

MORAIN TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
January 27, 2022

The meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Anne Flanigan Bassi.

The following Board Members were in attendance on site: Supervisor Anne Flanigan Bassi, Trustees Mark Haggarty and Christine Peschier. Trustee Alvarez joined the meeting on site at 7:18 p.m.

Absent: Trustee Nancy Chausow Shafer

Also in attendance on site: Assessor Mark Lindsay and Clerk Gail Feiger Brown

Attending via video conference: Amy Kaufman (Community Partners for Affordable Housing), Ariana Soheil (Fenix Family Health Center), and Moraine Township residents Janet Freed and Amy Zisook.

Pledge of Allegiance

Clerk Brown led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Agency Presentations

Amy Kaufman, Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH)

The Township was thanked for its grant. In Moraine Township, CPAH acquires and renovates homes for income-qualified residents, owns and manages rental housing, and handles inclusionary zoning units for the City of Highland Park. In 2022, CPAH will be building multi-family housing on Deerfield Road in Highland Park with 6 owner-occupied and 2 rental units that will be available to families at 60-100% of the area median income. Ms. Kaufman also thanked Assessor Mark Lindsay and Deputy Assessor Sheila Platt for their invaluable assistance.

Ariana Soheil, Fenix Family Health Center (Fenix)

The Township was thanked for its grant. The Highwood based medical clinic provides comprehensive healthcare geared primarily for low-income and Spanish speaking families. Many of the clinic's clients are uninsured and underinsured. Fenix partners with many local agencies, including the Josselyn Center which provides on-and off-site mental health services. Fenix has hired a second Spanish speaking social worker to handle increased need.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Peschier moved, seconded by Trustee Haggarty, to approve minutes from the board meeting January 13.

Voting Aye by roll call vote: Supervisor Bassi and Trustees Alvarez, Haggarty, and Peschier.

Voting Nay: none. **The motion passed.**

Approval of Bills

Trustee Haggarty moved, seconded by Trustee Alvarez, to approve bills for the period January 13, 2022 to January 27, 2022 in the amount of \$28,514.32 for the Town Fund and \$8,341.27 for the General Assistance Fund.

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

Action Items:

- **Acceptance of \$10,000.00 grant from the Healthcare Foundation of Highland Park**
Trustee Alvarez moved, seconded by Trustee Peschier, acceptance of \$10,000.00 grant from Healthcare Foundation of Highland Park.
Voting Aye by roll call vote: Supervisor Bassi and Trustees Alvarez, Haggarty, and Peschier.
Voting Nay: none. **The motion passed.**
- **Approval of contract with Illinois Stucco in the amount of \$15,082.00**
Trustee Haggarty moved, seconded by Trustee Peschier, approval of contract with Illinois Stucco in the amount of \$15,082.00.
Voting Aye by roll call vote: Supervisor Bassi and Trustees Alvarez, Haggarty, and Peschier.
Voting Nay: none. **The motion passed.**

Reports

Assessor's Report

There was no Assessor's Report.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Bassi

- Moraine Township Emergency Assistance report from March 2020 to present was distributed to trustees.
- Moraine Township Charitable Fund, Inc. has filed a change of registered agent to Trustee Nancy Chausow Shafer Esquire. Thanks to Trustee Shafer for filling this gap.
- The website group has been meeting via Zoom on Fridays at 4:30 p.m. with Evelyn Gehrig, Steve Zweiback, Cindy Wolfson, Ashley Heaton, and Supervisor Bassi. The group hopes to have completed most of the final design changes by tomorrow's meeting. Instructions will be sent to the Board and staff over the weekend to look at the website and give feedback. Staff will be asked to review their departments' draft webpages next week.
- VITA co-coordinators Supervisor Bassi, Donna Novickas and Ronald Altman have met several times to work on secure procedures for the VITA tax preparation program. They held zoom training sessions with Intake volunteers and another with Tax Preparer volunteers on January 24.
- Supervisor Bassi attended the Government Partner Meeting on January 19.
- There was a van accident on January 26; the van was hit by another vehicle. The van driver was not injured, and there were no passengers in the van at the time.

Food Pantry Report: Supervisor Bassi

- A usage report on the re-opened Pantry was distributed to the Board.
- Thanks to Trustee Peschier and volunteer Vic Bassi for making deliveries to seniors and disabled residents on January 25. A huge thank you to volunteers Stuart and Marlene Senescu who made two trips to deliver food to Peers Senior Housing on January 25 and will continue to deliver weekly, and to volunteer Mark Rosenstein who delivered to Walnut Place one time only. Volunteer Bonnie Wegner will be delivering to Walnut Place in the future.
- Thanks to Anton's Fruit Ranch for their donation of 13 baskets of food to the Pantry. Sadly, the store will be closing permanently in February. The Township is grateful to Anton's for being a longtime generous supporter of the Pantry Plants Garden. This is a loss for Highland Park.

- Thanks to Clerk Brown for working with Crate and Barrel Northbrook on their quarterly employee donations to the Pantry.
- Supervisor Bassi is working with Target Highland Park to resume weekly donation pick-ups.

Food Insecurities Report: Trustee Peschier and Clerk Brown

- Clerk Brown for delivered food to the Highland Park High School nurse on January 20.
- Thanks to volunteer Amy Zisook for delivering food to Edgewood Middle School.
- Trustee Peschier is working on finding a partner to provide snack food for Indian Trail Elementary School and working with the District 112 Presidents' Council on holding a food drive for the Pantry.

Latino Advisory Committee Report: Trustee Alvarez

- The Committee met via video teleconference at 5:30 p.m. on January 27, immediately prior to this board meeting.
- Trustee Alvarez will be making presentations in Spanish on the Township VITA program to local groups.
- Committee members requested that an open house be scheduled at the Township when it is safe to gather again indoors.
- Highland Park Police Chief Lou Jogmen has been invited to speak at the next meeting.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Assessor Budget Presentation: Assessor Lindsay

- A draft FY2022-2023 Assessor Budget was given to the Board for discussion.
- The Board accepted the Assessor Budget recommendation.

FY2022-2023 Budget: Supervisor Bassi

- Supervisor Bassi gave a draft of the FY2022-2023 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance which pertains to staff and elected officials' salaries to the Board for discussion.
- The Board accepted recommended staff salary increases.

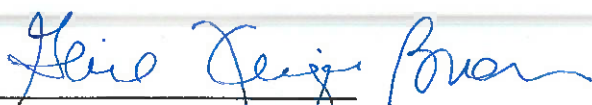
Executive Session

There was no executive session.

Adjournment

Trustee Alvarez moved, seconded by Trustee Peschier, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:32 p.m. **The motion passed by a voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted,



Gail Feiger Brown, Moraine Township Clerk