

**SOUTH MOLINE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

June 20, 2023

PRESENT — Greg Aguilar, Supervisor; Andrea Anderson, Trustee; Brian Forsberg, Trustee; Howard Gripp, Trustee; Bob Schultz, Trustee; Nick Vyncke, Clerk; Rick Mellinger, Assessor; Kent Breecher, Cemetery; Derrick Burton, Veteran's Outreach Program; and Jim Taylor, Carpenter Mitchell & Goddard Co.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Audit - Jim Taylor presented his findings during the annual audit. He discussed accounting methodology used. Expenses are up. Revenues are up. Replacement tax revenue has been a key factor for all townships. He continued by explaining the process of state involvement if too many assets are in certain funds. This is done by averaging three years of numbers. All assets are doing well. Various pages were listed showing the few changes that have occurred. He finished by stating that many of the changes are out of the township's control. Overall, it was a clean report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Motion by Gripp, second by Schultz, that we approve the minutes of June 6, 2023. Motion carried, with all voting in favor.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS —

- a. **Assessor** — Business as usual. Anderson asked when the next available time is to contest taxes. Mellinger informed all that the date is not set, but he expects it to be some time in August. He continued by stating that many people may see a raise in their overall amounts.
- b. **Cemetery** — We are still dealing with stumps and tombstone repair from a spring storm. There is a small leak in a water line. Plumbers have been contacted for bids. Aguilar wanted to confirm that the stumps and tombstones are from the storm in April. Breecher confirmed that the specific damage was from that storm.
- c. **Veterans** — Veterans' Outreach will be starting at the Senior Center soon. Burton met with the Veteran's Center and he received a lot of material. The goal right now is to get exposure and let people know what will be happening.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT —

QuickBooks – The current QuickBooks cost will be going up. It is now an annual fee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS —

- a. **Cemetery Conflict** - Aguilar again explained the difference in the conflict as he sees it. Schultz made a motion to vote on whether there is a conflict of interest with the hiring of a road district employee for the mowing of the township cemetery. Aguilar seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Aguilar listed excerpts of discussions with attorneys and T.O.I.

officials. Breecher stated that he would like a copy of the list. Schultz stated that he will be abstaining from the vote because he does not want to perform an illegal action. He continued by saying that he believes the cemetery board is put in position to make these decisions for themselves and that this should be their decision. Cemetery board members get paid \$250 per meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Schultz	Abstain
Gripp	Nay
Forsberg	Nay
Anderson	Aye
Aguilar	Aye

Vyncke informed the board that he only votes if there is a tie in filling a vacancy within the board.

Motion Failed

Further discussion is needed.

- b. Accounting Costs** - Various firms were contacted. Two are being considered. Further discussion is needed.

NEW BUSINESS —

- a. **Fire Protection District** - Mark Tomlinson has given his resignation. He will stay on until there is a proper replacement. The Township Board and the Fire Protection Board will begin searching.
- b. **Digital Upgrade** – iPads will be purchased for the township. These will be used to replace the paper used. This is all part of the digital transition.

MEETINGS & EDUCATION —

Next Board Meeting: July 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 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 — Schultz and other board members received a letter from an anonymous individual stating that they had concerns about how meetings have not been held properly. Aguilar asked to see a copy of the letter. No letter was provided. Aguilar asked if we really had to respond to an anonymous letter, being the sender may not live in the township. Schultz stated that the news wouldn't care if something was done improperly. Aguilar asked for details about the letter. None were provided other than what had been discussed in previous meetings. A copy of the letter will be sent to Aguilar. It will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT — Motion by Schultz, second by Gripp, that we adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, with all voting in favor. Meeting adjourned @ 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas "Nick" Vyncke
South Moline Township Clerk