

**SOUTH MOLINE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

October 21, 2024

PRESENT — Greg Aguilar, Supervisor; Andrea Anderson, Trustee; Brian Forsberg, Trustee; Howard Gripp, Trustee; Bob Schultz, Trustee; Nick Vyncke, Clerk; Mark Lundahl, Road Commissioner; Derrick Burton, Veterans; Rick Mellinger, Assessor; and Olivia Dorothy - Girl Scouts.

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 October 1, 2024. Motion carried, with all voting in favor.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS —

- a. **Road Commissioner** — Aguilar informed the board that, due to a growing school in the area, there has been a parking issue for residents. This is a city issue for the time being.
- b. **Assessor** — All is well.
- c. **Veterans** — We had a good summer with a lot of positive things happening. VEAC is being used to aide in the process. Burton gave an example of one individual who has been helped by increasing his disability income from 50% to 100%. A grant was received from Bowling For Veterans. We have an upcoming Veteran's dinner. WWII medals were awarded. One individual received assistance from SMT to obtain a Real ID to proceed with the Honor Flight. We have many ideas for the future and hope to keep informing and helping Veterans.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS —

- a. **Levy** - Aguilar discussed current numbers with current EAVs. Mellinger confirmed that EAV rarely goes down. The previous three years dictate current values. Anderson asked for specifics on numbers if left as is. Discussion ensued on if the dollar amount or the rate were the target of a 5% raise possibility. Aguilar will confirm. Schultz would like to see the confirmation in writing from the attorney. Discussion ensued on if taxes were lowered, individuals could still pay a higher amount because of the rise in EAVs. Mellinger clarified. Discussion ensued on due dates for the levy. Vyncke confirmed this as the last Tuesday in December. Anderson asked to see current expenses for the year. Aguilar provided these. Reserves are healthy. Anderson asked about the information from the audit. Aguilar stated that they are delayed. Further discussion is needed.
- b. **Salaries** - Due next month. Aguilar believes in an 8-10% raise for everyone, along with an annual increase for cost of living. Schultz disagreed on the raise and believes the cost of living raise should be similar to social security at 2.5%. Discussion ensued on what would be reasonable. Anderson asked to find comparisons similar to SMT. Further discussion is needed.

NEW BUSINESS —

- a. **East Moline Little League** - Aguilar presented the various donation amounts. Anderson made a motion to discuss East Moline Little League donation. Discussion ensued on past donation amounts for EMLL. Aguilar wanted to confirm that the donation does go to South Moline Township players. \$1,000 was donated to Moline Little League in the past. Schultz made a motion to donate \$2,000 to East Moline Little League. Forsberg seconded the motion, with all voting in favor.
- b. **Girl Scouts** – Start-up costs for brownies and daisies were presented. Dorothy also informed that most of the individuals are from the township. Estimated costs are around \$400. Schultz asked who would be monitoring the funds. Dorothy explained each account is monitored by the Girl Scouts' regional group. Schultz made a motion to donate \$500 to the Girl Scouts for start-up costs. Gripp seconded the motion, with all voting in favor.

MEETINGS & EDUCATION —

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

- j. CEMETERY — Motion by Gripp for approval; second by Forsberg. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT — Motion by Forsberg, second by Anderson, that we adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, with all voting in favor. Meeting adjourned @ 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas "Nick" Vyncke
South Moline Township Clerk