

**Annual Town Meeting
Tuesday, April 13, 2021, 6:00 PM
Moraine Township, Illinois
800 Central Avenue, Highland Park**

The following are proceedings of the Annual Town Meeting of Moraine Township, County of Lake, State of Illinois, on the 13th day of April, 2021, held remotely via Zoom teleconference.

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Gail Feiger Brown, Moraine Township Clerk, who was present at the Moraine Township office.

Electors remotely attending the meeting included: Wendy Abrams, Barbara Altman, Ron Altman, Pablo Alvarez, Bonnie Bader, Anne Flanigan Bassi, Vic Bassi, Diane Beckway, Juliane Brand, Betsy Brint, Gail Feiger Brown, Ellen Cohen, Linda Contreras, Jim Coretti, Wendy Dickson, Carol Dragon, Raymond Finfer, Janet Freed, Shoshana Friedman, Bryna Gamson, Jamie Glass, Julie Starkman Gordon, Sandi Gore, Mark Haggarty, Ashley Heaton, Bobbie Hinden, Joseph Hmielski, Mitchell Hoffman, Sara Hoffman, Susan Hoseman, Georgann Humphrey, Matt Jennings, Bob Jeffries, Lori Kash, Bonnie Koven, Sherry Kramer, Arlene Kushen, Binita Kwankin, Bill Laegeler, Sarah Libowsky, Margaret Lindsay, Mark Lindsay, Rosa Machabanski, Bruce Mainzer, Paulette Margulies, Mark McCraren, Susan Millenson, Jayme Muriel, Terri Olian, Abby Perkins, Christine Peschier, Matt Pestine, Sam Piro, Ilana Platt, Marc Platt, Carol Pomerantz, Chris Salamasick, Joel Schneider, Marlene Senescu, Stuart Senescu, Nancy Chausow Shafer, Meg Sibbernsen, Jean Stern, Barb Werhane, Naomi Wexler, Debbie Winton, Cindy Wolfson, Rebecca Xavier, and Amy Zisook.

Non-electors remotely attending the meeting included: Sanela Abazovic, Minelle Amezquita, Marcella Brys, Lee Coman, Alicia De La Cruz, Evelyn Gehrig, Luis Gonzalez, Suzanne Kach, Brian Kibitlewski, Hannah Kaul, Sharon Kwong, Shari Marcus, Dayle Friedman Mevis, Linda Mihel, Maria Ortega, Jorge Osorio, Sylvana Osorio, Camille Rubin, Jackie Schlosser, Kim Schulte, Sally Schwartz, Lupe Somerville and Sandy Washburn.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Matt Pestine moved, seconded by Christine Peschier, the nomination of Naomi Wexler to serve as Moderator. There were no other nominations. The motion carried unanimously by electors visibly raising their hands on screen.

Clerk Brown administered the Oath of Moderator to Naomi Wexler.

Barbara Altman moved, seconded by Bill Laegeler, Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting of April 9, 2019. The Minutes were displayed on the screen. The motion carried unanimously by electors visibly raising their hands on screen.

Amy Zisook read aloud the Supervisor Statement of Financial Affairs for fiscal year April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021. The Statement was visibly available on screen for inspection by the electors. A copy is attached to the Minutes filed in the Township office.

The following public comment was made:

Janet Freed expressed the community's appreciation for all that Moraine Township does, and that the Elected Officials are all fabulous people.

The next Annual Town Meeting was set for Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 6:00 PM at a place to be determined.

Anne Flanigan Bassi, Moraine Township Supervisor, presented recognition of outgoing Trustees and Clerk, and the Introduction of the new Clerk and Trustees.

Supervisor Bassi thanked retiring Clerk Gail Feiger Brown and Trustees Cindy Wolfson and Amy Zisook for their 8 years of "above and beyond" service to residents of Moraine Township.

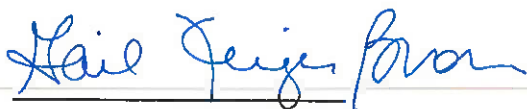
Supervisor Bassi introduced incoming elected officials Clerk Naomi Wexler and Trustees Christine Peschier and Nancy Chausow Shafer.

Supervisor Bassi thanked Moraine Township staff for their Herculean efforts to help provide a safety net for residents through the year plus of the COVID-19 pandemic. Mark Lindsay, Moraine Township Assessor, recognized the efforts of the Assessor's staff.

Volunteers Ashley Heaton, Hannah Kaul, and Marcella Brys shared the professional power point which they produced to thank volunteers. Betsy Brint and Sally Schwartz emcee'd recognition of volunteers.

There being no further business to conduct, Moderator Wexler declared the meeting to be adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gail Feiger Brown, Moraine Township Clerk



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VIA ZOOM

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SUPERVISOR STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2021, Moraine Township's Levy of \$1,350,000 was again frozen for existing taxpayers at the prior year's level. Reductions from the levy for property tax appeals and corrections resulted in total tax distributed to the Township of approximately \$1,334,000 during the fiscal year.

The Township maintains bank accounts for Town Fund, General Assistance Fund, and Community Chest. **UNAUDITED** ending bank balances as of March 31, 2021 are as follows:

Town Fund	\$962,027
General Assistance Fund	\$318,184
Community Chest	\$224,323

Balances are **UNAUDITED**; the audit will begin in May, 2021.

State law permits funds to be transferred from the Town Fund to the General Assistance Fund; during the fiscal year, Town Fund transferred \$200,000 to the General Assistance Fund.

Moraine Township has no long-term or short-term debt.

HIGHLIGHTS OF TOWNSHIP ACTIVITY DURING THE YEAR:

- The Township office and Food Pantry were closed to the staff and public in March of 2020 due to COVID-19. The Township purchased equipment and programs necessary to enable staff to work remotely.
- During the first few months, Township Staff remotely answered as many as 100 calls a day from the residents needing help, services, or resources.
- Staff and volunteers helped the Township deliver almost 35,000 unduplicated services during the 12-month period, including processing 124 applications for emergency rent and other assistance, and disbursing almost \$85,000, and almost 7,000 household visits to the Food Pantry.
- The Food Pantry immediately pivoted from shopping to drive-through with staff and volunteers working through heat, cold and snow to provide food to increasing numbers of residents. Volunteers and staff deliver to 35-50 households and seniors a week when clients are ill, sheltering in place, or work during Pantry hours.
- Thanks to our astoundingly generous community, contributions to the Township enabled us to purchase all food distributed over the last year when we were not able to accept food donations. Community contributions also funded almost \$65,000 of emergency rent and other assistance \$65,000 (of the total \$85,000 disbursed).
- Moraine Township applied for, and received, a \$15,000 grant for resident rent assistance through the CARES Act.
In addition, the Township applied for, and received, a grant of \$77,319 from the CARES Act to cover the costs of equipment and IT to enable staff to work remotely, purchase PPE, install Plexiglas dividers, and implement HVAC retrofits to improve indoor air quality at the Township office and Food Pantry.
- The Door-to-Door Van Service was suspended for all but our residents needing Dialysis or chemotherapy treatments. Our heroic van drivers continued critical service for these residents. Thanks to a \$40,000 grant from the Healthcare Foundation of Highland Park we were able to keep the van service operating even with drastically reduced rider revenue.

While the last year has been an inconvenience for most of us, it has been a health and economic crisis for many of our neighbors. A big shout out to Moraine Township's army of volunteers and dedicated staff who made it possible for the Township to provide a safety net for residents without resources to navigate the pandemic.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Flanigan Bassi, Township Supervisor

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