

MORAIN TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
May 9, 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, Christine Peschier, and Nancy Chausow Shafer. Also in attendance: Assessor Mark Lindsay and Clerk Gail Feiger Brown.

Pledge of Allegiance

Clerk Brown led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Citizen Grant Advisory Committee Report: Trustees Haggarty and Shafer

Trustees Haggarty and Shafer, Committee Liaisons, led a discussion of the report.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Haggarty moved, seconded by Trustee Alvarez, approval of the minutes from the board meeting of April 25, 2023.

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Approval of Bills

Trustee Shafer moved, seconded by Trustee Peschier, to approve bills for the period April 26, 2023 to May 9, 2023 in the amount of \$47,440.94 for the Township Corporate Fund and \$23,376.82 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 Fiscal Year 2023-2024 grants to agencies

Trustee Shafer moved, seconded by Trustee Haggarty, approval of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 grants totaling \$175,000.00 to local service agencies who serve Moraine Township residents.

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

Voting Nay: none. Trustee Alvarez abstained from the discussion and vote due to his service on the Board of one of the agencies. **The motion passed.**

b. Approval of Summer Utility Assistance of \$250.00 per household

Trustee Alvarez moved, seconded by Trustee Peschier, Approval of Summer Utility Assistance of \$250.00 per household.

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

c. Approval of a contract with M. Sanchez Concrete in the amount of \$5,100.00 for concrete repair work

Trustee Alvarez moved, seconded by Trustee Haggarty, approval of a contract with M. Sanchez Concrete in the amount of \$5,100.00 for concrete repair work.

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

- a. Tax bills were mailed to residents; residents have been calling and coming into the office for clarification.
- b. As a reminder, residents with annual household income up to \$65,000.00, and who qualified for senior freeze in the past, and qualified but neglected to file in 2022, can apply for freeze to be retroactive to reduce the new tax bill.
- c. The Lake County Chief County Assessor has indicated that Moraine Township properties' assessed valuation will be increased by 10% in 2023.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Bassi

- a. A copy of the April 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 for the current fiscal year was distributed to Trustees.
- d. The intergovernmental agreement between Moraine Township and the City of Highland Park regarding employee health insurance is in process.
- e. The credit card for Community Chest has been issued, with a \$10,000.00 limit.
- f. Revisions to the transportation policy were discussed.
- g. The Lake County Sheriff's Office will provide Active Shooter Training for staff and elected officials on May 10 at noon at the office.
- h. Trustees were invited to attend Township Officials of Illinois in-person educational conferences to be held over the summer.
- i. A discussion was held about the 2023 Regular Board Meeting Schedule. Meetings for June 27 and August 8 have been cancelled.

Latino Advisory Committee Report: Trustee Alvarez

No report

Food Pantry Report: Supervisor Bassi

The Food Pantry usage report was distributed to Trustees.

Pantry Plants Garden Report: Supervisor Bassi

- a. Planting day is May 20.
- b. Participating families will each be given a \$40.00 Home Depot gift card for plants and seeds.
- c. Volunteer days at the garden throughout the season will be Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9:30 am to 11:30 am.
- d. Interested volunteers should contact Volunteer Coordinator Sara Hoffman; she is also coordinating volunteers for Ceres Ridge Farm, which provides our Pantry with organic produce.

Food Insecurities Report: Trustees Peschier and Haggarty

- a. Deliveries of snacks to Indian Trail, Sherwood and Highland Park High School will conclude next week.
- b. The Township will provide snacks for District 113 Summer School students in the English Learners program. Families with school age children will be able to pick up supplemental child-friendly food four times during the summer.
- c. Thanks to HPHS Students Kai Haggarty, Emma Pasternak, and Nora Gladstone, for their donation of \$138.43 from their GoFundMe fundraiser for school food program.

Letter Carrier Food Drive Report: Trustee Haggarty

- a. The drive is scheduled for Saturday May 13.
- b. 7,000 bags were delivered to residents by letter carriers, to be used for their donations.
- c. Letter carriers will deliver donations to the rear delivery door of the Pantry. Volunteers have been recruited to help unload, sort and organize on May 13, and sort and organize on May 15.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Executive Session

There was no executive session.

Adjournment

Supervisor Bassi adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gail Feiger Brown, Moraine Township Clerk