

**SOUTH MOLINE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

October 04, 2016

PRESENT — Tracy Best, Supervisor; Karin Martin, Assessor; Andrea Anderson, Trustee; Brian Forsberg, Trustee; Lisa Griffin, Trustee; Kim Lazenby, 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 Griffin, second by Anderson, that we approve the minutes of September 19, 2016. Motion carried, with all voting in favor except Lazenby, as she was absent from the last meeting.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS —

- a. **Road Commissioner** — We are trimming trees with a lift rental. We got new tires on one of the trucks. The dodge truck is going in for some work soon and we will be going out for road patch bids.
- b. **Assessor** — All is fine. At the recent Assessor's Dinner, Brian Smith of TOI stated that everyone must keep an eye out as there are lots of bills out to abolish township government. We can expect a lot more to come in the upcoming year.
- c. **Clerk** — All is good.
- d. **Trustees** — None
- e. **Cemetery** — Best said that he knows they have been talking about installing a bumper guard.
- f. **Seniors** — The roofing contractor did find some more termite damage and a couple of the support beams had to be replaced. He does not expect the extra cost to exceed \$2,000.00.
- g. **Youth** — Only 3 schools have responded to the voucher program. Best will again contact the schools to see if there is any need.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT —

- a. GA report was not completed and will be available at the next meeting.
- b. Compensation for elected officials.

Lazenby asked when the decision was made to pay 100% of the insurance cost for some officials. Best and Martin answered that this was decided at a previous meeting 4 years ago when the board voted on it. Forsberg stated that the township is in good financial shape and also is in the public eye and that we must have adequate pay to attract good people to run for office. Forsberg recommended a 1% increase per year for the Road

Commissioner, Assessor and Supervisor, and that all others remain as is. Anderson stated that since the state is in such bad shape, if we raise salaries it will look bad, but we also must be competitive with other townships. Schultz said that he does not need a raise and that Martin and Best are the ones dealing with the public and all of the complaints. Griffin stated that while she agrees with Forsberg, we also must keep in mind that townships are under attack right now. Lazenby commented that she has never heard of anybody getting 100% of their insurance cost paid. Also, the cost of living has not increased recently.

Martin reminded all that the assessor's term does not start until January 01, 2018 and it will be January 01, 2022 before another raise would be considered for the assessor. Martin also stated that she know the assessor in Galesburg, Illinois which is very close in size and the number of parcels to SMT. Four years ago his salary was approximately \$75,000.00.

Best stated that he is happy where he is and enjoys what he does. He is more concerned with the office help and wants to be sure they are taken care of, as they work very well together and are very good at their jobs. Lazenby stated that according to the hours listed on the office door, they are only working 30 hours a week. Best answered that even though that is the listed open hours, they work more than 30 hours and also we stagger their lunches so someone is always here. Best asked Lazenby what she is proposing. Lazenby answered that she is opposed to the 100% insurance. Griffin stated that if we are doing a good job and we have good people now, then why change anything. She is not opposed to a raise for Martin. Anderson recommended a raise in wages and a deduction in 100% insurance. Forsberg recommended maybe a 3% raise would be enough to offset maybe cutting the insurance sponsorship to 85%. Lazenby stated that she is against the 3%. After further discussion, all agreed to table this matter until a future meeting.

- c. Employee insurance. Best stated that he is happy with the township paying 85% as they are doing a good job and don't make a whole lot anyway. Also, for example, RI Township pays 95% of the employees' insurance cost. South RI Township pays 100%. Again, some more discussion followed and all agreed to table the decision until a future meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS — None

NEW BUSINESS — None

MEETINGS & EDUCATION —

Next Board Meeting: October 17, 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 Lazenby. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lazenby, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.
 - 2. ASSESSOR — Motion by Lazenby for approval; second by Griffin. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lazenby, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.
 - 3. TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER — Motion by Griffin for approval; second by Anderson. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lazenby, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.

- b. TOWN FUND — FICA — Motion by Anderson for approval; second by Forsberg. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lazenby, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.
- c. TOWN FUND — IMRF — Motion by Forsberg for approval; second by Lazenby. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lazenby, Forsberg, and Best. Unanimous.
- d. GENERAL ASSISTANCE — Motion by Lazenby for approval; second by Griffin. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lazenby, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.
- e. ROAD & BRIDGE / GENERAL FUND — Motion by Griffin for approval; second by Anderson. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lazenby, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.
- f. ROAD & BRIDGE / IMRF FUND — Motion by Anderson for approval; second by Forsberg. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lazenby, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.
- g. ROAD & BRIDGE / FICA FUND — Motion by Forsberg for approval; second by Lazenby. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lazenby, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.
- h. ROAD & BRIDGE / EQUIPMENT & BLDG — Motion by Lazenby for approval; second by Griffin. Ayes: Anderson, Griffin, Lazenby, Forsberg and Best. Unanimous.
- i. ROAD & BRIDGE / INSURANCE FUND — Motion by Griffin 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 Anderson, second by Forsberg, that we adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, with all voting in favor. Meeting adjourned @ 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert “Rob” Vyncke
South Moline Township Clerk