

MORAIN TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
September 23, 2021

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm by Supervisor Anne Flanigan Bassi.

The following Board Members were in attendance on site: Supervisor Anne Flanigan Bassi, Mark Haggarty, and Nancy Chausow Shafer.

Trustee Alvarez arrived at 5:35 pm.

Absent: Trustee Christine Peschier.

Also in attendance: Clerk Naomi Wexler (on site); and via video conference resident Gail Brown, resident Janet Freed, Karen Fay (Center for Enriched Living), and Susan Resko (Josselyn Center).

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Agency Presentations

Karen Fay, Center for Enriched Living

Ms. Fay thanked Moraine Township for its continued support. The grant supports programs and classes for clients with intellectual and developmental disabilities. CEL served 230 clients in 2020. Of those, 20 were Moraine Township residents. Typically, CEL serves roughly 450 individuals, however COVID-19 provided attendance challenges to some clients.

Susan Resko, Josselyn Center

The Josselyn Center's mission is to offer mental health services that make lives better for their clients, clients' families, and their communities. They do this by providing affordable therapy and psychiatric services, along with outpatient programing, mental health first aid training, and supported employment services.

The Josselyn Center serves 144 Moraine Township residents, up 31% from last year. In fact, Moraine Township residents seeking these services increased 60% in the past three years. Numbers of clients across the board have increased 300% in the past two years. These increases are due not only to the pandemic, but also the de-stigmatization of mental health issues.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Shafer moved, seconded by Trustee Haggarty, to approve minutes from the board meeting September 9, 2021. **The motion passed by voice vote.**

Approval of Bills

Trustee Haggarty moved, seconded by Trustee Shafer, to approve bills for the period September 10 to September 23, 2021 in the amount of \$24,878.45 for Town Fund and \$13,674.22 for General Assistance Fund.

Voting Aye by roll call vote: Supervisor Bassi and Trustees Alvarez, Haggarty, and Shafer. Voting Nay: none. **The motion passed.**

Action Items:

- Trustee Shafer moved, seconded by Trustee Alvarez, Adoption of Resolution Establishing Policy Prohibiting Retaliation Against a Whistleblower and Appointing Auditing Official. Voting Aye by roll call vote: Supervisor Bassi and Trustees Alvarez, Haggarty, and Shafer. Voting Nay: none. **The motion passed.**
- Trustee Alvarez moved, seconded by Trustee Shafer, for Appointment of Trustee Mark Haggarty as Moraine Township Auditing Official. **The motion passed by voice vote.**
- Trustee Alvarez moved, seconded by Trustee Shafer, for Adoption of Resolution Establishing COVID-19 Safety in the Workplace Policy. Voting Aye by roll call vote: Supervisor Bassi and Trustees Alvarez, Haggarty, and Shafer. Voting Nay: none. **The motion passed.**
- Trustee Shafer moved, seconded by Trustee Haggarty, for Adoption of Resolution Adopting Procedures for Electronic Attendance at Board Meetings. Voting Aye by roll call vote: Supervisor Bassi and Trustees Alvarez, Haggarty, and Shafer. Voting Nay: none. **The motion passed.**

Reports

Assessor's Report

No report.

Supervisor's Report: Anne Flanigan Bassi, Supervisor

- Emergency Assistance report was distributed to trustees.
- The annual Comptroller's Report was timely posted on the Illinois Comptroller's website by our auditor; a copy was provided to each Moraine Trustee.
- The annual Treasurer's Report was timely filed with the Lake County Clerk; a copy was provided to each Moraine Trustee.
- An electronic copy of our audit is posted on our website; notice of availability of audit report is scheduled for publication today as required.
- Former Trustee Cindy Wolfson has offered to help with the new website; her assistance is appreciated.
- Supervisor Bassi indicated she is starting development of proposed 2020 Township Levy to present to the Board for discussion in October.
- Volunteers are currently training with CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid) to help with the Township's program to help residents enroll for health insurance on the Federal Marketplace under the ACA (Affordable Care Act).
- IRS has contacted us about whether we will be doing the 2022 VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program remotely or in person next year. It will probably be a hybrid but we are delaying a decision for a couple of months to see the status of the pandemic.
- The proposed new Township logo was discussed with the Board.

Latino Advisory Committee Report

The committee will meet in October.

Trustee Alvarez requested that a liaison from the Highland Park City Council be appointed to the committee.

Food Pantry Report: Supervisor Anne Flanigan Bassi

- Usage report on re-opened Pantry distributed to the Board.
- Thanks to Sunset Foods for the weekly donations. Unfortunately, the other five stores we picked up from before the shut-down have other organizations picking up donations on the days that work with our Pantry schedule. We are continuing to explore options.
- Thanks to Trustee Peschier for pitching in to keep the Oak Terrace backpack program going.
- Thanks to former Clerk Gail Brown and former Trustee Amy Zisook for helping with school food programs for HPHS Drop-in Center and Red Oak snack program.
- Supervisor Bassi FaceTimed with Jessica Messe about a fundraiser for the one-year anniversary of the passing of her father, Nick Messe (a Food Pantry volunteer). We will put a drop-down legend on our donate button for donations in memory of Nick Messe. Memorial contributions over the last year totaled almost \$4,500.00.

Food Insecurity Issues Report

No report.

Cemetery Report

No report.

Old Business

The Board discussed the 2022 meeting schedule.

New Business

None

Executive Session

There was no executive session.

Adjournment

Trustee Alvarez moved, seconded by Trustee Haggarty, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Naomi Wexler, Moraine Township Clerk