

SOUTH MOLINE TOWNSHIP  
Decennial Committee Meeting  
June 20, 2023

**PRESENT** – Greg Aguilar, Supervisor; Andrea Anderson, Trustee; Howard Gripp, Trustee; Brian Forsberg, Trustee; Bob Schultz Trustee, Trustee; Nick Vyncke, Resident.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** — Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Aguilar.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – waived, as previously recited.

Supervisor Aguilar opened the meeting by requesting a motion to approve the Minutes from the May 22, 2023 meeting. Trustee Schultz motioned to approve said Minutes. Nick Vyncke seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**GATHERED INFORMATION ORGANIZED**

Supervisor Aguilar began with an overview of the report compilation. What we have to do at today's meeting is remind you all that whatever data we get together between ourselves and members of the public is what we have to include in the report. Some of the gathered information that I have received was perhaps we could outline what each office does and let the public know through our website, how we could be more efficient.

Andrea Anderson: What we're responsible for.

Aguilar: Right, I did like what the Road Commissioner said last meeting, for example, "If it's dead animals, click here on our website. If it's a fallen tree, click here on the website." And so, he thinks this will help us to be more efficient and I think we can all agree updating the website with what the most common needs are of the township citizens, that they can just click on the website...

Anderson: It will take them to the appropriate phone number. Because it might be us, it might be somebody else.

Bob Schultz: You could link them to the health department for RI county.

Aguilar: Exactly, because you, Bob, were talking about how if it's a dead animal it's one division. If it's a broken dock, it's another. So, I think that is something we can do for efficiency's sake. I'm sharing that with you because that is something we are going to include in the report on how we can improve our efficiency.

Next, we have report on who we have intergovernmental agreements with. We will share that and show how we are efficient with these agreements.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IDENTIFIED**

So that's the gathered information. Do you guys have any additional information you would like to add, and it's ok if you don't.

Nick Vyncke: I know anyone can come up here and see, but I'm big in "show people the numbers". It has to be viewable to the public. Why can't we put our audit report or our budget on the website? Here's the link, you can read it if you want. Now this may make more headaches for the board, but I feel like that is something that could solve a lot of questions, but it may raise other questions, but you can show them, "here's why, here's what happened."

Anderson: For Transparency

Vyncke: I guess you could call it that.

Schultz: So, you think that we should put those things on our website. The budget?

Vyncke: Yes, now there may be reasons why you don't do that, that I'm not familiar with.

Schultz: I can't think of a reason why we wouldn't do that.

Vyncke: They are available for public inspection. That the law, that's awesome, but let's save someone a car ride up here. I mean that last sheet on the auditor's list, that's cool. I think people should see that kind of stuff. I don't know if that's fixing anything in our government but...

Aguilar: I do agree that we should update our website, we can have a good conversation on what we include. I appreciate your point of order where there is accessibility but you have to come through the office. To your point too, that may not work for everyone, either, so I think that is excellent to include in the report. Anything else, any intergovernmental agreements that we might be able to do or should do.

Anderson: We currently have the one with the other 2 townships and, obviously fire protection. We should have one with the City of Moline.

Aguilar: like what?

Anderson: I think R&B for snow removal.

Schultz: That could get straightened out, a whole lot through an intergovernmental agreement. Ok, this is my part of the district, but I'm going to take care of this, I'd like to swap you with that. Just for efficiency.

Anderson: That was my thought.

Schultz: Mark's going to talk to Rod Schiff(?)

Anderson: Having been your position, does that make sense?

Schultz: it would make sense. I will tell you it would be only on paper because if we were driving to a particular area of road and we were driving over that section it wouldn't make sense to raise the plow

Aguilar: I would agree, let's not raise the plow, but let's say we take a chunk of concrete out then are we liable for that?

Schultz: That was always a chance we were taking.

Aguilar: Like we talked last time on how we can do it cheaper and faster. I just want to show you the review of laws, township policies and procedures, Township training materials and other documents that we need to be aware of and have to complete. Any open discussion? Anything that anyone wants to add?

## **SURVEY OF RESIDENTS**

Next committee meeting: July 17. Since all of us are residents as well – Survey of residents: anything you would like to say or add to the discussion?

Any public comments?

Schultz: So, is there anything that you, are we just supposed to come up with ideas? Is this a free-thinking type of situation for our next meeting?

Aguilar: Yes.

Schultz: Any assignments?

Aguilar: Just tell us how we can improve our government and where we might be able to improve collaboration with other governments or if there are certain government's we can just get rid of within our township to save costs.

Schultz: ok

**ADJOURNMENT**

Nick Vyncke motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Schultz seconded. Motioned caried with all voting in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Loos