

**SOUTH MOLINE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

September 01, 2015

PRESENT — Tracy Best, Supervisor; Karin Martin, Assessor; Andrea Anderson, Trustee; Lisa Griffin, Trustee; Kim Lazenby, Trustee; Bob Schultz, Road Commissioner; and Rob Vyncke, Clerk.
Absent: Joe Taylor, Trustee.

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 Griffin, second by Lazenby, that we approve the minutes of August 17, 2015. Motion carried, with all voting in favor.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS —

- a. **Road Commissioner** — Resurfacing projects will start the Wednesday after Labor Day. We estimate approximately 10 days to complete these projects. We will also be doing some water jetting to unplug some culverts.
- b. **Assessor** — All is fine. The county will be publishing all of the property assessments on September 19.
- c. **Clerk** — All is going well.
- d. **Trustees** — None
- e. **Cemetery** — The Cemetery Board did have a meeting and, according to Best, they discussed possible road repair.
- f. **Seniors** — All is well. Parking lot final closing is getting closer and we are getting some estimates to get an idea of how much resurfacing will cost. Hopefully, we can keep moving forward on this.
- g. **Youth** — All is quiet now.

Audit Report: Jim Taylor of Carpentier Mitchell and Goddard presented the audit report for 2014 - 2015. Mr. Taylor then briefly explained the audit. Mr. Taylor explained the different accounts and all of these accounts have a surplus. While expenditures were up, income was down, so we actually spent more than we took in. In this case, that is good, as we have decreased our surplus. While the recommended surplus for townships to have is 3-6 months, SMT has approximately two years. Income was down due to a decrease in assessed property and we also lowered the levy. Vyncke asked if there are any recommendations as he has given us in the past. Taylor answered, "Actually, no." He added that we are doing a good job. Schultz stated that he will ask a question that he knows Taylor would ask and that is, "If we substantially lower the levy, will it substantially lower property taxes?" Best answered maybe 5 to 6 dollars per household. Anderson also stated that it will not significantly lower property taxes. Mr. Taylor said that it is his recommendation to bring the surplus down slowly, which SMT is doing, as property values are decreasing and current income is at 2005 – 2006 levels. All thanked Mr. Taylor.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT —

GA: Pending 1; Active 26; Approved 6; Denied 3; Terminated 1; Withdrawn 1; Total of 38.

EA: Pending 1; Approved 1; Denied 1; Total of 3.

WR: Approved 4; Total of 4.

MEETINGS & EDUCATION —

Next Board Meeting: September 21, 2015 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 Griffin for approval; second by Lazenby. Ayes: Griffin, Lazenby, and Best. Unanimous.
 2. ASSESSOR — Motion by Lazenby for approval; second by Griffin. Ayes: Griffin, Lazenby, and Best. Unanimous.
 3. TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER — Motion by Griffin for approval; second by Lazenby. Ayes: Griffin, Lazenby, and Best. Unanimous.
- b. TOWN FUND — FICA — Motion by Lazenby for approval; second by Griffin. Ayes: Griffin, Lazenby, and Best. Unanimous.
- c. TOWN FUND — IMRF — Motion by Griffin for approval; second by Lazenby. Ayes: Griffin, Lazenby, and Best. Unanimous.
- d. GENERAL ASSISTANCE — Motion by Lazenby for approval; second by Griffin. Ayes: Griffin, Lazenby, and Best. Unanimous.
- e. ROAD & BRIDGE / GENERAL FUND — Motion by Griffin for approval; second by Lazenby. Ayes: Griffin, Lazenby, and Best. Unanimous.
- f. ROAD & BRIDGE / IMRF FUND — Motion by Lazenby for approval; second by Griffin. Ayes: Griffin, Lazenby, and Best. Unanimous.
- g. ROAD & BRIDGE / FICA FUND — Motion by Griffin for approval; second by Lazenby. Ayes: Griffin, Lazenby, and Best. Unanimous.
- h. ROAD & BRIDGE / EQUIPMENT & BLDG — Motion by Lazenby for approval; second by Griffin. Ayes: Griffin, Lazenby, and Best. Unanimous.
- i. ROAD & BRIDGE / INSURANCE FUND — Motion by Griffin for approval; second by Lazenby. Ayes: Griffin, Lazenby, and Best. Unanimous.
- j. CEMETERY — Motion by Lazenby for approval; second by Griffin. Ayes: Griffin, Lazenby, and Best. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT — Motion by Lazenby, second by Griffin, that we adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, with all voting in favor. Meeting adjourned @ 6:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert "Rob" Vyncke
South Moline Township Clerk