

MORaine TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
February 8, 2022

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

The following Board Members were in attendance on site: Supervisor Anne Flanigan Bassi, Trustees Pablo Alvarez, Mark Haggarty, Christine Peschier and Nancy Chausow Shafer. Also in attendance on site: Clerk Gail Feiger Brown. No members of the Board or Public attended via the Zoom video conference link provided.

Pledge of Allegiance

Clerk Brown led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Alvarez moved, seconded by Trustee Shafer, to approve minutes from the board meeting on January 27.

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

Approval of Bills

Trustee Peschier moved, seconded by Trustee Haggarty, to approve bills for the period January 28, 2022 to February 8, 2022 in the amount of \$30,865.26 for the Town Fund and \$14,413.06 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.**

Reports

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Bassi

- The Moraine Township 15-month service report was distributed to trustees.
 - The Moraine Township Emergency Assistance report from March 2020 to present was distributed to trustees.
 - Final tweaks are being made to the new website, and it will hopefully be launched at the end of this week. Kudos to Evelyn Gehrig, Ashley Heaton, Cindy Wolfson, and Steve Zweiback for their tireless and professional efforts. This has been a long and difficult process, but the result is a clean and easy to navigate website and articulates who Moraine Township is.
 - An Ad Hoc committee will be appointed to study the van program over the summer.
 - Thanks to Bob Laemle, photographer extraordinaire, for donating his time and expertise to take Board photos, and individual Trustee, Clerk, and staff photos for the website.
 - The City of Highland Park will be holding virtual neighborhood meetings on April 5, April 18, and May 5. Thanks to Trustees Alvarez (May 5), Haggarty (April 5), and Shafer (April 18) for representing the Township at the meetings; Trustee Peschier offered to step in as an alternate if needed.
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Food Pantry Report: Supervisor Bassi

- The usage report on the re-opened Pantry was distributed to the Board.
- Thanks to Trustee Peschier and Haggarty, and volunteer Vic Bassi, for making deliveries to seniors and to residents with disabilities last Tuesday; everything seemed to go smoothly. A huge thank you to Stuart and Marlene Senescu who made two trips to deliver food to Peers Senior Housing and will deliver weekly, and to Bonnie Wegner who delivered to Walnut Place.
- Thanks to Peggy Anton and to Anton's for donating additional food as they close their store.
- Thanks to the Highland Park Woman's Club, who held a virtual bingo event, and each of the winners donated their prizes to the Food Pantry, totaling \$200.00.
- Thanks to 2nd grade resident Levi Cohen who delivered boxes and boxes of food to the Pantry from a collection he organized, along with new blankets for homeless people.
- Breadsmith is closing their Highland Park store due to lease issues but will be supplying area food stores from their St. Charles location. The Food Pantry is discussing purchasing 100 loaves of multi-grain bread every other week, and Breadsmith has offered to donate day-old bread from the St. Charles store to the Pantry when they deliver our bread.

Food Insecurities Report: Trustee Peschier

- Trustees Peschier and Haggarty are working on snacks for Indian Trail Elementary School.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA): Supervisor Bassi

- The VITA program officially started on Saturday February 5 thanks to the tireless efforts of co-coordinators Donna Novickas and Ronald Altman. Thanks also to the 23 volunteers who make this program possible.

Old Business

Juneteenth Holiday: Supervisor Bassi

A discussion was held about the Juneteenth holiday, to be observed this year on Monday June 20. The Board concurred that the Township office will remain open for business but a meaningful way to commemorate the day will be discussed.

Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for FY2022-2023: Supervisor Bassi

Supervisor Bassi presented a draft Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for FY2022-2023 to Trustees and a discussion was held. The Board concurred that grants to agencies will remain at \$175,000.00. The Budget will be discussed further at the February 22 Board Meeting and the motion to post the Budget for public inspection will be voted on at the March 8 Board Meeting.

New Business

There was no new business.

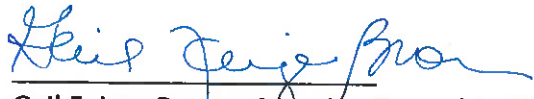
Executive Session

There was no executive session.

Adjournment

Trustee Shafer moved, seconded by Trustee Alvarez, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:06 p.m. **The motion passed by a voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted,



Gail Feiger Brown

Gail Feiger Brown, Moraine Township Clerk
