

MORaine TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
October 22, 2020, 7:00 PM

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

Also present: Clerk Gail Feiger Brown (present at the Moraine Township office), Susan Bell (College Bound Opportunities), Meghan Powell-Filler (PADS Lake County), Pam Feinberg (Tri-Con Child Care Center), and Moraine Township residents Janet Freed, Bill Laegeler, and Ginny Schulte.

Public Comment

There was no comment.

Agency Presentations

- **College Bound Opportunities (CBO) Susan Bell**

The Township was thanked for its support of Township high school students participating in their program which provides mentors and support to high school students applying to college and succeeding in college. Two-thirds of CBO students are Moraine Township residents. Eleven CBO scholars from Moraine Township were graduated from college this year. CBO is providing their services virtually due to the pandemic, via Zoom, Google Meet and Google Hangouts. CBO began offering a mobile food pantry for their clients at the beginning of the pandemic and will continue as long as necessary.

- **PADS Lake County Meghan Powell-Filler**

The Township was thanked for its grant which helps support homeless individuals and families. At the start of the pandemic PADS moved their clients into hotels and a fixed site in Warren Township. They will remain in hotels during the pandemic until it is safe to return to nightly group sites. PADS also provides clients with food, counseling, and case management services.

- **Tri-Con Child Care Center Pam Feinberg**

The Township was thanked for its support which helps fund child care and education for income qualified Township children. Due to the pandemic and CDC guidelines, Tri-Con has reduced their enrollment by 30% so that classes can continue to meet in-person. Kindergarten students are meeting remotely. Tri-Con provides a monthly bag of food to each participant family.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Wolfson moved, seconded by Trustee Alvarez, to approve the October 8, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Bassi, Trustees Alvarez, Douglas, Wolfson and Zisook; voting Nay: none.

Approval of Bills

Trustee Douglas moved, seconded by Trustee Zisook, Approval of the bills for the period October 9-October 22, 2020 in the following amounts: \$9,189.01 General Assistance Fund, \$26,538.87

Town Fund. Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Bassi, Trustees Alvarez, Douglas, Wolfson and Zisook; voting Nay: none.

Reports

Assessor's Report Anne Flanigan Bassi

Zoom video conference hearings on appeals of assessments are continuing.

Supervisor's Report Anne Flanigan Bassi

- Thanks to Administrator Sanela Abazovic for her work on the CARES reimbursement application. Moraine Township's maximum reimbursement under the County Township allocation is \$77,319.88 based on population. Expenses in the amount of \$109,000.00 were submitted, including reimbursement for personnel who worked more than 51% of their time on COVID-related issues. In the event that there is an additional round of CARES funding, Moraine hopes to be reimbursed for the expenses incurred in excess of the current allocation.
- Supervisor Bassi worked with Certified Application Counselors to develop procedures for remote enrollment for residents to obtain medical insurance on the Federal Marketplace under the Affordable Care Act. The Open Enrollment period to obtain 2021 insurance coverage is November 1 through December 15.
- Supervisor Bassi attended the quarterly intergovernmental meeting sponsored by the City of Highland Park; the meeting was held remotely.
- The HVAC retrofits have been completed. The contractor is scheduling an independent firm to perform Test and Balance reports for our outside independent engineer, Sachin Anand, to review and inspect.
- Moraine Township has been dismissed as a defendant in a slip-and-fall lawsuit.
- Highland Park Hospital will be sending a photographer to Moraine Township to photograph Township Food Pantry activities for a video on agencies that receive grants from the Hospital. This year, Moraine Township received \$10,000.00 from the Hospital.
- General Assistance Manager Lupe Somerville is following up with Emergency Assistance clients to assess their current situations.

Latino Advisory Committee Report Pablo Alvarez

The committee met remotely via Zoom teleconference on October 15. Thanks to Supervisor Bassi and Township resident Mark Haggarty for attending. Agencies are concerned about the spike in COVID-19 cases. They are working together to make sure all residents with food insecurity are being served and that their needs are being addressed.

Food Insecurity Issues Report Amy Zisook

School programs are underway at Oak Terrace, Edgewood and Northwood.

Food Pantry Report Anne Flanigan Bassi

- Trustees were emailed food pantry usage reports. Pantry usage and deliveries continue to increase.
- Grocery gift cards will be distributed in December. Families participating in the Holiday Drive and seniors who get senior gift bags will receive their cards through

those programs. Staff Linda Contreras and Lupe Somerville will ensure that Pantry clients not in either of these programs also receive grocery gift cards for their family's holiday meal.

Human Relations Advisory Group Report (HRAG)

Clerk Brown attended the Zoom HRAG meeting on October 14. The Martin Luther King, Jr. service event will be held virtually in January and there will be a collection of food and supplies for the Food Pantry.

Cemetery Report Cindy Wolfson

- Stonehugger Cemetery Restoration began work at Daggitt Cemetery Monday October 19. The crew of five people are set to repair 46 fallen or damaged grave markers and supply some new foundations for grave markers. Thanks to John Pappas and Pappas Construction for their donation of 6 tons of pea gravel and for permitting the concrete and cement from the project to be dumped at their facility in Glenview. Trustee Wolfson shared photos of the work with Trustees and Supervisor Bassi.
- Trustee Wolfson and cemetery manager Donna Novickas are continuing to work on a proposal for the Board to consider a Mooney Cemetery cremains garden.

Phyllis Santullano Holiday Drive Report Gail Feiger Brown

The Phyllis Santullano Holiday Drive is underway. There has been a huge response from the community in sponsoring children to purchase gifts and gift cards. Due to COVID-19, all District 112 and HPHS students who qualify for Free and Reduced Meals will be invited to participate by staff at the school districts. Both the dropping off and picking up of gifts will be handled in a drive-through at the back of the Food Pantry.

Old Business

- **2021 Regular Board Meeting Schedule** Anne Flanigan Bassi

A discussion was held about the proposed schedule. The schedule will be approved at a future Board Meeting.

New Business

- **Resignation of Dwayne Douglas** Anne Flanigan Bassi

Supervisor Bassi announced that she had received a letter from Trustee Douglas informing her that he is resigning from the Township Board. His resignation will be formally accepted at a future Board meeting. Supervisor Bassi expressed her appreciation to Trustee Douglas for his 12 years of service to Moraine Township.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, Trustee Douglas moved, seconded by Trustee Alvarez that the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Bassi, Trustees Alvarez, Douglas, Wolfson and Zisook; voting Nay: none.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Feiger Brown, Moraine Township Clerk