

MOLINE TOWNSHIP

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 12th, 2023

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The Moline Township Board: The Moline Township Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bonnie Johnson at 4:45pm. The Board met in regular session at the Moline Township Hall, 620 – 18th St, Moline, IL 61265.

Roll Call: Trustees present: Mary Beth Loos, Rand Wilson, Staci Early, Hayleigh Covella, and Supervisor Bonnie Johnson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes: After receiving a copy of the November 16th, 2023 Township minutes and having an opportunity to review them, Trustee Early with a second from Trustee Wilson moved to approve the November 16th, 2023 minutes with the amended changes. Ayes: Trustees Wilson, Early, Covella, and Supervisor Johnson. Abstain: Trustee Loos No Nays. Motion carried.

Approval of Claims: After reviewing the claims of November/December 2023, Trustee Loos with a second from Trustee Covella moved to accept the November/December claims submitted. Ayes: Trustees Loos, Wilson, Early, Covella, and Supervisor Johnson. No Nays. Motion carried.

Training: see Perspective for training opportunities.

Reports:

Supervisor's report; General Assistance report
Assessor's Report; Trustees Report; Clerks Report

Assessor Derek Devers reported that Walgreens/River Station, and Moline Nursing are asking for \$100,000.00 off their Assessment.

Old Business:

Per Diem Claims: Discuss and act on per diem claims not approved at November meeting due to tie vote. After discussing, Trustee Wilson with a second from Supervisor Johnson moved to approve the per diem expenses. Ayes: Trustees Loos, Wilson, and Supervisor Johnson. Nays: Trustees Early and Covella. Motion Carried.

Adopt Township Tax Levy 2023:

After review and discussion, Trustee Loos with a second from Trustee Wilson moved to adopt the Township Tax Levy of 2023. Ayes: Trustees Loos, Wilson, Early, Covella and Supervisor Johnson. No Nays. Motion carried.

New Business:

Resolution 2023-12-12 Adopting Schedule of Meetings/Holidays. After discussing the schedule, Supervisor Johnson with a second from Trustee Covella moved to approve the meeting/holiday schedule. Ayes: Trustees Loos, Wilson, Early, Covella and Supervisor Johnson. No Nays. Motion carried.

Request for donation – The ARC Quad Cities area is requesting donation to help people with disabilities. Trustee Loos with a second from Trustee Early moved to donate \$500.00. Ayes: Trustees Loos, Wilson, Early, Covella and Supervisor Johnson. No Nays. Motion carried.

Duties and roles of Township Officials handout discussed

Public Comment:

AnnaMaria from R3 expressed thanks for giving them the opportunity to work together.

Chuck Layer, President, Township Supervisors of Illinois and Supervisor, Blackhawk Township, Rock Island County, discussed the many different workshops for additional education and encouraged all elected officials to attend as many as they can. All townships are bound by the same statutes but County and States run on different statutes. He commended us for including the Civility Pledge into our meetings. He said any negativity is harmful to Townships and we need to leave any personal issues and/or feelings outside of the meetings. He said it's good to have different opinions, but they should be relayed in a professional manner. Differences can make great programs to fit different schedules. He said the elected officials need to be dedicated and passionate about what you do. If you don't have time to make the meetings, then this might not be a good fit. His township does follow the same schedule as the County for holidays but that works best for his township.

John Brandmeyer, Supervisor, Rock Island Township, said they don't follow the county as they are a polling place. They receive an average of 6 people per day and on Christmas Eve, they receive zero people. He said that donations could be called "Funding Requests". He said you have to trust your supervisor and staff for what happens on a daily basis. Decisions have to be based on necessity and then presented to the board. If you don't trust them, run against them at election time.

Grace Shirk, Supervisor, South Rock Island Township, said a Moline Resident came to her with concerns on Moline Township meetings. She stressed to make a difference by working together for the residents of the township. 88% of residents back townships. Board doesn't have to agree, but must have common goals. Learn as much as you can. If you can't make educational meetings in person, download, read/or contact others on education. Call each other for help. It's not a sign of weakness to ask for help. Anything on the agenda can be discussed and voted on. Reports can only be discussed. It's even OK to record meetings.

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Mary Beth Loos, Trustee, Moline Township, responded that she agreed with all the comments but stated it's a two-way street. She has been asking for documents for months and still has not received them. She said that since she works in a township she knows what is spent and wants to see the documents that go along with the expenses. She said the Trustee book states that she should get three reports monthly. Bonnie stated she thought that was being done. Mary Beth said it's still not right and she has stopped asking for them. Bonnie and Jamie asked Mary Beth if she could stop by the office to show them what she is wanting.

Adjournment: Trustee Covella with a second from Trustee Early moved to adjourn. Ayes: Trustees Loos, Wilson, Early, Covella, and Supervisor Johnson. No Nays. Motion carried Meeting adjourned at 6:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Theresa Oak

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Clerk