

MORaine TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
March 18, 2021 5:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. remotely via Zoom teleconference.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Supervisor Anne Flanigan Bassi (present at the Moraine Township office), and Trustees Pablo Alvarez, Mark Haggarty, Cindy Wolfson and Amy Zisook (all attending remotely).

Also present: Clerk Gail Feiger Brown (present at the Moraine Township office), Moraine Township Ethics Commission Chair Keith Brin (attending remotely).

Moraine Township Resident Nancy Chausow Shafer (attending remotely) entered the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

Public Comment

Moraine Township resident Keith Brin commented that he's appreciative of the work done by the Township in the community.

Ethics Commission Report Keith Brin

The Ethics Commission has held meetings on February 12 and March 12 which were attended by Chair Keith Brin and members Dwayne Douglas and Julie Starkman Gordon, and Ethics Advisor Trustee Wolfson. The Commission reviewed the 2010 ordinance and is not recommending changes to the ordinance. Commissioners drew straws to determine terms of office. Chair Brin and Commissioner Gordon will serve two-year terms, and Commissioner Douglas will serve a one-year term. The Commission recommended posting the ordinance on the website, distributing to all staff and elected officials, and creating an email for the public to contact commissioners about questions and/or report issues to the Commission.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Zisook moved, seconded by Trustee Haggarty, to approve the February 25, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Bassi, Trustees Alvarez, Haggarty, Wolfson and Zisook; voting Nay: none.

Approval of Bills

Trustee Wolfson moved, seconded by Trustee Alvarez, Approval of the bills for the period February 26-March 18, 2021 in the following amounts: \$15,180.60 General Assistance Fund, \$56,873.34 Town Fund. Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Bassi, Trustees Alvarez, Haggarty, Wolfson and Zisook; voting Nay: none.

Action Item

Adoption of Agenda of Annual Town Meeting to be held April 13, 2021

Trustee Alvarez moved, seconded by Trustee Wolfson, Adoption of the Agenda of the Annual Town Meeting to be held April 13, 2021. Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Bassi, Trustees Alvarez, Haggarty, Wolfson and Zisook; voting Nay: none.

Reports

Assessor's Report Mark Lindsay

No report

Supervisor's Report Anne Flanigan Bassi

- Trustees were given a Township service report for March, 2020 through February, 2021. Thanks to Door-to-Door van driver Brian Kibitlewski for continuing to make much appreciated wellness calls to seniors.
- The Moraine Township Community Chest has distributed almost \$84,000.00 of emergency assistance. Three applications are pending.
- Door-to-Door Van Drivers and Staff Linda Contreras and Lupe Somerville are in process of being vaccinated for COVID-19.
- The VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Program is not limited to Moraine Township residents, and since returns are prepared by volunteers and not staff. Because many VITA programs are not operating during the pandemic, our program in Moraine has been inundated by requests for tax return preparation. Supervisor Bassi has requested that the IRS temporarily remove the Township as a VITA site from its website. The deadline for filing tax returns has been moved to May 17. Thanks to VITA co-chairs Donna Novickas and Ron Altman for an extraordinary effort during this difficult year.
- Trustees were given a report of Township Bank Accounts balances as of February 28, 2021.

Latino Advisory Committee Report Pablo Alvarez

- The Committee met on March 11. Trustee Alvarez reported that Highwood Library has secured 400 vaccines for Latino essential workers, with the aid of vaccine ambassadors and a HIPAA certified scheduler. The Committee welcomed Jose Castrejon, the new Family Engagement Specialist at North Shore School District 112.

Food Insecurity Issues Report Amy Zisook

- Trustee Zisook is working with NSS District 112 Staff Jose Castrejon on the Oak Terrace monthly grocery gift card distribution program.
- Thanks to PORCH Chicagoland North for their upcoming donation of granola bars and fruit cups.

Food Pantry Report Anne Flanigan Bassi

- Trustees were given a food pantry usage report. Food is currently delivered to up to 50 households per week when residents are ill, sheltering in place or working during Pantry hours.
- Thanks to YEA! Highland Park for donating their remaining funds of \$3,928.28 to the Moraine Township Food Pantry when the organization dissolved this year.
- Thanks to the Highland Park Women's Club for their donation of \$200.00.
- Thanks to the Hollister Club in Third Lake for their donation of \$395.00.
- Thanks to Highland Park Jewel-Osco for their donation of a \$250.00 gift card, from proceeds from holiday donations.

- Supervisor Bassi gave an update on the Sharon Northrup trust bequest. Moraine Township is designated to receive 5% of the trust residuary within the next 18 months.

Human Relations Advisory Group Report (HRAG)

No report

Cemetery Report

No report

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, Supervisor Bassi hereby declared the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Feiger Brown, Moraine Township Clerk