

**SOUTH MOLINE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

October 17, 2022

PRESENT — Greg Aguilar, Supervisor; Andrea Anderson, Trustee; Brian Forsberg, Trustee; Howard Gripp, Trustee; Bob Schultz, Trustee; and Nick Vyncke, Clerk.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Motion by Gripp, second by Anderson, that we approve the minutes of October 4, 2022. Motion carried, with all voting in favor.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS —

- a. **Cemetery** — After speaking with the attorney, Aguilar said there are conflicts of interests in hiring township officials' businesses for work on township property. Schultz reminded the board that if a project is over \$20,000, there has to be engineering guidelines. More work is expected from the cemetery board in order to confirm discussed projects.
- b. **Seniors** — There recently was a minor plumbing issue at the Senior Center. A plumber was hired for the project. Minor renovations are expected in the future to better suit the Senior Center.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT —

Meeting Schedule - A proposed schedule for meetings for the Township Board was presented. A few errors were discovered based on holidays in the 2023 calendar.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS —

Fire Protection District - There will be an informational meeting held for the public on October 28, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. for anyone interested in hearing the process and options going forward for the Fire Protection District. Aguilar advised changing the time of the meeting so more members of the public may be able to attend. He informed the board that the attorneys did not want to change the time.

Currently there are 774 parcels in this specific district. Aguilar wanted to know what the costs were for services, how many calls there were for services, and the differences in dollar amounts. He is still waiting on that information. When Aguilar spoke with the city, he was informed that the city of Moline wants a new fair contract for the city and South Moline Township. Schultz believes the difference should be made up by the city in the tax not being paid at the moment. He clarified by saying the city did not give ample time for the taxing body to charge constituents for the expected change in services. Anderson believes the outcome may be a tax on everyone. The board and constituents are still waiting on information. At the moment there are more questions than answers. The board encourages individuals to attend the public meeting on the 28th.

NEW BUSINESS —

- a. **Levy** - Aguilar believes that a few items can be reduced. He sees this as a viable option going forward. The board agrees that any time we can lower taxes is a great thing. This is based on reserves and other recent changes.

The board does expect a raise in the Road and Bridge as usual. Schultz believes we can use the money designated for Road and Bridge that was set up at the Annual Town Meeting. The board clarified this and stated that the money is set aside for desperate situations. As discussion continued, Schultz stated he thinks the cost for road repair is about \$500,000 per mile. Schultz then clarified what roads are part of the township and which ones will need repair soon.

Aguilar wants to make sure numbers are correct, but it should be a possibility to lower it this year. Aguilar continued by questioning if something will need to be added as an item, whether it be a program for seniors, vets, or whatever the township specifically needs.

- b. **Thanksgiving Baskets** - Aguilar requested suggestions and/or names for Thanksgiving baskets for the year provided by Christ the King Church.
- c. **Copy Machines** - Due to the inability to get toner, as well as functionality of the current copier, the Township Office and the Senior Center will both be getting new machines under a new plan.

MEETINGS & EDUCATION —

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 1, 2022 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 Anderson for approval; second by Forsberg. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
 2. ASSESSOR — Motion by Forsberg for approval; second by Gripp. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
 3. TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER — Motion by Gripp for approval; second by Schultz. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- b. TOWN FUND — FICA — Motion by Schultz for approval; second by Anderson. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- c. TOWN FUND — IMRF — Motion by Anderson for approval; second by Forsberg. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- d. GENERAL ASSISTANCE — Motion by Forsberg for approval; second by Gripp. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- e. ROAD & BRIDGE / GENERAL FUND — Motion by Gripp for approval; second by Schultz. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.

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

COMMENTS — Forsberg brought up snow removal at the cemetery and asked Schultz if he used to provide services when he was Road Commissioner. Schultz informed the board that it was a courtesy and never a priority. Schultz will speak with Lundahl and ask if this is an option going forward.

ADJOURNMENT — Motion by Schultz, second by Anderson, that we adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, with all voting in favor. Meeting adjourned @ 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas “Nick” Vyncke
South Moline Township Clerk