

MORAIN TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
July 23, 2020, 7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at Moraine Township's Mooney Cemetery, and upon roll call the following members were present: Supervisor Anne Flanigan Bassi, Trustees Pablo Alvarez, Cindy Wolfson and Amy Zisook.

Absent: Trustee Dwayne Douglas

Also present: Clerk Gail Feiger Brown.

Public Comment

There was no comment.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Alvarez moved, seconded by Trustee Zisook, to approve the June 25, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Bassi, Trustees Alvarez, Wolfson and Zisook; voting Nay: none.

Approval of Bills

Trustee Zisook moved, seconded by Trustee Wolfson, Approval of the bills for the period July 10- July 23, 2020 in the following amounts: \$7,114.87 General Assistance Fund, \$26,171.40 Town Fund. Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Bassi, Trustees Alvarez, Wolfson and Zisook; voting Nay: none.

Reports

Assessor's Report Anne Flanigan Bassi

Assessments will be published August 6. The deadline for filing appeals is September 8. The Assessor staff is available for assistance remotely.

Supervisor's Report Anne Flanigan Bassi

- Trustees were given service reports for April, 2019 through June, 2020. Door-to-Door Van rides have increased as one van is now scheduled five days a week starting mid-June to provide resident transportation to medical appointments.
- Thanks to Donna Novickas and Ron Altman for coordinating the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. When the tax deadline was extended to July 15, they willingly processed additional returns. Returns have continued to be submitted to the office past the July 15 deadline. Thanks also to Sandi Gore for scheduling VITA appointments.
- As of July 22, \$42,96186 in Emergency Assistance applications has been approved: \$40,361.86 Community Chest and \$2,600.00 General Assistance.
- Supervisor Bassi is continuing to work with Auditor Joe Troyer on the Audit.
- Supervisor Bassi is working on a newsletter to be distributed to residents in August.
- Supervisor Bassi has submitted a grant application to the Healthcare Foundation of Highland Park for Door-to-Door Van Services.
- Supervisor Bassi attended the weekly virtual intergovernmental meeting hosted by the City of Highland Park on July 21.

- According to the City of Highland Park, the sewer line break in Central Avenue in front of the Moraine Township office is the responsibility of Moraine Township. Supervisor Bassi is working with Staff Sanela Abazovic to get repair proposals.
- As of July 23, \$220,774.90 has been donated to the Moraine Township Charitable Fund, Inc.
- Supervisor Bassi and Assessor Mark Lindsay met with a carpenter to get a proposal on constructing plexiglass barriers at staff desks as part of the COVID-19 safety retrofit. Supervisor Bassi discussed other office retrofits being explored to improve the safety of the office for staff, visitors and volunteers.

Latino Advisory Committee Report

No report

Food Insecurity Issues Report Amy Zisook

Trustee Zisook will coordinate with backpack programs in District 112 to determine how to provide this extra food for students with the new school schedule.

Food Pantry Report Anne Flanigan Bassi

93% of visitors to the Food Pantry on July 21 were registered residents. Food was delivered to 12 seniors and 1 sick resident. Increased produce was welcomed by clients.

Pantry Plants Garden Report Anne Flanigan Bassi

Thanks to the Park District of Highland Park for being a great partner, helping with flooding and watering.

Lake County Coordinated Transportation Services Committee (LCCTSC) Report

Amy Zisook

Trustee Zisook attended the virtual LCCTSC meeting on July 15. Ridership is down due to COVID, but work-related rides are stable.

Human Relations Advisory Group Report (HRAG)

No report

Cemetery Report Cindy Wolfson

Thanks to landscaper Mario Dominguez, buckthorn has been cleared from Mooney Cemetery and 24 new fence posts were installed. Buckthorn has also been cleared from Daggit Cemetery. The rain gardens at Mooney Cemetery are in full bloom.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, Trustee Alvarez moved, seconded by Trustee Wolfson that the meeting be adjourned at 8:27 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Feiger Brown, Moraine Township Clerk