

**MORAIN TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**  
**September 12, 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, Christine Peschier and Nancy Chausow Shafer. Trustee Mark Haggarty attended via videoconference. Also present: Clerk Gail Feiger Brown, Greg Davenport (North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic), Eric Foote and Allan Willey (PADS Lake County).

**Action Item**

**Amendment to Electronic Attendance at Meetings Rules**

Trustee Shafer moved, seconded by Trustee Peschier, to approve an Amendment to Electronic Attendance Rules. **The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

**Motion to approve Trustee Mark Haggarty electronic attendance**

Trustee Shafer moved, seconded by Trustee Alvarez, to approve Trustee Mark Haggarty electronic attendance. **The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Agency Presentations**

**Greg Davenport, North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic**

The Township was thanked for its grant in support of legal services for Moraine Township residents in the areas of housing, domestic violence and immigration. Mr. Davenport's presentation addressed services provided to Moraine Township residents.

**Eric Foote and Alan Swilley, PADS Lake County**

The Township was thanked for its grant in support of emergency and short-term housing. The presentation addressed services provided to unhoused residents, and changes to the operations of PADS Lake County.

**Approval of Minutes**

Trustee Peschier moved, seconded by Trustee Shafer, approval of the minutes from the board meeting of August 22, 2023.

**The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

**Approval of Bills**

Trustee Shafer moved, seconded by Trustee Haggarty, to approve bills for the period August 23 to September 8, 2023 in the amount of \$33,525.80 for the Township Corporate Fund and \$9,645.86 for the General Assistance Fund.

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

**Reports**

**Assessor's Report**

No report.

**Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Bassi**

- a. A copy of the August 31, 2023 bank balance report was distributed to Trustees.
- b. A copy of the 15-month service report through August, 2023, was distributed to Trustees.
- c. A copy of the Emergency Assistance/General Assistance report for the current fiscal year through September 12, 2023, was distributed to Trustees.
- d. Supervisor Bassi discussed a 3-month pilot program with GoGo Grandparent to provide on-demand Uber and Lyft rides for seniors and disabled, to fill in gaps for the Door-to-Door Van Program.
- e. Supervisor Bassi and staff continue to work on researching 708 Mental Health Boards.
- f. The Moraine Township Charitable Fund, Inc. Board of Directors met on September 1 and passed a resolution to close the brokerage account with Wealth Advisors and place the funds at First Bank of Chicago in Highland Park; surplus funds will be invested in a bank CD.
- g. Aaron Rafferty of Nania Energy conducted an analysis of the feasibility for solar panels on the Pantry roof; Supervisor Bassi and Administrator Sanela Abazovic are meeting with staff from Lake County to discuss solar options.
- h. Bulldog Security Systems will be retained for security services rather than Keyth Security Systems due to expense. The contract will be voted on at the next Regular Board Meeting.
- i. The Poverty Simulation Event scheduled for September 9 was cancelled by the City of Highland Park.

**Latino Advisory Committee Report: Trustee Alvarez**

The Committee met on August 24 to plan themed activities and events with speakers and agencies for the upcoming year. The Committee will meet September 21.

**Food Pantry Report: Supervisor Bassi**

- a. The Food Pantry usage report was distributed to Trustees.
- b. Thanks to Ronald Zweig for his \$5,000 donation to the Pantry.
- c. Thanks to Highland Park Police Officers for collecting food for the Pantry at the Faith in Blue event to be held at Highland Park Jewel-Osco on October 8.
- d. Thanks to Eha Gupta and Reese Hickman for donating the proceeds of their lemonade stand to the Pantry.

**Food Insecurities Report: Trustee Peschier**

Clerk Brown delivered food to the Highland Park High School Drop-In Center, Edgewood Middle School, Indian Trail School, and Sherwood School.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

**Sunset Foods Fundraiser: Trustee Haggarty**

The Sunset Foods Fundraiser will be held December 1,2 and 3, coordinated by Trustee Haggarty.

**Congratulations to Trustee Haggarty: Supervisor Bassi**

Supervisor Bassi congratulated Trustee Haggarty on his appointment as Adjunct Professor at Loyola University. His class schedule this semester will necessitate electronic attendance at Board meetings.

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**Executive Session**

There was no executive session.

**Adjournment**

Supervisor Bassi adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gail Feiger Brown, Moraine Township Clerk