

**SOUTH MOLINE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

January 16, 2024

PRESENT — Greg Aguilar, Supervisor; Brian Forsberg, Trustee; Howard Gripp, Trustee; Nick Vyncke, Clerk; Mark Lundahl, Road Commissioner; and Rick Mellinger Assessor. Absent - Andrea Anderson, Trustee; and Bob Schultz, 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 Gripp, second by Forsberg, that we approve the minutes of January 2, 2024. Motion carried, with all voting in favor.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS —

- a. **Road Commissioner** — The Preliminary Budget was presented. Some numbers have been allocated for the “just-in-case” scenario. Many road projects are expected. We haven’t had many major incidents in recent years, but it’s good to be prepared. Snow removal went well for the big storm we had. A lot of calls were directed to the correct jurisdiction.
- b. **Assessor** — The Preliminary Budget was presented again. Two new employees are wanting benefits. We have a lot of new staff. Educational training is one line item that will see a rise. Many other line items were explained. Lundahl asked for an explanation on EAV raises. Mellinger explained that with the rising of home values, we see rises in taxes. He stated he doesn’t want to see them go up just like the rest of us. Discussion ensued for disaster scenarios. Aguilar confirmed that money should be set aside for such an occasion. This would be necessary in case the need to rent a building should arise.

NEW BUSINESS —

- a. Aguilar wants to consider raising the senior food program by \$15,000. Discussion ensued on either increasing the amount to each person or increasing the amount of people. Aguilar explained the requirements to qualify. There is no waiting list at the moment. Gripp likes the idea of supporting more people versus more money to everyone. Forsberg would like to have this discussion again with the entire board present.

Youth program changes are possible. We are waiting to hear back from schools.

Other possible projects were discussed. Further discussion is needed.

- b. Forsberg asked if the Cemetery Board has been in contact at all. Aguilar stated he has not heard from them since they stated they will not be responding to complaints.
- c. An employee of the Road Commission has been reprimanded for unprofessional conduct.

MEETINGS & EDUCATION —

Next Board Meeting: February 6, 2024 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 Forsberg for approval; second by Gripp. Ayes: Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
 2. ASSESSOR — Motion by Gripp for approval; second by Forsberg. Ayes: Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
 3. TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER — Motion by Forsberg for approval; second by Gripp. Ayes: Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- b. TOWN FUND — FICA — Motion by Gripp for approval; second by Forsberg. Ayes: Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- c. TOWN FUND — IMRF — Motion by Forsberg for approval; second by Gripp. Ayes: Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- d. GENERAL ASSISTANCE — Motion by Gripp for approval; second by Forsberg. Ayes: Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- e. ROAD & BRIDGE / GENERAL FUND — Motion by Forsberg for approval; second by Gripp. Ayes: Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- f. ROAD & BRIDGE / IMRF FUND — Motion by Gripp for approval; second by Forsberg. Ayes: Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- g. ROAD & BRIDGE / FICA FUND — Motion by Forsberg for approval; second by Gripp. Ayes: Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- h. ROAD & BRIDGE / EQUIPMENT & BLDG — Motion by Gripp for approval; second by Forsberg. Ayes: Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- i. ROAD & BRIDGE / INSURANCE FUND — Motion by Forsberg for approval; second by Gripp. Ayes: Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- j. CEMETERY — Motion by Forsberg for approval; second by Gripp. Ayes: Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT — Motion by Forsberg, second by Gripp, that we adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, with all voting in favor. Meeting adjourned @ 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas “Nick” Vyncke
South Moline Township Clerk