

MORAIN TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
November 11, 2021

Meeting called to order at 5:34 pm by Supervisor Anne Flanigan Bassi.

The following Board Members were in attendance on site: Supervisor Anne Flanigan Bassi, Trustees Pablo Alvarez, Christine Peschier, and Nancy Chausow Shafer. Trustee Mark Haggarty was absent.

Also in attendance on site: Lisa Adelmund (Highland Park Community Nursery School and Day Care Center).

Attending via video conference: Clerk Naomi Wexler and resident Janet Freed.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Agency Presentations

Lisa Adelmund, Highland Park Community Nursery School and Day Care Center

The Highland Park Community Nursery School and Day Care Center is thankful to Moraine Township for its grant which provided scholarships to children from low to moderate income families who live and work in the Township.

COVID has had a large impact on the school's operations. Early on, classes were downsized, leading to loss of staff. Since class sizes have increased, they have struggled to ramp up staffing. They have a waiting list but cannot enroll more children because they don't have the staff coverage.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Shafer moved, seconded by Trustee Alvarez, to approve minutes from the board meeting October 28, 2021. **The motion passed by voice vote.**

Approval of Bills

Trustee Alvarez moved, seconded by Trustee Peschier, to approve bills for the period October 29 to November 11, 2021, in the amount of \$27,609.56 for Town Fund and \$66,608.24 for General Assistance Fund.

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

Action Items:

- Trustee Peschier moved, seconded by Trustee Shafer, adoption of an ordinance levying taxes for all town purposes for Moraine Township, Lake County, Illinois, for the tax year 2021, collectible in 2022, in the amount of \$1,315,000. Voting Aye by roll call vote: Supervisor Bassi and Trustees Alvarez, Peschier and Shafer. Voting Nay: none. **The motion passed.**
- Trustee Shafer moved, seconded by Trustee Alvarez, approval of contract with Ireland Heating & Air Conditioning in the amount of \$10,695.00 for new HVAC in the back of the Food Pantry. Voting Aye by roll call vote: Supervisor Bassi and Trustees Alvarez, Peschier and Shafer. Voting Nay: none. **The motion passed.**

Reports

Assessor's Report

No report.

Supervisor's Report: Anne Flanigan Bassi, Supervisor

- October 31, 2021, bank balance report was distributed to the Board.
- The 15-month service report was distributed to the trustees.
- Moraine Township Emergency Assistance report from March 2020 to present was distributed to trustees.
- We have consulted with various firms and are taking steps to address water issues in the building, including heavy duty humidifier, tuck pointing, stucco repair.
- We have a new Pantry logo be compatible with our new Township logo.
- Volunteer photographer extraordinaire took new photos of the building with the new logo.

Latino Advisory Committee Report: Trustee Pablo Alvarez

- Trustee Alvarez is looking into organizing a town hall meeting on affordable housing sometime in January.

Food Pantry Report: Supervisor Anne Flanigan Bassi

- Usage report on re-opened Pantry was distributed to the Board.
- Highland Park High School Class of 1950 70th Reunion Committee collected \$220.00 at their reunion of seven members of the class.
- Highland Park baseball team will once again pack the Thanksgiving food bags on Wednesday the 17th for distribution with the turkeys, hams, and chickens on the 18th. They have done this annually for several years.
- Thanksgiving dinners will be loaded into clients' cars Thursday, November 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Highland Park High School will deliver food on the 19th from their "stuff the bus" food drive.
- Highland Park High School's Thanksgiving pie sale offered purchasers the option to purchase a pie for a pantry client and will be dropping off 69 pies on Sunday 11/21.

Food Insecurity Issues Report: Trustee Christine Peschier and Clerk Naomi Wexler

- Jewel gift cards were purchased and delivered to Oak Terrace for the backpack food program.
- Trustee Peschier and Supervisor Bassi will participate in a panel discussion on Hunger in our Community, hosted by Makom Solel Lakeside. Other panelists include representatives from Northfield Township and Beth Emmet soup kitchen.
- Crate & Barrel delivered 150 beautifully wrapped packages of dish soap and sponges to the pantry.

Holiday Gift Drive: Trustee Christine Peschier

- We have commitments from 520 sponsors and more still want to sponsor.

- A donation from resident Gail Schomburg of 15 banker boxes filled with new stuffed animals, colored pencils, and rubber duckies will be added to gift bags.

Sunset Food December Fundraiser: Trustee Mark Haggarty written report

- We opened up the volunteer sign-up sheet and 'sold out' all slots in less than 24 hours, and are building a bench to fill-in roster as needed
- All volunteers will get an email orientation and Trustee Haggarty plans to be on site at Sunset for parts of each day to greet, thanks, and troubleshoot
- Trustee Haggarty will be meeting with Rose Sinn (Manager at Sunset Foods) to go over logistics
- 1,000 flyers were printed in-house
- All signs point to a terrific event

Cemetery Report: Trustee Nancy Chausow Shafer

- Someone plans to donate deeds to plots back to the Township. Trustee Shafer will report to the board in December.

Old Business

- Trustee Shafer discussed the Highland Park Martin Luther King, Jr. event which will be held virtually the 3rd Monday in January. Trustee Alvarez will attend on behalf of the Township at the virtual event.

New Business

- A physical inventory of food pantry food and supplies needs to be taken at the calendar year end. Trustee Mark Haggarty and Christine Peschier did this alone last year. The board consensus was to have all trustees, clerk and supervisor will participate (spouses are welcome) on Sunday January 3, 2022.
- The annual Letter Carrier food drive occurs the 2nd Sunday in May. Orchestrating advance work, volunteers, and day-of logistics is a heavy lift. Supervisor Bassi will be out of town and asked for one or more of the trustees or the Clerk to step up as the point person for this event.


Executive Session

There was no executive session.

Adjournment

Trustee Alvarez moved, seconded by Trustee Peschier, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Naomi Wexler, Moraine Township Clerk
