

MORAINÉ TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

November 21, 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 Pablo Alvarez, Cindy Wolfson and Amy Zisook.

Absent: Trustee Dwayne Douglas

Also present: Clerk Gail Feiger Brown, videographer Andrew Henderson, Susan Shulman (North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic), Moraine Township resident Ginny Schulte, and Moraine Township resident Janet Freed.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Agency Presentations

- **Susan Shulman, North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic**

The Township was thanked for its grant to support quality accessible legal services in immigration, housing and domestic violence. Last year there were 172 cases representing Township residents, or 20% of all cases. This includes 88 immigration cases, 32 domestic violence cases and 26 housing cases.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Zisook moved, seconded by Trustee Alvarez, Approval of the [Minutes of the October 24, 2019 Regular Board Meeting](#). The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Approval of Bills

Trustee Wolfson moved, seconded by Trustee Alvarez, Approval of the bills for the period October 25-November 21, 2019 in the following amounts: \$23,124.07 General

Assistance Fund, \$143,512.67 Town Fund. Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Bassi, Trustees Alvarez, Wolfson and Zisook; voting Nay: none.

Action Items

- **Re-appointing Ethics Commission Chair Keith Brin, Commissioners Estaban Carbajal and Carolyn Cerf**
- Trustee Zisook moved, seconded by Trustee Alvarez, to re-appoint Ethics Commission Commissioners Chair Keith Brin, Estaban Carbajal and Carolyn Cerf. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Identity Protection Policy

- Trustee Wolfson moved, seconded by Trustee Zisook, to table the Identity Protection Policy. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Adoption of 2019 Moraine Township Tax Levy Ordinance No. 11-21-19

Trustee Wolfson moved, seconded by Trustee Alvarez, Adoption of the 2019 Moraine Township Tax Levy Ordinance No. 11-21-19. Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Bassi, Trustees Alvarez, Wolfson and Zisook; voting Nay: none.

Reports

- **Assessor's Report** Mark Lindsay
- More than 3,000 appeals were filed for Moraine Township's 12,000+ parcels. Of those, over 1,000 are requesting a change to their assessments of over \$100,000. The Supervisor and Board commended the Assessor staff for going above and beyond to serve residents. They opened for business on holidays Columbus Day and Veterans Day, and Saturday of the appeal period to accommodate residents.

Supervisor's Report Anne Flanigan Bassi

- Trustees were given monthly service reports for August, 2018 through October, 2019.
- Supervisor Bassi shared the latest draft of the Township newsletter with Trustees. The newsletter will be mailed to residents after Thanksgiving.
- There will be a final walkthrough with the INSPEC consultant on the roof replacement and repair on November 23.
- The Township's insurance company is honoring our claim for payroll theft.

- Supervisor Bassi made presentations to Highland Park and Highwood City Councils about Affordable Care Act health insurance enrollment services available at the Township.
- Supervisor Bassi and Trustee Zisook met with the new pastor and his deputy at St James.
- The League of Women Voters of Highland Park/Highwood held a panel program on immigration on November 5 at the Highwood Library, which was moderated by Trustee Alvarez and included General Assistance Manager Lupe Somerville on the panel.
- Thanks to Clerk Brown, co-chair Sue Kach and Staff for their efforts on the Phyllis Santullano Holiday Drive. Gifts will be distributed December 13 and 14.
- Thanks to videographer Andrew Henderson.

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Latino Advisory Committee Report Pablo Alvarez

- Trustee Alvarez spoke to students at Rotary club leading the Highland Park High School Stuff the Bus food drive on November 15.
- The Committee met on November 20 and discussed the census, the Door-to-Door van program, and new and existing services provided by local agencies.
- The next meeting will be held January 22.

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Food Insecurity Issues Report Amy Zisook

- The open house for Oak Terrace families was held on November 19. Thanks to the Oak Terrace Principal and Assistant Principals for attending, to Nora Barquin and her daughter for face painting, to the Highland Park Public Library for storytelling, to Trustees and Staff for helping make the open house a success. Many of the 24 families were new to the Pantry.

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Food Pantry Report Anne Flanigan Bassi

- Thanks to Melissa Kerpel and her Zumba class for holding a food drive on November 23; thanks to Trustee Wolfson for representing the Township there.
- Thanks to North Suburban Synagogue Beth El for hosting a food drive on November 24 as part of their Thanksgiving mitzvah project.

- Thanks to Highland Park High School for holding their Stuff the Bus food drive on November 22.
- Thanks to the Highland Park High School baseball team for coming to the pantry on November 25 to sort the food from the above food drives.
- Thanks to Barbara Lansing and Idlewood Electric for holding a food drive at their vendor appreciation event on November 6. Supervisor Bassi collected \$300 worth of food at the event.
- Thanks to Highland Park Ford Lincoln for donating turkeys and to American Legion for donating beef and ham for Pantry clients for Thanksgiving. Thanks to Staff Linda Contreras, Carol Pomerantz and other staff and volunteers for packing and distributing generous fixings and side dishes.
- Thanks to Highland Park High School PTO for donating Elegant Farmer pies to add to many clients' Thanksgiving meals.
- The new Pantry Plants Garden poster is on display.
- Thanks to Sunset Foods and Trustee Wolfson for the Pantry fundraiser on December 6, 7 and 8. Volunteers will work in shifts at the doors asking Sunset shoppers to add donations to the pantry at checkout.
- Thanks to the City of Highwood for holding a food drive during their holiday tree lighting event on November 30 and for their upcoming donation of turkey dinners for Pantry clients who didn't pre-register for turkeys.

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Pantry Plants Garden Report

- No report.

Lake County Coordinated Transportation Services Committee (LCCTSC)

- Trustee Zisook attended the LCCTSC meeting on November 20. LCCTSC is transitioning from a committee to a working group. Trustee Zisook has extended her term on LCCTSC for another year. She reported that the Village of Vernon Hills has purchased a software package for their taxi program that might be an alternative for Moraine's paper taxi coupon program.

Human Relations Advisory Group Report (HRAG)

- No report.

Cemetery Report

No report.

Old Business

None.

New Business

- **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service** Amy Zisook
- Moraine Township will hold a food drive at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, to be held Monday January 20, 2020 at the Park District of Highland Park Recreation Center.

Highland Park Community Nursery School and Day Care Center (Community) Cindy Wolfson

Trustee Wolfson and Resident Janet Freed attended the opening of the Highland Park Community Nursery School and Day Care Center's new facility. Trustee Wolfson commended North Shore School District 112 for partnering with Community to house the facility on their property.

Executive Session

None.

Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, Trustee Wolfson moved, seconded by Trustee Alvarez that the meeting be adjourned at 7:52 p.m. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Feiger Brown, Moraine Township Clerk