

MORaine TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
April 25, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Supervisor Anne Flanigan Bassi.

The following Board Members were in attendance in person: Supervisor Anne Flanigan Bassi, Trustees Pablo Alvarez, Mark Haggarty, and Christine Peschier.

Attending remotely: Trustee Nancy Chausow Shafer.

Also in attendance: Clerk Gail Feiger Brown.

Pledge of Allegiance

Clerk Brown led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Peschier moved, seconded by Trustee Haggarty, approval of the minutes from the board meeting of March 21, 2023.

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Approval of Bills

Trustee Shafer moved, seconded by Trustee Haggarty, to approve bills for the period March 22, 2023 to April 25, 2023 in the amount of \$75,558.96 for the Township Corporate Fund and \$24,314.76 for the General Assistance Fund.

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

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

Action Items

- a. **Approval of Resolution Concerning Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes**
Trustee Alvarez moved, seconded by Trustee Shafer, Approval of the Resolution Concerning Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes.
Voting Aye by roll call vote: Supervisor Bassi and Trustees Alvarez, Haggarty, Peschier and Shafer. Voting Nay: none. **The motion passed.**
- b. **Approval of Resolution Adopting Whistleblower Protection Policy**
Trustee Haggarty moved, seconded by Trustee Peschier, Approval of the Resolution Adopting Whistleblower Protection Policy.
Voting Aye by roll call vote: Supervisor Bassi and Trustees Alvarez, Haggarty, Peschier and Shafer. Voting Nay: none. **The motion passed.**
- c. **Approval of Resolution Amending Credit Card Policy**
Trustee Haggarty moved, seconded by Trustee Peschier, Approval of the Resolution Amending Credit Card Policy.
Voting Aye by roll call vote: Supervisor Bassi and Trustees Alvarez, Haggarty, Peschier and Shafer. Voting Nay: none. **The motion passed.**
- d. **Adoption of Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**
Trustee Peschier moved, seconded by Trustee Haggarty, Adoption of Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

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

Reports

Assessor's Report: Assessor Lindsay

No report.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Bassi

- a. A copy of the February Bank Balance Report was distributed to Trustees.
- b. A copy of the 15-month service report was distributed to Trustees.
- c. A copy of the Emergency Assistance Report from April 2020 to present was distributed to Trustees.
- d. Moraine Township's website analytics were distributed to Trustees. Thanks to website creator Evelyn Gehrig and webmaster Cindy Wolfson.
- e. Supervisor Bassi and Administrator Sanela Abazovic met with the City of Highland Park Human Resource Director regarding health insurance for Moraine Township full-time employees. Trustees concurred that the Township should pursue an intergovernmental agreement with the City, enabling the Township to join the Illinois Intergovernmental Personnel Benefit Cooperative (IPBC) sponsored by the City of Highland Park.
- f. Trustees were reminded to file their Statement of Economic Interest by May 1.
- g. A credit card for community chest has been applied for to separate Community Chest and Township charges.
- h. Supervisor Bassi, Trustee Peschier, and Staff Lupe Somerville attended on April 10 the City of Highland Park Recognition Ceremony honoring government and resource partners for their actions and response following the July 4th mass shooting. Moraine Township was honored and presented with a City of Highland Park flag that flew at half-mast in recognition of our efforts.
- i. Supervisor Bassi is addressing concrete deterioration at the handicap access ramp in front of the Township office, and at the rear Food Pantry garage door.
- j. Staff Somerville is applying for the Township to administer distribution of handicap car hanger placards.
- k. A discussion was held about the Township transportation policy regarding fees for residents of for-profit congregant living facilities in the Township.
- l. The Lake County Sheriff's office will provide Active Shooter Training for Township staff and elected officials at the Township office on May 10.
- m. Sensitivity and diversity training, including poverty sensitivity training, will be offered to staff at the Township office in the coming year.
- n. Supervisor Bassi is taking staff to lunch on April 26 for Administrative Professionals Day. Thanks to Trustee Emeritus Cindy Wolfson for covering the phones and office.
- o. The first meeting of the Decennial Committee will be held on May 9 at 5:00 p.m., prior to the Regular Board Meeting.
- p. Trustees were asked to check their summer travel schedules relative to the schedule of board meetings.

Latino Advisory Committee Report: Trustee Alvarez

Trustee Alvarez reported on the discussion held at the April 20 meeting of the committee for subcommittee members for housing, access to healthcare and recreation for strategic planning. The next meeting will be held on May 20.

Food Pantry Report: Supervisor Bassi

- a. The Food Pantry usage report was distributed to Trustees.
- b. Supervisor Bassi sent out a mass email requesting food donations, and there has been a significant and generous response of both food and money.

Food Insecurities Report: Trustees Peschier and Haggarty

- a. Deliveries of snacks to Indian Trail, Sherwood and Highland Park High School continue.
- b. The Pantry will offer additional food over summer vacation for families with school-age children.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Report: Supervisor Bassi

Supervisor Bassi thanked co-coordinators Ron Altman and Donna Novickas, and the many volunteers. A record 290 tax returns were prepared this year.

Letter Carrier Food Drive Report: Trustee Haggarty

The Drive is scheduled for Saturday May 13.

Juvenile Justice Council Conference Report: Trustee Shafer

The Lake County Juvenile Justice Council Conference will be held on May 5.

Old Business

Lake County All-Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Report: Trustee Shafer

The Lake County All-Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan has been completed. Cities and villages are being asked to adopt the plan.

New Business

City of Highland Park Neighborhood Meetings: Trustee Peschier

Trustee Peschier represented Moraine Township at the April 19 City of Highland Park Neighborhood Meeting, at which governmental units serving Highland Park residents were available to answer questions about their services.

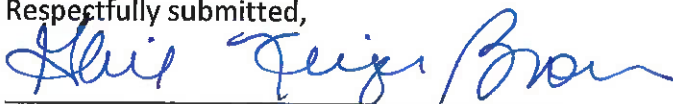
Executive Session

There was no executive session.

Adjournment

Supervisor Bassi adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gail Feiger Brown, Moraine Township Clerk