

**SOUTH MOLINE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**November 18, 2024**

**PRESENT** — Greg Aguilar, Supervisor; Andrea Anderson, Trustee; Brian Forsberg, Trustee; Howard Gripp, Trustee; Nick Vyncke, Clerk; and Mark Lundahl, Road Commissioner. Absent - 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 Anderson, second by Aguilar, that we approve the minutes of October 21, 2024. Motion carried, with all voting in favor. Motion by Forsberg, second by Gripp, that we approve the minutes of November 1, 2024. Motion carried, with all voting in favor.

**OFFICIALS' REPORTS —**

- a. **Road Commissioner** — The Levy has been submitted.
- b. **Seniors** — The Thanksgiving meal will be Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, around 11:00. Bingo games will follow.

Lighting has been upgraded in multiple spots.

The Holiday Party is December 19<sup>th</sup>. We will eat around 11:00. The choir from Glenview will perform after lunch.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT —**

- a. **G.A. Report** –  
G.A. - Pending 4, Active 4, Approved 1, Denied 1; Total 10.  
E.A. - Approved 2; Total 2.
- b. **Veterans** – A lot has been going on. We have been receiving a lot of information and donations. Bowling for Veterans has been assisting with both information and donations.
- c. Flowers will be sent by the township for the passing of Carolyn Schultz, mother of Trustee Bob Schultz.
- d. We have received multiple thank-you cards for donations. Moline schools presented the township with a certificate for helping with backpacks.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS —**

- a. **Salaries** - Gripp made a motion, seconded by Anderson, to discuss salaries. Gripp believes there should be no raise to the salaries, as he sees these as part-time positions. Aguilar asked for more discussion on the 2.5% cost-of-living raise for the Supervisor, Clerk, Assessor, and Road Commissioner. Aguilar made a motion to approve the salaries as presented. Roll Call Vote: Aguilar - Aye, Anderson - Aye, Forsberg - Aye, Gripp - Nay.

The motion was approved for the 2.5% annual cost-of-living raise for the Supervisor, Clerk, Assessor, and Road Commissioner.

Discussion ensued. Gripp asked Aguilar if he is comfortable in approving the cost-of-living raise for the supervisor position. Aguilar stated that these positions make it difficult to obtain a full-time job along with the position. Gripp wants this money to go back to the taxpayers. Forsberg stated that the positions should be desired and would bring out qualified and experienced individuals to the positions with the current salaries. Anderson reminded the board that this is a compromise from the recent suggestion of larger raises from Aguilar. Anderson stated that, compared to salaries in other local townships and the work required for a township of our size, this is appropriate.

**b. Levy –**

Road and Bridge - Anderson asked for clarification of items on the Road and Bridge Levy changes. Aguilar explained. Lundahl detailed the areas of focus in the upcoming year and the dollar amount change, which is under 105%. Expenses have gone up for Road and Bridge. EAV comes into play as well. Discussion ensued on current expenses versus expected future changes. Anderson made a motion to approve the Road and Bridge Levy as presented. Forsberg seconded the motion. Voting: Aguilar - Aye, Anderson - Aye, Forsberg - Aye, Gripp - Nay. Motion carried.

Town - Anderson made a motion to discuss the Town Levy. Gripp seconded the motion. Anderson asked for confirmation that the percentage of the levy is going down, but the dollar amount is going up compared to EAV. Aguilar confirmed this. There was a motion by Anderson, seconded by Aguilar, to approve the Town Levy as presented. Voting: Aguilar - Aye, Anderson - Aye, Forsberg - Aye, Gripp - Nay. Motion carried.

**c. December 3, 2024 – This scheduled meeting has been cancelled.**

**d. December 9, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. – This special board meeting is scheduled for approval of levies after the 20-day waiting period. Other agenda items may be added before the meeting.**

**MEETINGS & EDUCATION —**

**Next Board Meeting: December 9, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.**  
South Moline Township Hall, 2521 53<sup>rd</sup> 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, Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
2. ASSESSOR — Motion by Forsberg for approval; second by Gripp. Ayes: Anderson, Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
3. TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER — Motion by Gripp for approval; second by Anderson. Ayes: Anderson, Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.

**b. TOWN FUND — FICA — Motion by Anderson for approval; second by Forsberg. Ayes: Anderson, Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.**

- c. TOWN FUND — IMRF — Motion by Forsberg for approval; second by Gripp. Ayes: Anderson, Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- d. GENERAL ASSISTANCE — Motion by Gripp for approval; second by Anderson. Ayes: Anderson, Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- e. ROAD & BRIDGE / GENERAL FUND — Motion by Anderson for approval; second by Forsberg. Ayes: Anderson, Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- f. ROAD & BRIDGE / IMRF FUND — Motion by Forsberg for approval; second by Gripp. Ayes: Anderson, Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- g. ROAD & BRIDGE / FICA FUND — Motion by Gripp for approval; second by Anderson. Ayes: Anderson, Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- h. ROAD & BRIDGE / EQUIPMENT & BLDG — Motion by Anderson for approval; second by Forsberg. Ayes: Anderson, Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- i. ROAD & BRIDGE / INSURANCE FUND — Motion by Forsberg for approval; second by Gripp. Ayes: Anderson, Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- j. CEMETERY — Motion by Gripp for approval; second by Anderson. Ayes: Anderson, 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 @ 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Nicholas "Nick" Vyncke**  
South Moline Township Clerk