

MORaine TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

October 11, 2022

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

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

Also in attendance: Clerk Gail Feiger Brown; Grant Committee member Bill Laegeler (Moraine Township Citizen Grant Advisory Committee member); Kevin Murphy, Brian Leahy, Carmela Zammuto and Gaby Strobehn (Family Service of Lake County); Robin Byster (Highland Park Community Early Learning Center); and Greg Davenport (North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic).

Pledge of Allegiance

Clerk Brown led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Agency Presentations

Kevin Murphy, Family Service of Lake County

The Township was thanked for its grant supporting their counseling program and Latino Youth Continuum. In FY22, Family Service served 1,750 Moraine Township residents, comprising 62.9% of their total clients. On August 1, Family Service was named a resource navigation center for victims of the July 4th shooting.

Robin Byster, Highland Park Community Early Learning Center

The Township was thanked for its grant which provided scholarships to low-to-moderate income families who live and work in the Township. 90% of their students are Moraine Township residents. This past year saw the addition of a comfort dog and Monarch butterfly garden.

Greg Davenport, North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic

The Township was thanked for its grant supporting free legal services in domestic violence, immigration, and housing. In 2021, the clinic had 133 cases were from Moraine Township; 200 cases from the Township are projected for 2022. The Clinic has provided U-Visa (for victims of crime) application screening and eligibility information for residents who were present at the July 4th shooting.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Shafer moved, seconded by Trustee Alvarez, approval of the minutes from the board meeting of September 20, 2022.

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Approval of Bills

Trustee Shafer moved, seconded by Trustee Peschier, to approve bills for the period September 20, 2022 to October 11, 2022 in the amount of \$37,200.67 for the Town Fund and \$10,518.18 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. Appointment of members at large to Decennial Committees on Local Government Consolidation and Efficiency Act

Trustee Alvarez moved, seconded by Trustee Haggarty, appointment of members at large Moraine Township residents Cindy Wolfson and Amy Zisook to Decennial Committees on Local Government Consolidation and Efficiency Act.

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Reports

Assessor's Report

There was no Report

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Bassi

- a. The September 30, 2022 cash balance report was distributed to Trustees.
- b. The Moraine Township Emergency Assistance report from March, 2020 to present was distributed to Trustees.
- c. The Township provided four nights of hotel housing and grocery gift cards to two income-qualified families who were displaced by a fire; one was a single-member household, the other a mother with seven children.
- d. A luncheon was held at the office on October 17 honoring staff members: Door-to-Door Van Driver Kim Schulte, who is moving to Alaska; Linda Contreras, for 10 years of employment; Lupe Somerville, for 5 years of employment; and Luis Gonzalez, for 5 years of employment.
- e. The District 112 low-income and free and reduced lunch chart was distributed to Trustees.
- f. A holiday luncheon for staff will be held at Froggy's on January 10.
- g. Supervisor Bassi will decline the invitation of BJBE to participate in their mitzvah day.
- h. Thanks to Trustee Shafer for staffing a table at the October 8 Faith in Blue event at Sunset Woods Park, a collaboration of the faith community and the Highland Park Police Department.
- i. Supervisor Bassi and Staff Contreras and Somerville participated in the Highland Park Police Department De-escalation Training event.
- j. Thanks to Staff Somerville for staffing a table at an October 8 event at Highland Park Public Library with Family Service of Lake County.
- k. Thanks to Trustee Haggarty for delivering Food Pantry food on October 4.
- l. Trustees were invited to participate in a poverty simulation to be held on October 22 at the Church of the Holy Spirit.

Latino Advisory Committee Report: Trustee Alvarez

There was no report.

Food Pantry Report: Supervisor Bassi

- a. The Food Pantry usage report was distributed to Trustees.
- b. The Food Pantry fundraiser at Sunset Foods will be held on December 9, 10 and 11. Thanks to Trustee Haggarty for chairing the event.

Food Insecurities Report: Trustee Peschier

- a. Need continues to be high at the HPHS Drop-In Center, so Trustee Peschier and Clerk Brown are dropping off food more frequently.
- b. Trustee Peschier is working with Oak Terrace on their weekend food program.
- c. Thanks to District 112 for holding a food drive for the Pantry in October.
- d. Trustees Haggarty and Peschier are working with HPHS students on a fundraiser for school food programs.

Holiday Gift Drives: Trustee Peschier

Trustee Peschier is working with Clerk Brown and volunteer Cindy Wolfson on this year's student gift drive. District 112 and HPHS will invite students who qualify for free and reduced lunch to participate.

Thanks to volunteers Nina Hollander and Sarah Lanchak for chairing the senior gift drive.

Cemetery Report: Trustee Shafer

Stonehugger Cemetery Restoration has completed their work at Daggitt Cemetery. Landscaping is in the process of being cleaned up, including removing invasive trees, buckthorn, lilies and peonies, and planting grass seed.

Old Business: Supervisor Bassi

The 2023 Regular Board Meeting Schedule was discussed.

New Business: Trustee Shafer

A fundraiser for the Lake County Children's Advocacy Center will be held on October 14.

Executive Session

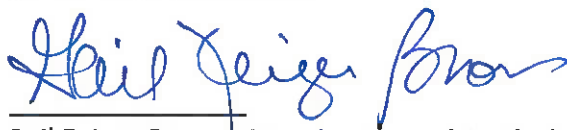
There was no executive session.

Adjournment

Trustee Alvarez moved, seconded by Trustee Haggarty, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

The motion passed by a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Gail Feiger Brown, Moraine Township Clerk