervisor; Karin Martin, Assessor; Andrea Anderson, Trustee; Brian Forsberg, Trustee; Lisa Griffin, Trustee; Kim Lazenby, Trustee; Bob Schultz, Road Commissioner; and Rob Vyncke, Clerk. Also present were Vance DeBruine and Sherry Diekman.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER — Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Best.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Motion by Anderson, second by Forsberg, that we approve the minutes of October 17, 2016. Motion carried, with all voting in favor.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS —

- a. **Road Commissioner** — We have been busy doing the final cutting and tree trimming. We also had a sewer backup at the office. We have plans to give the patch work to Tri-City Black Top, as Brandt Construction did not turn in a bid. The total cost of the bid is \$9,200.00 and the actual invoice should be less.
- b. **Assessor** — All is going well. We received our final complaint and that makes the total complaints at 90.
- c. **Clerk** — Vyncke is working on getting ready for the upcoming election.
- d. **Trustees** — None
- e. **Cemetery** — We will be meeting next week to go over the levy. According to Best, they may lower it since they are in good financial shape.
- f. **Seniors** — The roof is finally done, and the final bill has been received. The extras (due to termites) were only \$2,900.00. The Halloween party was a big success as we had a costume contest with prizes. Balanca, as always, did a good job.
- g. **Youth** — Share Joys has again asked for a donation. After some discussion, there was a motion by Griffin to again donate \$500.00. Second by Anderson. All ayes, motion carried. Best also stated that now 8 out of the 10 schools have responded to the SMT program of donating to the needy.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT —

- a. **GA:** Pending 0; Active 22; Approved 2; Denied 0; Term 1; Withdrawn 0; Sanction 1; Total 26. **EA:** Denied 1. **WR:** Active 4.
- b. **Tax Levy:** Best presented the current breakdown of the existing levy and also included what he felt should be proposed changes. Best asked all to review this, as we have to vote on said levy by early December. Lazenby asked for an annual summary of the various accounts so we can compare the actual expenditures to the proposed. Best answered that information is on our financial statement provided by Hammer and is available on their

website. Lazenby stated that she does not have time to get on his website and asked that it be put on the SMT website. Best will look into this.

- c. Best asked who the board wanted to vote for in the upcoming election for Board of Trustee IMRF Executive Board. There was a motion by Lazenby to vote for David Miller. Seconded by Griffin. All ayes, motion carried. Vyncke will submit the paperwork.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS — Best asked for final input on elected official compensation for the next four years. Lazenby stated that before we vote we must consider the cost of health insurance, as that is part of the compensation package. Lazenby also stated that she has done some research and that, according to Lohman Brothers, the way SMT pays for the insurance now is illegal and to continue in this way we must be part of a group plan. She also stated that it is illegal and there are possible fines. After some discussion, Best will do additional research immediately and advise. Vyncke, Best, Griffin and Forsberg all suggested that we can still vote on the compensation package now and make the insurance cost a percentage until final research and cost is determined. Lazenby and Anderson stated that paying 100% of insurance cost is too much and we should know what the actual cost will be. Schultz stated that we won't know the actual cost as we don't know who will be elected and what their insurance needs will be. Anderson and Forsberg mentioned the possibility of increase salaries to offset possible decrease in insurance coverage. After additional discussion, there was a motion by Lazenby to reconvene said meeting on Monday, November 14th at 6:00 to allow Best time to acquire the additional research. Second by Anderson. All ayes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS — Lazenby again questioned the existing and proposed levy, stating that there should be an annual comparison to what we actually spent. Best again stated that information is on our year-end statement. Lazenby again asked if the year-end statement can be posted on the SMT web page. Forsberg asked if Best can resend the link to the Hammer and Assoc. web page to all.

MEETINGS & EDUCATION —

Next Board Meeting: November 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
South Moline Township Hall, 2521 53rd Street, Moline, IL

TRUSTEES APPROVAL OF BILLS BY FUNDS —

- a. TOWN FUND
 1. TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION — Motion by Anderson for approval; second by Forsberg. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lazenby, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.
 2. ASSESSOR — Motion by Forsberg for approval; second by Lazenby. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lazenby, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.
 3. TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER — Motion by Lazenby for approval; second by Griffin. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lazenby, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.
- b. TOWN FUND — FICA — Motion by Griffin for approval; second by Anderson. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lazenby, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.
- c. TOWN FUND — IMRF — Motion by Anderson for approval; second by Forsberg. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lazenby, Forsberg, and Best. Unanimous.
- d. GENERAL ASSISTANCE — Motion by Forsberg for approval; second by Lazenby. Ayes:

Anderson, Griffin, Lazenby, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.

- e. ROAD & BRIDGE / GENERAL FUND — Motion by Lazenby for approval; second by Griffin. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lazenby, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.
- f. ROAD & BRIDGE / IMRF FUND — Motion by Griffin for approval; second by Anderson. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lazenby, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.
- g. ROAD & BRIDGE / FICA FUND — Motion by Anderson for approval; second by Forsberg. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lazenby, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.
- h. ROAD & BRIDGE / EQUIPMENT & BLDG — Motion by Forsberg for approval; second by Lazenby. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lazenby, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.
- i. ROAD & BRIDGE / INSURANCE FUND — Motion by Lazenby for approval; second by Griffin. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lazenby, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.
- j. CEMETERY — Motion by Griffin for approval; second by Anderson. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lazenby, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.

COMMENTS — DeBruine stated that 100% of insurance cost is too much and it is uncommon in the private sector. Martin answered that if we were in the private sector the salaries would be a lot higher. Diekman stated that we, the taxpayers, are paying for all of this.

ADJOURNMENT — Motion by Anderson, second by Griffin, that we adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, with all voting in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert "Rob" Vyncke
South Moline Township Clerk