

**SOUTH MOLINE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

March 4, 2025

PRESENT — Greg Aguilar, Supervisor; Andrea Anderson, Trustee; Brian Forsberg, Trustee; Howard Gripp, Trustee; Bob Schultz, Trustee; Nick Vyncke, Clerk; Mark Lundahl, Road Commissioner; Kent Breecher, Cemetery; Maritia Griffith, Luis Moreno, Jaclyn Dooley RIGOP, Daniel Zahm, John Zahm, Elvia Aguilar, Greg Aguilar, Joe Lambrecht, Craig Loken, and Jeff Rivera.

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 Anderson, that we approve the minutes of February 18, 2025. Motion carried, with all voting in favor.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS —

- a. **Clerk** — Vyncke presented drafts of documents for the Annual Town Meeting. The agenda must be voted on at our next meeting.
- b. **Trustees** — Gripp presented the FOIA he received. He complimented the veterans' program on what they have done. He specifically noted three large charges for dinners. Forsberg questioned if the charges were overlooked by the board in past meetings. Schultz asked about a \$1,016 charge for a computer and software purchase of a 1099 employee. Anderson suggested the program needs to have a budget line item. Gripp asked what the cardmember services charges are for. Forsberg asked to have Burton on the next agenda. Gripp suggested that the position be posted.
- c. **Cemetery** — Breecher went into detail on the recent activities at the cemetery. We received an initial survey from Saber. This is to scan the ground with ground-penetrating radar. The results showed a lot of unmarked graves. Markers are being considered to identify graves. Anderson requested an updated map. Breecher informed the board that the process of using ground-penetrating radar was to do precisely that. Drone technology was attempted for this process, but denied due to believed proximity of the airport. Breecher confirmed that many graves date back to the 1850s and older. He believes it to be the oldest cemetery in Moline. He finished by listing updates such as a new road and new shed. The cemetery is looking good.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT —

G.A. Report - Active 5; Total 5.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS —

Budget - Aguilar explained his presentation versus the levy. Anderson asked if property tax was listed with the new EAVs. Aguilar confirmed this. Anderson asked for an explanation on the difference. Aguilar confirmed that the rental income was included in the final number. There was a motion by Forsberg to approve the presented budget for the 30-day viewing period. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried, with all voting in favor.

NEW BUSINESS —

- a. **East Moline Mainstreet Request - Anderson made a motion to donate \$500 to East Moline Main Street. Aguilar seconded the motion. Motion carried, with all voting in favor.**
- b. **East Moline Parks and Recreation - Aguilar explained his conversation with the director of the program. Schultz made a motion for discussion. Aguilar seconded the motion. Schultz asked if information on the number of South Moline Township students in the program was available. Moreno commented that the park board does not ask. Schultz made a motion to donate \$1,000. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried, with all voting in favor.**

MEETINGS & EDUCATION —

Next Board Meeting: March 17, 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 Forsberg. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
 2. ASSESSOR — Motion by Forsberg for approval; second by Gripp. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
 3. TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER — Motion by Gripp 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 Forsberg. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- d. GENERAL ASSISTANCE — Motion by Forsberg for approval; second by Gripp. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- e. ROAD & BRIDGE / GENERAL FUND — Motion by Gripp 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 Forsberg. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- h. ROAD & BRIDGE / EQUIPMENT & BLDG — Motion by Forsberg for approval; second by Gripp. Ayes: Anderson, Schultz, Gripp, Forsberg and Aguilar. Unanimous.
- i. ROAD & BRIDGE / INSURANCE FUND — Motion by Gripp 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 —

Moreno read aloud a FOIA request on all information concerning Best's Lawn Care and South Moline Township. An amended request will be given at a future date.

Breecher explained how work was added to the position over the years at the request of Aguilar to mow the hill. Breecher reminded the board that there was a dispute with the City of Moline on who was supposed to take care of the hill. Breecher wanted to keep everyone happy and asked Best's Lawn Care to do it on top of the rest of the cemetery. A bidding process was not required, as the dollar amount on the contract was under the limit. He reminded the board that multiple people were contacted originally and Best's Lawn Care was the lowest bid. Breecher added that the new individual mowing the cemetery is substantially higher than Best's Lawn Care.

Lambrecht told the board that he went up to the cemetery multiple times and no work was being done. He has concerns if the cemetery board is even needed. He addressed Gripp as Mr. Clean by saying he is happy to feed veterans. Breecher asked Lambrecht to repeat the comment. Lambrecht told Breecher to shut up. Breecher said he cannot hear. Lambrecht told Breecher to shut up again. Gripp asked Lambrecht to calm down.

Loken informed the board of his past experiences in other cities about Parks and Recreation programs creating beer gardens. In these cities, all profits go towards the Parks and Recreation program. Loken asked for the township to explore this option.

Breecher asked if the board could look at the past minutes and evaluate how Burton said there would be minimal costs to the veterans' program.

Breecher asked Aguilar if there was any more word on the reasoning behind his dismissal from the Western Illinois Board. Aguilar stated that this is public comment and that he is here to listen.

ADJOURNMENT — Motion by Schultz, second by Aguilar, that we adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, with all voting in favor. Meeting adjourned @ 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas "Nick" Vyncke
South Moline Township Clerk