

MORAIN TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
May 5, 2021 5:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 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), and Moraine Township residents Christine Peschier, Nancy Chausow Shafer, and Naomi Wexler (all attending remotely).

19th Judicial Division Circuit Judge Mitchell Hoffman entered the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

Public Comment

Nancy Chausow Shafer commented that she was very pleased to be at the meeting and see Democracy in action.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Haggarty moved, seconded by Trustee Alvarez, to approve the April 22, 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 Zisook, Approval of the bills for the period April 23-May 5, 2021 in the following amounts: \$50,464.85 General Assistance Fund, \$22,387.77 Town Fund. Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Bassi, Trustees Alvarez, Haggarty, Wolfson and Zisook; voting Nay: none.

Reports

Supervisor's Report Anne Flanigan Bassi

- Trustees were given an Emergency Assistance Report. There are 5 pending applications. \$134,000 has been given out in Emergency Assistance to date.
- Employees are required to have received COVID-19 vaccines before they can work in the office and Food Pantry.
- The Muriel Lederer Memorial Fund has received over \$5,400.00 in donations to date.
- Summer intern Trinity Garcia will begin work mid-May.
- Staff returned to work at the office this week. Employees with child-care issues will be accommodated. The office will open to the public June 1. The Food Pantry will open to client shopping on July 7.
- Thanks to Trustee Haggarty for representing Moraine Township at the City of Highland Park Neighborhood Meeting held remotely on May 2.
- Newly elected Board Members can take advantage of training offered by Township Officials of Illinois and Elrod Friedman.

- The IRS has stated that grant funding may be available for VITA; Supervisor Bassi will investigate and get back to the Board.

Food Insecurity Issues Report Amy Zisook

Trustee Zisook and Clerk Brown are working on the HPHS summer school snack bags.

Food Pantry Report Anne Flanigan Bassi

- Trustees were given a Pantry usage report
- Another Staff meeting was held to plan logistics for re-opening the Pantry on July 7. Volunteer Coordinator Sara Hoffman is recruiting volunteers to pose as clients for a dry run, to help Staff make any necessary tweaks to procedures.
- Thanks to Herb Lichtman who contacted Supervisor Bassi about donating \$4,000.00 to the Food Pantry. He thanked the Township for continuing to make good things happen for our neighbors in need, and that what we do makes a real difference in the world.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Session

None

Supervisor Bassi thanks outgoing Trustees Cindy Wolfson and Amy Zisook and outgoing Clerk Gail Feiger Brown.

Supervisor Bassi thanked outgoing Trustees Cindy Wolfson and Amy Zisook and outgoing Clerk Gail Feiger Brown for their 8 years of service to Moraine Township.

Administration of Oath of Office by Judge Mitchell Hoffman, Presiding Judge, Civil Division, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court, to Supervisor-Elect Anne Flanigan Bassi, Trustees-Elect Pablo Alvarez, Mark Haggarty, Christine Peschier, and Nancy Chausow Shafer, and Clerk-Elect Naomi Wexler for the Term of Office 2021-2025, which begins May 17, 2021

Judge Hoffman administered the Oaths of Office to Supervisor Anne Flanigan Bassi, Trustees Pablo Alvarez, Mark Haggarty, Christine Peschier, and Nancy Chausow Shafer, and Clerk Naomi Wexler for the Term of Office 2021-2025, which begins May 17, 2021

Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, Supervisor Bassi hereby declared the meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Naomi Wexler, Moraine Township Clerk