

**SOUTH MOLINE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

October 6, 2020

PRESENT — Tracy Best, Supervisor; Brian Forsberg, Trustee; Lisa Griffin, Trustee; Bob Schultz, Road Commissioner; and Nick Vyncke, Clerk. **Attending electronically:** Andrea Anderson, Trustee; and Mark Lundahl, Trustee. **Absent:** Rick Mellinger, Assessor.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER — Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Supervisor Best.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Motion by Griffin, second by Anderson, that we approve the minutes of September 21, 2020. Motion carried, with all voting in favor.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS —

- a. **Road Commissioner** — We are slowing down on cutting grass due to changes in the growing season. We are now prepping for winter. We are waiting on the contractor bid for digging work. The project can wait until spring, but needs to be taken care of. There will be some servicing on the back hoe to be done before winter.
- b. **Cemetery** — All is going well.
- c. **Seniors** — Everything is fine. We are still going part time.
- d. **Youth** — We are waiting to hear back from school principals. A few have been contacted. Best expects them to be extremely busy with changes in the schools.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT —

- a. **G.A. Report** - Active 6, Total 6.

There are people calling for emergency assistance and finding it difficult to follow through with the paperwork. Anderson asked if this was common. Best informed all that it was not and he believes people simply think there will be a check without proper paperwork and official requirements.

- b. **Fire Protection District Appointees** - Best recommends Mark Tomlinson to replace Carolyn Schultz and George Scott Jorgenson to replace Steven J. Rogenski Jr. Best made a motion to approve Mark Tomlinson and George Jorgenson. The motion was seconded by Griffin. All voted in favor. Motion carried.
- c. **Tax Levy** - Best has been looking at the tax levy. With the amount coming in and expenses going down, he believes we should consider lowering the levy. Anderson believes it would be a good idea, as long as there are no big projects coming up. Schultz informed all that there was nothing in the foreseeable future, other than a truck getting multiple repairs. Best reminded all that the auditor informed us to be cautious in doing so. He then stated that he believes that a decrease would better serve our constituents' tax dollars. Forsberg asked if this will impact the salary discussion going on at the moment. Best stated that he will continue to do research and crunch numbers. He also mentioned that the audit is actually on a delayed timeframe. Best is considering a 1.5% to 2% decrease in the levy. Further discussion is needed.

- d. **Rent Next Door** - Best is looking for an opinion on whether or not to begin charging rent on the building attached to the township office. Due to Covid-19, the business was not operating and is believed to be operating at larger scale than before. Anderson recommended some sort of subsidized or partial rent. Best will speak with the business owner and see where things stand. Further discussion is needed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS —

- a. **Compensation for Elected Officials** - Best presented salaries for South Moline Township, Moline Township, and Hampton Township. The sheet displayed all elected positions along with their salaries, raises, and compensation as far as insurance. Lundahl recommended that Best come up with some options and that he believes in Best's judgement. Best believes that full-time members deserve some type of insurance benefit. He stated that he could not partake in such a program with the current insurance he has. Lundahl restated the need to make a new recommendation that seems fair in comparison to the other large townships in the area. Best referenced some numbers off of another sheet comparing to smaller townships in the area. Forsberg stated that we should not be comparing to smaller townships. Anderson mentioned that she did not mind some sort of raise but did not believe that a 4% increase in salary and 100% of insurance was appropriate as was discussed in years past. She continued by saying that raises should not be higher than inflation rates. Best responded that the reason those numbers were like that is because of compensation being reduced in one area or another. Griffin quoted and agreed with Mellinger's comment from a past meeting that certain positions should be attractive when looking to fill those positions. Best recommended the possibility of a cost of living raise. He continued by stating that there needs to be something a little better. Forsberg agreed that there needs to be something a little better. Best will produce a recommendation with some different options and different numbers. Further discussion is needed.

- b. **School Assistance for Underprivileged** - Best is still waiting to hear back from schools.

MEETINGS & EDUCATION —

Next Board Meeting: October 19, 2020 at 5:30 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 Forsberg. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lundahl, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.
 - 2. ASSESSOR — Motion by Forsberg for approval; second by Anderson. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lundahl, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.
 - 3. TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER — Motion by Anderson for approval; second by Lundahl. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lundahl, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.

- b. TOWN FUND — FICA — Motion by Lundahl for approval; second by Griffin. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lundahl, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.

- c. TOWN FUND — IMRF — Motion by Griffin for approval; second by Forsberg. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lundahl, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.

- d. GENERAL ASSISTANCE — Motion by Forsberg for approval; second by Anderson. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lundahl, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.

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

COMMENTS — None

ADJOURNMENT — Motion by Best, second by Forsberg, that we adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, with all voting in favor. Meeting adjourned @ 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas “Nick” Vyncke
South Moline Township Clerk