

**SOUTH MOLINE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

February 18, 2025

PRESENT — Greg Aguilar, Supervisor; Andrea Anderson, Trustee; Howard Gripp, Trustee; Bob Schultz, Trustee; Nick Vyncke, Clerk; Rick Mellinger, Assessor; Derrick Burton, Veterans; Lloyd Duncan, Dewayne Cremeens, Darrell Trowbaugh, Juli Zimmerman, Moline Project Graduation; Jeff Rivera, Olivia Dorothy, Maritia Griffith, and Craig Loken. Absent- Brian Forsberg, 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 Schultz, second by Aguilar, that we approve the minutes of February 4th, 2025 and the amendment to the minutes of January 21, 2025. Motion carried, with all voting in favor.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS —

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT —

- a. **Veterans-** Burton introduced the veterans. Trowbaugh spoke on what the program means to him. He provided various ideas of helping veterans and how important it is for him. Duncan spoke on his veteran's history. Discussed what the program has done for him. He is very thankful for the veteran's center. Provided push carts and massage chairs. Mowing yards has been done at least once. Thanked the board. Cremeens spoke on his experiences as a veteran. He went into detail on how helpful it has been for him with the advancement of technology. Thanked the board for what they have done.

Burton spoke on how rewarding the program has been. Burton explained various ways vets can be reached for the program. Individuals have improved their income with the help of the program. Rides to appointments have been very helpful.

Schultz asked when the program is open for veterans. Burton clarified that Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30. Schultz added that from his point of view this program is not in jeopardy at all.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS —

- a. **Budget-** Aguilar asked for questions. Schultz mentioned that one number did not add up. Aguilar will correct and adjust. Aguilar would like to approve at the next meeting if possible.
- b. **Employee Benefit and Compensation-** Schultz asked what constitutes a full-time employee. Aguilar confirmed timeline and stated that thirty hours a week is considered full-time. Aguilar then stated that the current policies in place along with those put in by past boards make it difficult to clarify. Schultz asked if paying \$21000 to an additional employee along with health insurance benefits was necessary. Aguilar went into detail on the type of people that come in and move around the senior center. He continued by stating that people should not be down there alone. Gripp asked if the veterans program could be moved up into normal business hours. Aguilar stated that this would not work well bingo. Schultz asked if the additional position was posted for people to apply. Aguilar stated that it

was. He continued by stating that all positions should be posted along with those at Road and Bridge. Anderson believes in a fair opportunity process for hiring.

NEW BUSINESS —

- a. **Moline Project Graduation-** Zimmerman explained the history of project graduation. Fundraising topics discussed. 175 students involved last year including Rock Island, Moline, and United Township. Anderson thanked Zimmerman for coming in person. Aguilar thanked as well. Aguilar makes motion to donate. Anderson seconds. Discussion ensued. Schultz asked if United Township has requested. Aguilar stated that nothing has come in so far. Zimmerman explained that it is quite early request timeline. Schultz makes a motion to donate \$2000 to Moline Project Graduation, Anderson seconds with all voting in favor. Aguilar confirms that there are enough reserves if United Township were to ask.

MEETINGS & EDUCATION —

Next Board Meeting: March 4, 2025 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 Schultz. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Gripp, and Aguilar. Unanimous.
 2. ASSESSOR — Motion by Schultz for approval; second by Gripp. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Gripp, and Aguilar. Unanimous.
 3. TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER — Motion by Gripp for approval; second by Anderson. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Gripp, and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- b. TOWN FUND — FICA — Motion by Anderson for approval; second by Schultz. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Gripp, and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- c. TOWN FUND — IMRF — Motion by Schultz for approval; second by Gripp. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Gripp, and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- d. GENERAL ASSISTANCE — Motion by Gripp for approval; second by Anderson. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Gripp, and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- e. ROAD & BRIDGE / GENERAL FUND — Motion by Anderson for approval; second by Schultz. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Gripp, and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- f. ROAD & BRIDGE / IMRF FUND — Motion by Schultz for approval; second by Gripp. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Gripp, and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- g. ROAD & BRIDGE / FICA FUND — Motion by Gripp for approval; second by Anderson. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Gripp, and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- h. ROAD & BRIDGE / EQUIPMENT & BLDG — Motion by Anderson for approval; second by Schultz. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Gripp, and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- i. ROAD & BRIDGE / INSURANCE FUND — Motion by Schultz for approval; second by Gripp. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Gripp, and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- j. CEMETERY — Motion by Gripp for approval; second by Anderson. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Gripp, and Aguilar. Unanimous.

COMMENTS — Loken mentioned a student from United Township having a child and has lost the support of her father. Certain school staff are supporting the student when they can. He ask the board to help. Discussion ensued on what happens if the student is a minor. Aguilar will connect with Loken and see what can be provided.

ADJOURNMENT — Motion by Anderson, 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