

**SOUTH MOLINE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

May 19, 2025

PRESENT — Greg Aguilar, Supervisor; Joe Lambrecht, Trustee; Nitra Kelley, Trustee; Maritia Griffith, Trustee; Craig Loken, Clerk; Luis Moreno, Road Commissioner; Mary Beth Loos, SMT Admin. Absent: Rick Mellinger, Assessor.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER — Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Supervisor Aguilar.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Motion by Aguilar, second by Rivera, that we approve the minutes of May 6th, 2025. Motion carried, with all voting in favor.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS —

- a. **Road Commissioner** — Met with employees with questions on plowing senior center and mowing cemetery. They were told not to complete these tasks by previous Road Commissioner. Road and Highway will start to complete these tasks moving forward. Key to R/B building will be provided to Supervisor Aguilar.
- b. **Cemetery** — Sup. Aguilar commented on information received regarding plots sold/ funds not received by township. Financials requested. Trustee Lambrecht questioned term length of Cemetery Board — some confusion on 7yr vs 2yr term. Aguilar to begin search for board members as terms expire

SUPERVISOR REPORT —

- a. East Moline Council approached SMT about extending TIF district by 12 years for Jewel Osco Property however the city is no longer pursuing this. Moreno added this property is no longer “blighted” which makes it ineligible as a suitable TIF district.
- b. Former R/B Commissioner Lundahl requested all water bills to be emailed to him directly, recently uncovered water bills went unpaid for 12 months to City of Moline. Will revert back to mailing them to Township Office.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS —

- a. **2025-2026 Budget Finalization** — Budget hearing was noticed March, 22nd 2025 in Dispatch Argus with a budget hearing to be held April 21st, 2025. This meeting did not reach quorum from previous township trustees. It is affirmed that the notice requirements were completed and a budget hearing to vote on final budget to be held June 3rd, 2025. Incoming trustees interested to increase Youth, Sr. Food Relief, Staff Salaries, and Community Outreach.

NEW BUSINESS —

- a. iPad Orientation — Mary Beth Loos walked township trustees through iPad’s including how to find digital copies of bills to be decisioned. Included was a fund/bank overview and conversation on holidays.

- b. **Resolution 2025-5 Authorization for Payment of Regular Expenses** – Motion for approval by Aguilar, Seconded by Griffith. Discussion held with review of outstanding bills. Aguilar talked through the need to make timely payments. Role Call vote held – Unanimous Approval
- c. **Resolution 2025-6 Payroll Policies and Procedures** – Motion for approval by Aguilar, seconded by Kelley – Discussion held: Increase to staff salaries. Griffith questions the need for Sr. Center Activity Coordinator and Assistant. Referenced Moline Township having one paid position. What are the Sr. Center hours and what hours are employees working? Aguilar informed they are all 30 hr/week positions. Lambrecht questioned hourly rates for township employees – Aguilar recommends these increases to maintain staff, 2nd employee needed for safety purposes. Informed they were still below industry standards and were paid well below for some time. Staff will be increasing programming. Role Call Vote: Aye: Griffith, Kelley, Rivera, Nay: Lambrecht; Abstained: Aguilar.
- d. **ACH Payments** - Motion by Aguilar for Approval, seconded by Rivera, Discussion held: Moreno advises to not allow blanket ACH agreement based on fraud concerns. Griffith not comfortable with blanket approval, interested in looking at each bill on a case-by-case basis. Verbal vote unanimous to deny.
- e. **UTHS Project Graduation** – To be held May 31st, 2025 – looking for funds to support the event. Aguilar mentioned Moline received \$2,000. Motion for approval by Griffith, seconded by Lambrecht to provide \$2,000. Verbal vote held, carries unanimously.
- f. **Two Rivers YMCA Summer Day Camp** – Aguilar provided a brief overview of history, letter also received by YMCA indicating impact. Motion for Approval made by Griffith to increase donation to \$6,000, seconded by Kelley. Verbal Vote carried unanimously.
- g. **Senior Center Dumpster** – Aguilar provided overview of current sharing arrangement with neighboring business. Dumpster is regularly filled with construction debris and picked up once per month. New contract will have a small increase in monthly cost but will be beneficial to center. Motion for approval by Lambrecht, seconded by Griffith. Verbal vote held, carries unanimously.

MEETINGS & EDUCATION —

Next Board Meeting: June 3rd, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.
South Moline Township Hall, 2521 53rd Street, Moline, IL

TRUSTEES APPROVAL OF CLAIMS — Aguilar referenced previous trustees voting to approve by acclamation vs individual bills. Griffith makes motion to approve via acclamation, seconded by Rivera. Verbal vote held, carries unanimously.

COMMENTS —

New trustees, clerk and road commissioner were given oaths of office prior to meeting with oath administered by Retired Chief Justice Thomas Kilbride.

ADJOURNMENT — Motion by Rivera, second by Griffith, that we adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, with all voting in favor. Meeting adjourned 7:13 @ p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Loken
South Moline Township Clerk