

**SOUTH MOLINE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

April 18, 2016

PRESENT — Tracy Best, Supervisor; Karin Martin, Assessor; Andrea Anderson, Trustee; Lisa Griffin, Trustee; Kim Lazenby, Trustee; Brian Forsberg, Trustee; Bob Schultz, Road Commissioner; and Rob Vyncke, Clerk.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER — Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Best.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Motion by Anderson, second by Forsberg, that we approve the minutes of April 5, 2016. Motion carried, with all voting in favor.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS —

- a. **Road Commissioner** — Schultz stated that there are three intersections that do not have appropriate lighting and he plans on installing new street lights. Forsberg asked who pays for the electricity, and Schultz answered that the township pays and it costs \$8.00 per light per month. Schultz also informed all that one of the residents asked him if we could fill in his drainage ditch in front of his house. When we told him no, he became very upset. Schultz provided pictures of the property in question. Schultz also stated that, either due to recent winds or human intervention, we have lost some street signs and they have to be replaced.
- b. **Assessor** — All is fine. Seniors are still coming in for their exemptions. Tax bills are coming out May 9th.
- c. **Clerk** — None
- d. **Trustees** — None
- e. **Cemetery** — None
- f. **Seniors** — None
- g. **Youth** — We received a request from Moline Wrestling asking for a donation for their upcoming fundraiser. Best said we gave \$300.00 last year. After some light discussion, Best said he will place this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT —

Best started to explain all of the changes on the proposed 2016 -2017 Budget. When discussing salaries, Lazenby stated that the recent 3% raise given to two SMT office employees should have had board approval. Best stated that, in his opinion, he did not need board approval as it was in the budget and even with the raise, it is still within the budget. Martin, Schultz and Forsberg agreed, stating that the board has never approved these type of raises in the past. Lazenby stated that she has contacted a representative from TOI and also referenced the Laws & Duties 2015 Township Book of Rules. She said that yes, in fact, the board needs to give approval on all township employees. Best stated that he gave the two employees their annual reviews and they are both

doing an excellent job. Based on their reviews, and the fact that we are the largest township in the area, and that these employees are paid lower than their counterparts in other townships, he felt it was necessary and warranted. Forsberg agreed, stating that we must look at the big picture. While all agreed that these employees are doing an excellent job, Lazenby and Anderson both stated that we may have gotten the cart ahead of the horse. Lazenby showed a graph of recent inflation statistics and said that the inflation rate for 2014 – 2016 were 0.8%, 0.7% and 0.9% respectively. Lazenby stated that she has a hard time justifying a 3% raise, especially to the public, as people are asking her what the purpose of township government is. Lazenby suggested maybe giving them a bonus in lieu of a raise. Martin stated that she has never heard of a bonus for government employees and felt that would really look bad in the public eye. Best will confirm Lazenby's findings and, if necessary, the board will vote on said raises at our next meeting.

When discussing the line item on Health Insurance, Lazenby stated that some other townships have a group-type plan. Anderson asked what percent of employee health insurance cost the township pays. Best answered 85%. Martin and Forsberg both stated that every time we have looked at group-type plans in the past, it has never worked out.

Best also stated that Lazenby has brought to his attention the need for the township to have a Continuing Annual Budget Ordinance. Best stated that he called the attorney for his interpretation, and he stated that it really is not necessary, as long as the township has an approved budget. Best asked Lazenby what she found out when talking to the TOI representative and she stated that she was told that we should have one.

Best continued to explain the rest of the proposed changes -- asking everyone's approval on each proposed changed line item. Best will email a corrected copy to all board members. Best also reminded all that the budget will be available for public review for the next 30 days and any changes can still be made.

There was a motion by Forsberg to approve the 2016-2017 Town Fund Corrected Proposed Budget to be emailed and to incorporate the Continuing Annual Budget Ordinance. Second by Griffin. All ayes, motion carried.

There was a motion by Forsberg to approve the 2016-2017 Road & Bridge Budget and to incorporate the Continuing Annual Budget Ordinance. Second by Anderson. All ayes, motion carried.

There was a motion by Anderson to approve the 2016-2017 General Assistance Budget and to incorporate the Continuing Annual Budget Ordinance. Second by Griffin. All ayes, motion carried.

There was a motion by Griffin to approve the 2016-2017 Senior Budget and to incorporate the Continuing Annual Budget Ordinance. Second by Anderson. All ayes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS — None

OLD BUSINESS — None

MEETINGS & EDUCATION —

Next Board Meeting: May 03, 2016 at 6:00 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, Griffin, Lazenby, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.
 - 2. ASSESSOR — Motion by Forsberg for approval; second by Lazenby. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lazenby, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.
 - 3. TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER — Motion by Lazenby for approval; second by Griffin. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lazenby, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.
- b. TOWN FUND — FICA — Motion by Griffin for approval; second by Anderson. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lazenby, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.
- c. TOWN FUND — IMRF — Motion by Anderson for approval; second by Forsberg. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lazenby, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.
- d. GENERAL ASSISTANCE — Motion by Forsberg for approval; second by Lazenby. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lazenby, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.
- e. ROAD & BRIDGE / GENERAL FUND — Motion by Lazenby for approval; second by Griffin. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lazenby, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.
- f. ROAD & BRIDGE / IMRF FUND — Motion by Griffin for approval; second by Anderson. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lazenby, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.
- g. ROAD & BRIDGE / FICA FUND — Motion by Anderson for approval; second by Forsberg. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lazenby, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.
- h. ROAD & BRIDGE / EQUIPMENT & BLDG — Motion by Forsberg for approval; second by Lazenby. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lazenby, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.
- i. ROAD & BRIDGE / INSURANCE FUND — Motion by Lazenby for approval; second by Anderson. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lazenby, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.
- j. CEMETERY — Motion by Anderson for approval; second by Forsberg. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lazenby, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.

COMMENTS — None

ADJOURNMENT — Motion by Griffin, second by Anderson, that we adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, with all voting in favor. Meeting adjourned @ 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert “Rob” Vyncke
South Moline Township Clerk