

**SOUTH MOLINE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

March 05, 2024

PRESENT — Greg Aguilar, Supervisor; Andrea Anderson, Trustee; Brian Forsberg, Trustee; Howard Gripp, Trustee; Bob Schultz, Trustee; Nick Vyncke, Clerk; Scott Jorgenson, Fire Protection District; Kent Breecher, Cemetery; and Joe Lambrecht.

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 Forsberg, second by Schultz, that we approve the minutes of February 20, 2024. Motion carried, with all voting in favor.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS —

- a. **Clerk** — The Annual Town Meeting is April 9, 2024 at 6:01 p.m. The proposed agenda was presented.
- b. **Trustees** — Members of the board received an anonymous letter concerning the Supervisor. Breecher asked the contents of the letter. Schultz said he would share it after the meeting. Aguilar asked to see a copy of the letter.

Amendment:

"I am disgusted. Last year, I was accused of dereliction of duty with no basis in fact and now these "concerned citizens" are attacking my character again, without the courage to bring these accusations to me face to face.

Instead, they choose to use this board as a proxy for these allegations which they themselves state cannot be confirmed. This is the last I will speak on this. Any further inquiry regarding this matter can be directed to my attorney."

- c. **Cemetery** — At a recent Cemetery Board meeting, Breecher requested some documents of the staff to provide to an outside attorney he had contacted. Breecher was upset that the staff in the building did not have the information, and he had to go to the county. Vyncke informed him where the county stamped levy and budget were located in the office. Breecher continued by stating that the Town and Road are two separate taxing bodies and he plans on using this attorney to get a clear understanding.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT —

G.A. – Active 3, Denied 3, Terminated 2, Total 8.

E.A. – Denied 3, Total 3.

Waiver – Approved 1, Total 1.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS —

Budget Special Review – After a special review, a small amount of money will need to be moved in the budget to start the new year.

NEW BUSINESS —

- a. **Transfer of Appropriation for Assessor** – Schultz made a motion to approve the \$500 transfer as written. Anderson seconded the motion, with all voting in favor. Motion carried.
- b. **Fire Protection Update** – Jorgenson stated that they had found a new attorney in Katherine Varlas-Teel of Silvis. The FPD liked her familiarity with other fire protection districts. Due to the current situation with attorneys, the budget numbers are not set. The money provided by the state was less this year, which also complicates things. Anderson asked about residents calling recently. Jorgenson confirmed that they have very few fire calls a year, which is a good thing. There have been none lately. They will have a new position on the FPD board soon. Schultz made a recommendation. Issues with the City of Moline have calmed down. Aguilar complimented the FPD on handling of the various situations in the past year.

MEETINGS & EDUCATION —

Next Board Meeting: March 18, 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 Anderson for approval; second by Gripp. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
 2. ASSESSOR — Motion by Gripp for approval; second by Forsberg. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
 3. TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER — Motion by Forsberg 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 Gripp. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- d. GENERAL ASSISTANCE — Motion by Gripp for approval; second by Forsberg. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- e. ROAD & BRIDGE / GENERAL FUND — Motion by Forsberg 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 Gripp. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- h. ROAD & BRIDGE / EQUIPMENT & BLDG — Motion by Gripp for approval; second by

Forsberg. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.

- i. ROAD & BRIDGE / INSURANCE FUND — Motion by Forsberg 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 — Joe Lambrecht had a concern with the lack of response by Kent Breecher to two emails he had sent. Lambrecht stated that he had driven by the cemetery and noticed no cleanup happening. He believes the cemetery is not being taken care of. Lambrecht is considering calling the attorney general. He continued by stating that he does not like his tax dollars being wasted. Anderson stated that Breecher has said it can be difficult to get a contractor on site after major storms. Schultz asked if Lambrecht would be interested in joining the Cemetery Board. Discussion ensued on who oversees the cemetery. Appointments are coming due. Lambrecht stated that he is interested. Discussion ensued on the process of upkeep and how the board is to be held accountable. Lambrecht stated again that he would like the communication issues to be solved with a response from Breecher. Aguilar presented the board with a list of each cemetery board member and when their appointment completed its 2-year term. If no one else is appointed or desires the position, the individuals stay on the current cemetery board position. The board believes that personal issues between Breecher and Aguilar should be avoided and discussed without targeting certain individuals for removal. Aguilar will reach out to cemetery board members and see if they are still interested in their positions.

Aguilar stated that he will be gone from the next meeting. The senior trustee will act as the supervisor.

ADJOURNMENT — Motion by Schultz, second by Gripp, 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