

MORAIN TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
April 16, 2019, 7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., and upon roll call the following members were present: Supervisor Anne Flanigan Bassi, Trustees Dwayne Douglas, Cindy Wolfson and Amy Zisook;

Absent: Trustee Pablo Alvarez

Also present: Assessor Mark Lindsay, Clerk Gail Feiger Brown, videographer Andrew Henderson and Moraine Township resident Janet Freed.

Public Comment

There was no comment.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Douglas moved, seconded by Trustee Zisook, Approval of the March 14, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Approval of Bills

Trustee Douglas moved, seconded by Trustee Wolfson, Approval of the bills for the period March 15-April 16, 2019 in the following amounts: \$26,443.86 General Assistance Fund, \$97,222.88 Town Fund. Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Bassi, Trustees Douglas, Wolfson and Zisook; voting Nay: none.

Motion to Open Public Hearing

Trustee Wolfson, seconded by Trustee Zisook, motioned to open the Public Hearing on the Moraine Township Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Bassi, Trustees Douglas, Wolfson and Zisook; Voting Nay: none.

Public Hearing on Moraine Township Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Discussion was invited on the Moraine Township Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, which has been available for public inspection as of February 28.

Supervisor Bassi made three calls for comment from the public. There was no public comment.

Motion to Close Public Hearing

Trustee Douglas made a motion to close the public hearing; the motion was seconded by Trustee Wolfson. Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Bassi, Trustees Douglas, Wolfson and Zisook; Voting Nay: none.

Action Items

- **Adoption of Moraine Township Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2019-2020** Trustee Douglas moved, seconded by Trustee Zisook, Adoption of the Moraine Township Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Bassi, Trustees Douglas, Wolfson and Zisook; voting Nay: none
- **Adoption of the 2017 General Assistance Handbook, effective April 1, 2019** Trustee Wolfson moved, seconded by Trustee Zisook, Adoption of the 2017 General Assistance Handbook, effective April 1, 2019. Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Bassi, Trustees Douglas, Wolfson and Zisook; voting Nay: none.
- **Approval of Proposal for Roof Consulting Services with INSPEC in the amount of \$5,500.00** Trustee Zisook moved, seconded by Trustee Douglas, Approval of the Proposal for Roof Consulting Services with INSPEC in the amount of \$5,500.00. Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Bassi, Trustees Douglas, Wolfson and Zisook; voting Nay: none.
- **Fair Housing Proclamation** Trustee Wolfson moved, seconded by Trustee Zisook, a Fair Housing Proclamation establishing April, 2019 as Fair Housing Month in Moraine Township. Clerk Brown read aloud the Proclamation. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Reports

Assessor's Report Mark Lindsay

Assessor Lindsay was informed today that the Lake County Treasurer's office has not printed or mailed tax bills, but was expecting to do so in two weeks.

Assessor Staff continues to correct thousands of errors from the Lake County transfer to the new computer software system.

2019 is the year designated by law for quadrennial reassessments of Township property. Assessment notices, also known as "Blue Cards," will be mailed to residents in June/July.

Supervisor's Report Anne Flanigan Bassi

- Supervisor Bassi distributed to Trustees the Moraine Township service report for January, 2018 through March, 2019. For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019, the Township provided 20,728 services to residents. Food Pantry usage continues to climb.
- The Annual Town Meeting was held on April 9. Thanks to Trustee Wolfson and Clerk Brown for their assistance with volunteer recognition. It was a joyful evening. The Township is grateful to the over 70 weekly volunteers that enable us to provide a high level of service to our residents.
- Thanks to Nick Pulia and Ravinia Festival for donating pavilion seats and a preconcert reception for Township volunteers at the Saturday July 20 Chicago Symphony performance of Leonard Bernstein's Mass.
- Trustees are reminded that their Statements of Economic Interest are due May 1.

- The Township has contributed \$1,000.00 for operations of the Lake County Lifeline 2-1-1 help hotline, which is staffed 24/7 to provide instant live human response for residents to find health and services.
- Supervisor Bassi applied for and received an energy rebate of \$463.36 from Commonwealth Edison for the upgrade, installation and replacement expenses from the buildout.
- The Township received a \$2,102.00 annual dividend from TOIRMA, which is about the same as prior years. We have renewed our catastrophic medical covering General Assistance clients.
- PACE replaced the vans for the Door-to-Door Van Service. The new vans have the same seating capacity, and working wheelchair lifts. The drivers and clients are pleased with the new vans.
- The annual salaries of Township employees and elected officials whose total compensation exceeds \$75,000.00 will be posted at the Township office, as required by State statute.

Latino Advisory Committee Report provided in writing by Trustee Alvarez
The committee will meet April 25 and host several of its member organizations.

Food Insecurity Issues Report Amy Zisook
63 school vacation breakfast/lunch bags were picked up over spring break.

Food Pantry Report Anne Flanigan Bassi

- Thanks to Liberty Prairie Foundation for awarding us a grant of \$750.00. The grant will be used to purchase starter kits and seedlings for garden plots for our food pantry clients. This is the first year garden plots are available to our clients; in prior years the plots were offered to Lake County Health Department families.
- Thanks to volunteer Barbara Lippai who collected and contributed over \$925.00 in donations in honor of her birthday.
- Thanks to Trustee Zisook and Volunteer Coordinator Carol Pomerantz for coordinating the May 11 letter carrier food drive with letter carrier Joe Cholewa. Thanks to Sunset Foods for providing 5,000 grocery bags and to volunteers for gluing labels onto each bag with information about the food drive. Highland Park Christ Church handled 300 bags. Letter carriers in Highland Park will distribute the bags to 5,000 households in Highland Park the week before the May 11 drive.

Lake County Coordinated Transportation Services Committee (LCCTSC) Report
No report

Community Family Center (CFC) Report
No report

Human Relations Advisory Group Report

No report

Cemetery Report Cindy Wolfson

Invasive trees and shrubs have been removed from Daggitt Cemetery. Stonehugger Cemetery Restoration will do grave stone restoration at Daggitt Cemetery in late August.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, Trustee Douglas moved, seconded by Trustee Zisook, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:53 p.m. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Feiger Brown, Moraine Township Clerk