

**SOUTH MOLINE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

January 4, 2023

PRESENT — Greg Aguilar, Supervisor; Andrea Anderson, Trustee; Brian Forsberg, Trustee; Bob Schultz, Trustee; Nick Vyncke, Clerk and Mark Lundahl, Road Commissioner. Absent - Howard Gripp, Trustee.

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 Anderson, second by Forsberg, that we approve the minutes of December 6, 2022. Motion carried, with all voting in favor.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS —

- a. **Assessor** — The Assessor informed Aguilar that his budget is complete and will be presented at the next meeting.
- b. **Clerk** — Economic Interests forms will be mailed out soon. Please turn it in to the Township or Rock Island County.
- c. **Seniors** —

There has been an erosion issue behind the Senior Center for some time. Aguilar stated that it is unknown if it is an issue for the City of East Moline or South Moline Township. An individual who attends senior center events who works for the township filled the hole. Aguilar wanted to make it known that individuals should not be overstepping their boundaries. Aguilar asked Lundahl if he asked the individual to complete the task. Lundahl responded with "No, I believe that individual just thought he solved a problem and decided to take care of it." Aguilar stated that it should not have been done. The board believes that this action was simply a good deed. Aguilar wanted to know why there was no communication on the completion of this task. Lundahl once again stated that there was no ill intention -- just someone trying to do something productive for the township to avoid any situation.

Discussion ensued and Lundahl made clear his frustrations with being questioned about the event. Schultz asked what the end goal was for Aguilar in bringing this up. Anderson believed there was too much frustration among the group. Aguilar stated that in the past when help was requested at either the Senior Center or Township Offices, that request was denied by the road commissioner. He continued by asking why assistance was being given. Lundahl clarified that in the past he did not deny assistance but had to research if allowed to do so. He continued by saying that he must maintain the roads first. The buildings could be done as a last resort. This would not be possible on certain days because of the necessity to have the ground plowed and salted by the time the adjacent business opens. He said he could not guarantee it would get done. Aguilar continued and once again stated that there is a clear communication issue, and it needs to be resolved. Further discussion is needed.

- d. **Youth** - Glenview Choir performed at the Senior Center for the holiday party.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT —

- a. **G.A. Report** - Pending 2, Active 7; Total 9. **E.A.** Denied 1; Total 1.

Aguilar also wanted to make the board aware of the state's increase in the amount of General Assistance allowed. Aguilar stated that in the past the township usually gave a little more than what is provided by the state. Schultz made a motion to raise the township's dollar amount to \$360. Anderson seconded the motion, with all voting in favor.

- b. **Bike Path** - The City of Moline is proposing a bike path on some parts of roads managed by the township.
- c. **Fire Protection** - The City of Moline will be raising taxes to the Fire Protection District – the maximum allowed without calling a special meeting. The Fire Protection Board is satisfied with the outcome of the process.
- d. Aguilar stated that there is a conflict of interest with the cemetery hiring Best's Lawn Care. This is because the owner of the business is employed by the township. This is according to state law. A township employee cannot work for the township as an outside contractor. Aguilar requests the board to write a letter to the cemetery board notifying them of this conflict of interest. After some discussion, it was decided that Aguilar, as the supervisor, should reach out to the cemetery board.
- e. Aguilar stated that he wants to get iPads for township officials to use. He continued by stating that this will ultimately save the township money on printing material. Schultz asked what the costs would be. Aguilar stated that the top tier plan would be about \$7,000. Further discussion is needed.

NEW BUSINESS —

- a. **Special Meeting** - Aguilar asked Vyncke if a special meeting was needed for the bidding of the new truck. Vyncke informed the board that the meeting will not be needed, as there was a correction put in the newspaper for the date of the bidding deadline.
- b. **Sale of Vacant Lot** - An offer of \$110,000 has been made on the vacant lot across the street from the Township Hall. Aguilar informed the board that if one was to make a motion, there would be a roll call vote for such proceeding. Discussion ensued on whether taking a \$20,000 loss would be proper to the taxpayers. Currently there are no major costs in keeping the lot, other than lawn maintenance. The property was purchased in 2011 for \$130,000. Schultz and Forsberg suggested a counteroffer. Aguilar made a motion to vote on the offer of \$110,000. Anderson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Result:

	Yes	No
Aguilar	X	
Anderson		X
Forsberg		X
Schultz		X

The vote was 3-1 against. The offer was declined.

Schultz believes it would be good business to counteroffer in the amount of \$120,000. Anderson made a motion to counteroffer in the amount of \$120,000. Schultz seconded the motion, with all voting in favor.

MEETINGS & EDUCATION —

Next Board Meeting: January 17, 2023 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 Schultz. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
 2. ASSESSOR — Motion by Schultz for approval; second by Forsberg. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
 3. TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER — Motion by Forsberg for approval; second by Anderson. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- b. TOWN FUND — FICA — Motion by Anderson for approval; second by Schultz. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- c. TOWN FUND — IMRF — Motion by Schultz for approval; second by Forsberg. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- d. GENERAL ASSISTANCE — Motion by Forsberg for approval; second by Anderson. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- e. ROAD & BRIDGE / GENERAL FUND — Motion by Anderson for approval; second by Schultz. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- f. ROAD & BRIDGE / IMRF FUND — Motion by Schultz for approval; second by Forsberg. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- g. ROAD & BRIDGE / FICA FUND — Motion by Forsberg for approval; second by Anderson. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- h. ROAD & BRIDGE / EQUIPMENT & BLDG — Motion by Anderson for approval; second by Schultz. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- i. ROAD & BRIDGE / INSURANCE FUND — Motion by Schultz for approval; second by Forsberg. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- j. CEMETERY — Motion by Forsberg for approval; second by Anderson. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT — Motion by Schultz, second by Anderson, that we adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, with all voting in favor. Meeting adjourned @ 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas “Nick” Vyncke
South Moline Township Clerk